

# Owl Pillow Crochet Pattern by Joyce Overheul

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## Needed materials to make this item:

- crochet hook, size G (6) / 4.0mm
- yarn type: light worsted weight / DK and worsted weight yarn
- yarn colours in light worsted weight / DK:
  - teal: 600m/660yd
  - blue: 600m/660yd
  - dark navy: 440m/490yd
  - dark blue: 180m/200yd
  - bright blue: 80m/90yd
  - green: 70m/80yd
  - white: 30m/33yd
  - black: 30m/33yd
  - light blue: 25m/28yd
  - yellow: 4m/5yd
- yarn colours in worsted weight:
  - orange: 90m/100yd
- tapestry/sewing needle
- fiberfill: about 500 grams
- sewing pins

## Needed skills to make this item:

- magic ring
- chain stitches
- slip stitches
- single crochet
- increasing and decreasing
- basic sewing skills

## Unless described otherwise in the pattern description itself:

... this pattern is worked in spirals.  
... the standard stitch required to crochet is a single crochet.

**Overall skill level:** advanced beginner.

## Size of finished item:

When made with the described yarn and hook size, the owl will become 42cm / 17" in height and width.

## Questions? Please don't hesitate to ask!

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## Used abbreviations and terms:

This pattern uses US terminology.

- ch = chain
- slst = slip stitches
- sc = single crochet
- dc = double crochet
- inc1sc = increase one single crochet; so crochet 2 single crochets in total
- inc2sc = increase two single crochets; so crochet 3 single crochets in total
- inc1dc = increase one double crochet; so crochet 2 double crochets in total
- sc2tog = crochet the next 2 single crochets together
- sc3tog = crochet the next 3 single crochets together
- dc2tog = crochet the next 2 double crochets together
- st = stitch
- repeat 3x(...) = repeat the part between the (brackets) 3 times
- MR6 = make a magic ring with 6 stitches
- FLO = crochet through front loop only
- BLO = crochet through back loop only
- repeat all round = repeat the described section until the end of the round

## Some tips and tricks!

- To keep track of your rounds, use a stitch marker (this can also be a piece of scrap yarn). Place this piece of yarn every time at the beginning of the round, before crocheting the first stitch, so you know when you've reached the end of the round. Move the stitch marker along every time you finish a round.
- Keep this sheet next to the part of the pattern you're working on, so you can easily check the abbreviations list if needed.

## Test square

A test square made with single crochets only, of 4 by 4 inch / 10 by 10cm, should be 16 stitches wide, and 20 rows tall.

Size down your crochet hook or size up your yarn weight if you have less stitches per square, size up your crochet hook or size down your yarn weight if you have more stitches per square than described above.

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So... let's start!

## The body (in blue) (worked in spirals)

1. MR6 =6
2. inc1sc in every st. =12
3. 1sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =18
4. 2sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =24
5. 3sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =30
6. 4sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =36
7. 5sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =42
8. 6sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =48
9. 7sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =54
10. 8sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =60
11. Crochet 5sc and move your stitch marker/starting point of the round to this point. Continue to work on the next step, do not finish the round.
12. 9sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =66
13. 10sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =72
14. 11sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =78
15. 12sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =84
16. 13c, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =90
17. Crochet 7sc and move your stitch marker/starting point of the round to this point. Continue to work on the next step, do not finish the round.
18. 14sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =96
19. 15sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =102
20. 16sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =108
21. 17sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =114
22. Crochet 9sc and move your stitch marker/starting point of the round to this point. Continue to work on the next step, do not finish the round.
23. 18sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =120
24. 19sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =126
25. 20sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =132
26. 21sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =138
27. 22sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =144
28. Crochet 7sc and move your stitch marker/starting point of the round to this point. Continue to work on the next step, do not finish the round.
29. 23sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =150
30. 24sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =156
31. 25sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =162
32. 26sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =168
33. Crochet 7sc and move your stitch marker/starting point of the round to this point. Continue to work on the next step, do not finish the round.
34. 27sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =174
35. 28sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =180
36. Cut off the blue yarn and continue to work in dark blue: 29sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =186
37. 30sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =192
38. Crochet 7sc and move your stitch marker/starting point of the round to this point. Continue to work on the next step, do not finish the round.
39. 31sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =198
40. 32sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =204
41. 33sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =210

42. Crochet 7sc and move your stitch marker/starting point of the round to this point. Continue to work on the next step, do not finish the round.
43. 34sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =216
44. 216sc. =216
45. Rip out the last 17st.
46. Crochet 3slst and fasten off.
47. Make 2 in total.



