



Nesting Rainbow Owls

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★ Pattern Notes

Terminology

This pattern is written in American crochet terminology. The following table will help should you wish to translate from US to UK terms.

American (US)		British (UK)	
ch	chain	ch	chain
Sl st	slip stitch	ss	slip stitch
sc	single crochet	dc	double crochet
hdc	half double crochet	htr	half treble crochet
dc	double crochet	tr	treble crochet
skip		miss	

Abbreviations & Symbols

cm	centimeters
mm	millimetres
Rnd(s)	Round(s)
st(s)	stitch(es)
invdec	invisible decrease
()	Round brackets indicate: A group of stitches to be worked into the same stitch or space, or The amount of stitches you should have on completion of the round or row it follows, or Explanatory notes within the pattern.
[]	Square brackets contain a group of stitches to be worked the amount of times indicated after the brackets
"	Inches

Special Stitch Explanation

Invdec

Insert hook into front loop only of first stitch, do not wrap yarn, insert hook into front loop only of next stitch. You will now have a total of three loops on your hook. Wrap your yarn around hook and pull through both of the 2 front loops on the hook, wrap yarn around hook again and pull through last 2 loops on hook.

Gauge (Tension)

Exact gauge is not crucial for this pattern. Just make sure your crochet hook is small enough to create a tight fabric that the stuffing can't poke through.

With the yarn and hook specified, owls measure approx. 3" (8 cm) tall. Nest measures approx. 9" (22cm) diameter.

Miscellaneous

Tip for the eyes: Use 12 mm clear safety eyes and color in the backs with permanent markers such as Sharpie pens. You can now have a multitude of beautiful colors to match your owls exactly.

Materials

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| 1 | Owls and leaves: Light worsted weight, (DK/8 ply) yarn in the following color suggestions: White, and a light and a dark shade in Red, Yellow, Orange, Green, Turquoise, Blue and Purple . |
| 2 | Nest: Super Bulky (Super Chunky) yarn in Mid Green and Dark Green . |
| 3 | 12 mm clear/colored safety eyes. |
| 4 | Polyester toy stuffing. |

Equipment

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| 1 | Size D (3.25 mm) crochet hook. (For the owls) |
| 2 | Size L (8 mm) crochet hook. (For the nest) |
| 3 | Scissors. |
| 4 | Large yarn needle. |
| 5 | Stitch marker. |

★ The Pattern



Eye Patches

Make 2 pieces, starting from center. Working in continuous spiral rounds.

With **White** yarn make **2 ch**.

Rnd 1 6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)

Rnd 2 2 sc in each st around. (12 sts)

Change to **Dark Color** yarn.

Rnd 3 [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (18 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing.

Head & Body

Make 1 piece, starting at top of head. Working in continuous spiral rounds.

With **Light Color** yarn make **13 ch**. (Foundation chain)

Rnd 1 Sc in second ch from hook, sc in each of remaining 11 ch to end, turn work and making all remaining stitches down opposite side of foundation chain: Sc in each of next 12 ch to end. (24 sts)

Rnds 2-5 Sc in each st around. (4 rounds)

Change to **Dark Color** yarn.

Rnds 6-7	Sc in each st around. (2 rounds)
Rnd 8	[Sc in each of next 3 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (30 sts)
Rnd 9	Sc in each st around. Continue in stripe pattern of 1 round Light color (L) followed by 1 round Dark color (D) as indicated at the beginning of each round.
Rnd 10	(L) [Sc in each of next 4 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (36 sts)
Rnd 11	(D) Sc in each st around.
Rnd 12	(L) Sc in each st around.
Rnd 13	(D) Sc in each st around. Insert 12 mm safety eyes into center of eye patches. Insert between Rnds 6 and 7 of head, spacing approx 6 stitches apart. (Inside edges of the eye patches should just touch each other. Allow for a little extra stretch when owl is stuffed). Do not sew down edge of eye patches yet.
Rnd 14	(L) [Sc in each of next 4 st, invdec] 6 times. (30 sts)
Rnd 15	(D) [Sc in each of next 3 st, invdec] 6 times. (24 sts) Continue in Light Color yarn to end.
Rnd 16	[Sc in each of next 2 st, invdec] 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 17	[Sc in next st, invdec] 6 times. (12 sts) Stuff head & body.
Rnd 18	[Invdec] 6 times. (6 sts) Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for finishing. Thread yarn tail onto yarn needle, pick up front loop only of remaining 6 stitches. Pull tight to close the hole. Fasten off. Weave in end. Sew edges of eye patches to face with back stitch.
Ear Tufts	
Cut 2 strands of Light Color yarn and 2 strands of Dark Color yarn approx 5" (13 cm) long. Take all 4 strands, fold in half and pull loop through stitch on top corner of head. Feed the ends of yarn through loop and pull tight to form a tassel. Repeat for the opposite side. Trim to 1" (2 cm).	

