

## Owl Mitts

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I've seen several variations on cabled owls, but they have almost exclusively been knit objects. Here are my crocheted fingerless gloves with an owl motif. They're worked from the finger-opening to the wrist with shaping and cables.



**yarn & notions:**

about 100 yards of worsted weight yarn. The variegated owls pictures are Cascade 220 hand-painted in grape, and the lavender owls are blue sky dyed cotton in Thistle.

H hook (or whatever size you need to fit your hand)

4 roughly half-inch round beads for eyes (optional)

**gauge:**

The gauge here is approximately 7 dc = 2 inches to get a mitt that fits a hand that is 7.5" around the knuckles.

When you've worked the first round, it should fit comfortably around your hand. If you can't get quite the right fit by changing hooks, you could add or subtract a stitch or two on the palm side of the hand, by the seam.

**glossary:**

ch: chain stitch

dc: double crochet

fpdc: front post double crochet

fptr: front post treble crochet

dcr: yarn over, reach through first stitch and pull up loop, reach through second stitch and pull up loop, yarn over, and pull through three loops, yarn over and pull through remaining loops (this is not the standard double crochet decrease, but I liked the way this one shaped the mitt).

**owl pattern rows:**

The owls are created in a twelve stitch wide strip down the back of the hands by creating two cables side by side. The three rows below are repeated as necessary to make the owls.

OWL CROSS: skip 4 stitches, 2 fptr, ch 2, reach in front of the trebles and fptr in each of the 2 fpdcs you skipped, skip 4 stitches, 2 fptr (into the far pair of fpdc's), ch 2, reach behind the trebles and fptr in each of the 2 fpdcs you skipped, skip past the rest of the cabling,

OWL 1: 2 fpdc, 2 dc in ch space, 4 fpdc, 2dc in ch space, 2 fpdc

OWL 2: 2 fpdc, 2 dc, 4 fpdc, 2 dc, 2 fpdc

Note that the OWL CROSS row will look really messy until you've worked a row or two after it. The thing that makes cables work is that you work the stitches of a row out of order, and this is the row that accomplishes that.

**first mitt:**

chain 30, without twisting, slip stitch to join.

R1: ch 2 (counts as dc here and always) 29 dc around, sl to join. (30)

R2: ch 2, 15 dc, 2 fpdc, 8 dc, 2 fpdc, 2 dc, sl to join. (30)

R3: ch 2, 15 dc, OWL CROSS, 2 dc, sl to join. (30)

R4: ch 2, 15 dc, OWL 1, 2 dc, sl to join. (30)

R5: ch 2, 10 dc, ch 7, skip 3 stitches, 2 dc, OWL 2, 2 dc, sl to join.

R6: ch 2, 10 dc, dc in each chain (7), 2 dc, OWL CROSS, 2 dc, sl to join. (34)

R7: ch 2, 10 dc, dcr, 7 dc, OWL 1, 2 dc, sl to join. (33)

R8: ch 2, dcr, 8 dc, dcr, 6 dc, OWL 2, 2 dc, sl to join. (31)

R9: ch 2, 8 dc, dcr, 3 dc, dcr, dc, OWL 2, 2 dc, sl to join. (29)

R10: ch 2, 8 dc, dcr, 4 dc, OWL CROSS, 2 dc, sl to join. (28)

R11: ch 2, 13 dc, OWL 1, 2 dc, sl to join. (28)

R12-15: ch 2, 27 dc, sl to join. (28)

**second mitt:**

chain 30, without twisting, slip stitch to join.

R1: ch 2 (counts as dc here and always) 29 dc around, sl to join. (30)

R2: ch 2, 2 dc, 2fpdc, 8 dc, 2 fpdc, 15 dc, sl to join. (30)

R3: ch 2, 2 dc, OWL CROSS, 15 dc, sl to join. (30)

R4: ch 2, 2 dc, OWL 1, 15 dc, sl to join. (30)

R5: ch 2, 2 dc, OWL 2, 2 dc, ch 7, skip 3 stitches, 10 dc, sl to join.

R6: ch 2, 2 dc, OWL CROSS, 2 dc, dc in each chain (7), 10 dc, sl to join. (34)

R7: ch 2, 2 dc, OWL 1, 7 dc, dcr, 10 dc, sl to join. (33)

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R12-15: ch 2, dc 27, sl to join. (28)

**finishing:**

At the finger-opening of each glove, reverse single crochet around.

Weave in all ends.

Optional: sew a bead into the spaces in the cables closest to the hand opening as eyes. The beads pictured are half-inch flattened circular jet beads.