## The side of the body (in dark navy) (worked in spirals)

1. ch216, close the ch with a slst. =216  
Be sure to check the chain isn't turned around when closing it!
2. Crochet 18 rounds of sc. =216
3. 3slst and fasten off.

## The supporting part in the middle of the pillow (in black) (worked in flat)

1. ch15, turn.
2. Start working in the 2<sup>nd</sup> ch st as counted from the crochet hook: crochet 18 rows of 14sc. After each row, (except for the last,) ch1 and turn.
3. Fasten off.
4. Sew the part on the inside of one of the large circles as pictured below. Place it right on the MR:



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5. Sew the other end of the black rectangle onto the inside of the other circle, also aligned right onto the MR:



6. Sew one circle onto the side of the body:



7. Align the 2<sup>nd</sup> circle with the side of the body, to make sure the supporting part in the middle is not twisted. *This is very important! Otherwise there will form itself a huge dent in the middle of the pillow.*
8. Sew the 2<sup>nd</sup> circle onto the side of the body. When you still have to sew 20cm/8", start to stuff the body with fiberfill.

## The background for the eyes (in green) (worked in spirals)

1. MR6 =6
2. inc1sc in every st. =12
3. 1sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =18
4. 2sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =24

5. 3sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =30
6. 4sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =36
7. 5sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =42
8. 6sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =48
9. 7sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =54
10. 8sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =60
11. Crochet 5sc and move your stitch marker/starting point of the round to this point. Continue to work on the next step, do not finish the round.
12. 9sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =66
13. 10sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =72
14. 11sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =78
15. Crochet 5sc and move your stitch marker/starting point of the round to this point. Continue to work on the next step, do not finish the round.
16. 12sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =84
17. 1sc, 3slst and fasten off.
18. Make 2 in total.



## The eyeballs (in white) (worked in spirals)

1. MR6 =6
2. inc1sc in every st. =12
3. 1sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =18
4. 2sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =24
5. 3sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =30
6. 4sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =36
7. 5sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =42
8. Crochet 3sc and move your stitch marker/starting point to this point of the round. Continue to work on the next step, do not finish the round.
9. 6sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =48
10. 1sc, 3slst and fasten off.
11. Make 2 in total.

## The pupils (in black) (worked in spirals)

1. MR6 =6
2. inc1sc in every st. =12
3. 1slst and fasten off.
4. Make 2 in total.

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## The ears (in teal) (worked in flat)

1. MR4 =4
2. 1sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all row. ch1, turn. =6
3. 6sc. =6
4. Repeat 2x(inc1sc in next st, 2sc). ch1, turn. =8
5. 8sc. =8
6. 3sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all row. ch1, turn. =10
7. 10sc. ch1, turn. =10
8. Repeat 2x(inc1sc in next st, 4sc). ch1, turn. =12
9. 12sc. ch1, turn. =12
10. 5sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all row. ch1, turn. =14
11. 14sc. ch1, turn. =14
12. Repeat 2x(inc1sc in next st, 6sc). ch1, turn. =16
13. 16sc. ch1, turn. =16
14. 7sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all row. ch1, turn. =18
15. 18sc. ch1, turn. =18
16. Repeat 2x(inc1sc in next st, 8sc). ch1, turn. =20
17. 20sc. ch1, turn. =20
18. 9sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all row. ch1, turn. =22
19. 22sc. ch1, turn. =22
20. Repeat 2x(inc1sc in next st, 10sc). ch1, turn. =24
21. 24sc. =24
22. Fasten off.
23. Make 2 in total.

## The beak (in orange) (worked in spirals)

1. MR6 =6
2. inc1sc in every st. =12
3. 2sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =16
4. 16sc. =16
5. 6sc, sc2tog. Repeat all round. =14
6. 14sc. =14
7. 5sc, sc2tog. Repeat all round. =12
8. 4sc, sc2tog. Repeat all round. =10
9. 3sc, sc2tog. Repeat all round. =8
10. Stuff the beak with fiberfill.
11. 2sc, sc2tog. Repeat all round. =6
12. 1sc, sc2tog. Repeat all round. =4
13. Stuff the beak with fiberfill.

14. 1slst and fasten off.



