Crochet Christmas Owl Ornament Pattern

Free Step-by-Step Pattern



A snowy owl ornament - about 9 cm tall

Materials

- Cream worsted-weight (#4) yarn, approx. 40 g - body
- White worsted-weight yarn, approx. 15 g - eyes and belly patch
- Brown worsted-weight yarn, approx. 10 g - wings
- Orange worsted-weight yarn, a small scrap - beak
- 3.5 mm (US E-4) crochet hook
- Two 10 mm black safety eyes
- Polyester fiberfill stuffing
- Gold cord or ribbon, approx. 15 cm - hanging loop
- Stitch marker, yarn needle and scissors

Abbreviations

- ch = chain
- sc = single crochet
- inc = increase (2 sc in one stitch)
- dec = decrease (sc 2 together)
- sl st = slip stitch
- MR = magic ring
- st(s) = stitch(es)

Step 1: Start the Body with a Magic Ring



- With cream yarn, make a magic ring.
- R1: 6 sc in the magic ring (6).
- R2: inc in each st around (12).
- R3: (sc, inc) x 6 (18).
- R4: (2 sc, inc) x 6 (24).
- R5: (3 sc, inc) x 6 (30).
- R6: (4 sc, inc) x 6 (36).
- Place a stitch marker in the last stitch.

Step 2: Shape the Round Owl Body



- R7-R12: sc in each st around (36) - 6 rounds.
- R13: (4 sc, dec) x 6 (30).
- R14: (3 sc, dec) x 6 (24).
- R15: (2 sc, dec) x 6 (18).
- R16: (sc, dec) x 6 (12).
- Do not fasten off yet - leave the bottom open for stuffing.

Step 3: Crochet and Attach the Big Eyes



- With white yarn, make 2 eye circles:
- R1: 6 sc in a magic ring (6).
- R2: inc in each st around (12).
- R3: (sc, inc) x 6 (18). Fasten off.
- Push a 10 mm safety eye through the centre of each circle and fix the washer on the back.
- Sew the circles side by side onto the upper half of the body, close together and level.

Step 4: Add the Wings, Beak and Belly Patch



- Wings (brown, make 2): R1: 6 sc in a magic ring (6). R2: (sc, inc) x 3 (9). R3: (2 sc, inc) x 3 (12). R4-R5: sc in each st around (12). Fold flat and fasten off.
- Sew one wing to each side of the body, folded edge down.
- Beak (orange, in rows): Row 1: ch 2, 2 sc in 2nd ch from hook (2). Row 2: ch 1, turn, inc, sc (3). Row 3: ch 1, turn, inc, sc, inc (5). Fasten off.
- Sew the beak between and just below the eyes.
- Belly patch (white): R1: 6 sc in a magic ring (6). R2: inc x 6 (12). R3: (sc, inc) x 6 (18). R4: (2 sc, inc) x 6 (24). Fasten off.
- Sew the belly patch onto the lower front of the body.

Step 5: Stuff and Close the Owl



- Push small tufts of fiberfill into the body a little at a time.
- Shape as you go - the owl should feel firm and round, not lumpy.
- R17: dec x 6 (6). Fasten off.
- Weave the tail through the last 6 stitches and pull gently to close the bottom.

Step 6: Add the Hanging Loop and Ear Tufts



- Cut a 15 cm length of gold cord, knot the ends together, and sew the knot securely to the top of the head.
- Ear tufts (cream, make 2): cut 6 strands of yarn, 8 cm long. Fold in half, pull the folded end through a stitch on top of the head, then pull the loose ends through the loop to knot.
- Trim the tufts to about 1.5 cm so they stand up like little ears.
- Hang your owl on the tree - finished size about 9 cm tall.

Tips

- Mark your rounds - the body is worked in continuous spirals, so move your stitch marker up at the start of every round.

- Sew the eyes before stuffing - it is much easier to position the eye circles and belly patch while the body is still flat and empty.

- Keep the stuffing light at the top - a little less fiberfill near the head keeps the owl soft and slightly squashed.