Beak

Make 1 piece. Working back and forth in rows. With Yellow/Orange yarn make 4 ch	
Row 1	Sc in second ch from hook, sc in each of next 2 ch, turn. (3 sts)
Row 2	1 ch, (does not count as st), skip first st, sc in each of next 2 st, turn. (2 sts)
Row 3	1 ch, (does not count as st), skip first st, sc in next st. (1 st) Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing. Fold beak in half lengthways so row ends line up. Oversew edges together. Sew beak to center of face in between eyes with point of beak facing downwards.

Wings

Make 2 pieces, starting from center. Working in continuous spiral rounds. With Light Color yarn make 2 ch .	
Rnd 1	6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)
Rnd 2	2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)
Rnd 3	[Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 4	[Sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (24 sts)
Rnd 5	1 ch, (does not count as a st), fold circle in half, sc through both layers to end. (12 sts) Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing. Using back stitch sew edges of wings to sides of body with curved side facing inwards on tummy. Stuff lightly before you close the seam.

Feet

Make 2 pieces, starting from center. Working in continuous spiral rounds.

With **Yellow/Orange** yarn make **2 ch**.

Rnd 1 6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)

Rnd 2 2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)

Rnd 3 [Slst in next st, 3 ch, Sl st in second ch from hook, hdc in next ch, Slst in same st as first Slst] 3 times. (3 toes)

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing.

Sew feet side by side to base of owl around edge of circular part of foot with right side of foot facing upwards. Leave edges of toes un-sewn, they will naturally curl up a little.



Nest

Make 1 piece, starting at center of base. Working in continuous spiral rounds.

With **Mid Green Super Bulky (Super Chunky)** yarn and a **size L (8 mm)** crochet hook make **2 ch**.

Rnd 1 6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)

Rnd 2 2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)

Rnd 3 [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (18 sts)

Rnd 4 [Sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (24 sts)

Rnd 5 [Sc in each of next 3 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (30 sts)

Rnd 6 [Sc in each of next 4 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (36 sts)

Rnd 7 [Sc in each of next 5 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (42 sts)

Rnd 8 [Sc in each of next 6 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (48 sts)

Rnd 9 [Sc in each of next 7 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (54 sts)

Rnd 10 [Sc in each of next 8 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (60 sts)

Rnd 11 Working in Back Loops Only: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 12 Sc in each st around.

Rnd 13 [Sc in each of next 8 st, invdec] 6 times. (54 sts)

Change to **Dark Green Super Bulky** yarn.

Rnd 14 Sc in each st around.

Fasten off, weave in ends.

Rnd 15 Join **Dark Green Super Bulky** yarn to any leftover loop from **round 11** at base of nest. (1 ch, sc) in same st as join, sc in each of next 8 st, 2 sc in next st, [sc in each of next 9 st, 2 sc in next st] 5 times. (66 sts)

Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Leaves

Make as many pieces as you want to decorate your nest.

With your **Light Green/Dark Green** yarn make **8 ch**. (Foundation chain)

Rnd 1 Working in back loops only: Slst in second ch from hook, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, Sl st in last ch, 2 ch, skip 2 ch, now working in left over loops of foundation chain: Slst in next ch, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, Slst in next ch, sc in point of leaf.

Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Sew base of leaves around top edge of nest placing a leaf every 3 stitches and alternating between **Light** and **Dark Green**. There is no need to cut the yarn in between leaves, just fasten each leaf with a knot and thread the yarn through the next few crochet stitches until you reach the next place you wish to attach a leaf, fasten the next leaf with a knot and repeat to end. Sew opposite points of leaves to **Rnd 15** in the same way.

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