Sew the eyes, background of the eyes and the beak onto the pillow, make the green circles overlap each other with 4sc. Keep a distance between the white eyeballs of 4sc in the middle, and 4sc of "green space" on the bottom. Keep a distance of 3sc between the edge of the eyeballs and the pupils. Finally, place the beak right in the middle:



## The inside of the ears (in dark navy) (worked in flat)

1. MR3. ch1, turn. =3
2. inc1sc in every st. ch1, turn. =6
3. 1sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all row. ch1, turn. =9
4. 2sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all row. ch1, turn. =12
5. 3sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all row. ch1, turn. =15
6. 4sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all row. ch1, turn. =18
7. 5sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all row. ch1, turn. =21
8. 6sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all row. =24
9. Fasten off.
10. Make 2 in total.
11. Sew the round side of the half circle onto the short side of the teal part of the ear, as pictured on the next page:



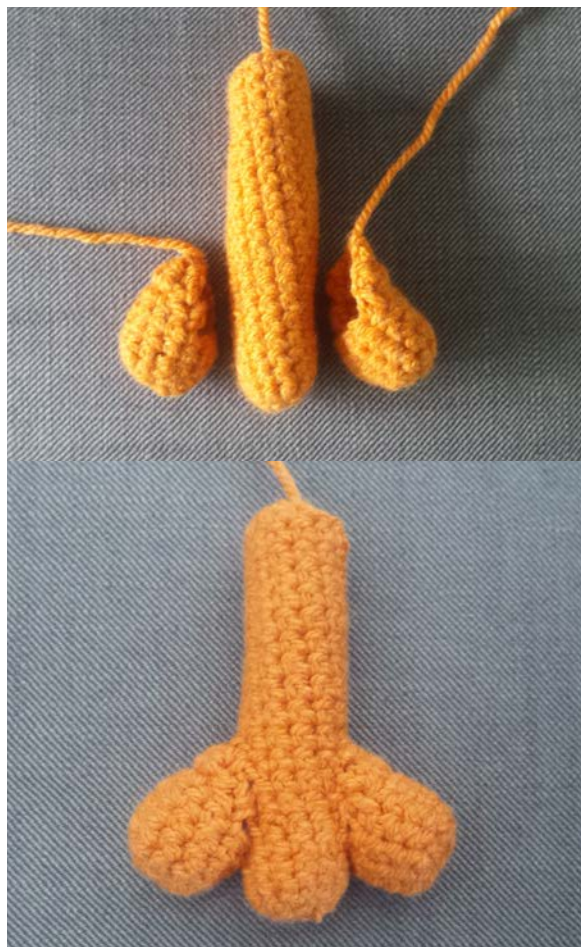
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10. Make 4 in total.

11. Sew two of them onto each foot as pictured on the next page:



## The feet (in orange) (worked in spirals)

1. MR6 =6
2. inc1sc in every st. =12
3. Crochet 18 rounds of sc. =12
4. 2slst and fasten off.
5. Stuff the foot with fiberfill.
6. Make 2 in total.
7. Flatten the top of the foot and sew it shut.



12. Using yellow yarn, embroider some stripes onto the foot (3 on each toe on the side and 8-9 on the foot):



## The toes (in orange) (worked in spirals)

1. MR6 =6
2. inc1sc in every st. =12
3. Crochet 3 rounds of sc. =12
4. ch1, turn.
5. Start working in the 2<sup>nd</sup> loop as counted from the crochet hook: sc2tog, 5sc, sc2tog. ch1, turn. =7
6. sc2tog, 3sc, sc2tog. ch1, turn. =5
7. sc2tog, 1sc, sc2tog. =3
8. Fasten off.
9. Stuff the toe.

## The wings (in blue) (worked in spirals)

1. MR6 =6
2. inc1sc in every st. =12

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3. Repeat 2x(inc1sc in next st, 4sc, inc1sc in next st). =16
4. Crochet 2 rounds of sc. =16
5. Repeat 2x(inc1sc in next st, 6sc, inc1sc in next st). =20
6. Crochet 4 rounds of sc. =20
7. Repeat 2x(inc1sc in next st, 8sc, inc1sc in next st). =24
8. Crochet 25 rounds of sc. =24
9. Repeat 2x(sc2tog, 8sc, sc2tog). =20
10. Crochet 2 rounds of sc. =20
11. Repeat 2x(sc2tog, 6sc, sc2tog). =16
12. 16sc. =16
13. 1slst and fasten off.
14. Make 2 in total.

## The feathers (worked in spirals)

### A, in teal:

1. MR6 =6
2. inc1sc in every st. =12
3. Crochet 3 rounds of sc. =12
4. 1slst and fasten off.
5. Flatten the feather and sew the remaining hole shut.  
Do not stuff it.
6. Make 2 in total.

### B, in bright blue:

1. MR6 =6
2. inc1sc in every st. =12
3. Crochet 6 rounds of sc. =12
4. 1slst and fasten off.
5. Flatten the feather and sew the remaining hole shut.  
Do not stuff it.
6. Make 2 in total.

### C, in dark navy:

1. MR6 =6
2. inc1sc in every st. =12
3. Crochet 9 rounds of sc. =12
4. 1slst and fasten off.
5. Flatten the feather and sew the remaining hole shut.  
Do not stuff it.
6. Make 2 in total.

### D, in teal:

1. MR6 =6
2. inc1sc in every st. =12
3. Crochet 9 rounds of sc. =12
4. 1slst and fasten off.
5. Flatten the feather and sew the remaining hole shut.  
Do not stuff it.
6. Make 2 in total.

### E, in light blue:

1. MR6 =6
2. inc1sc in every st. =12
3. Crochet 9 rounds of sc. =12

4. 1slst and fasten off.
5. Flatten the feather and sew the remaining hole shut.  
Do not stuff it.
6. Make 2 in total.

### F, in bright blue:

1. MR6 =6
2. inc1sc in every st. =12
3. Crochet 6 rounds of sc. =12
4. 1slst and fasten off.
5. Flatten the feather and sew the remaining hole shut.  
Do not stuff it.
6. Make 2 in total.

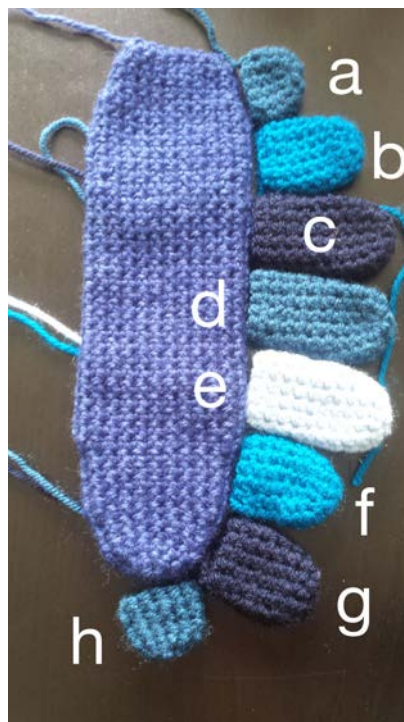
### G, in dark navy:

1. MR6 =6
2. inc1sc in every st. =12
3. Crochet 6 rounds of sc. =12
4. 1slst and fasten off.
5. Flatten the feather and sew the remaining hole shut.  
Do not stuff it.
6. Make 2 in total.

### H, in teal:

1. MR6 =6
2. inc1sc in every st. =12
3. Crochet 3 rounds of sc. =12
4. 1slst and fasten off.
5. Flatten the feather and sew the remaining hole shut.  
Do not stuff it.
6. Make 2 in total.

Sew the feathers onto the side of a wing as pictured below:





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Sew the feet, wings and ears onto the owl:



Keep a distance of about 12,5cm/5" between the feet:



Keep a 18sc distance between the two ears:



Align the front of the wing right on the edge of the dark navy side-part, and keep a distance of 7sc between the top of the wing and the bottom of the ear:



## The feathers on the belly and back (worked in spirals)

### Size A, small:

1. MR4 =4
2. inc1sc in every st. =8
3. Repeat 2x(inc1sc in next st, 2sc, inc1sc in next st). =12
4. Repeat 2x(inc1sc in next st, 4sc, inc1sc in next st). =16
5. 1slst and fasten off.
6. Flatten the feather and sew the remaining hole shut. Do not stuff the feather.

### Size B, medium:

1. MR4 =4
2. inc1sc in every st. =8
3. Repeat 2x(inc1sc in next st, 2sc, inc1sc in next st). =12
4. Repeat 2x(inc1sc in next st, 4sc, inc1sc in next st). =16
5. Repeat 2x(inc1sc in next st, 6sc, inc1sc in next st). =20
6. 1slst and fasten off.
7. Flatten the feather and sew the remaining hole shut. Do not stuff the feather.

### Size C, large:

1. MR4 =4
2. inc1sc in every st. =8
3. Repeat 2x(inc1sc in next st, 2sc, inc1sc in next st). =12
4. Repeat 2x(inc1sc in next st, 4sc, inc1sc in next st). =16
5. Repeat 2x(inc1sc in next st, 6sc, inc1sc in next st). =20
6. Repeat 2x(inc1sc in next st, 8sc, inc1sc in next st). =24
7. 1slst and fasten off.
8. Flatten the feather and sew the remaining hole shut. Do not stuff the feather.



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For the feathers on the belly, crochet the following:

Using bright blue yarn: 2x B, 2x C

Using teal yarn: 3x B

Using dark navy yarn: 2x A

For the feathers on the back, crochet the following:

Using bright blue yarn: 2x A, 3x B, 2x C

Using teal yarn: 4x A, 2x B, 3x C

Using dark navy yarn: 5x A, 7x B, 2x C

Arrange them onto the belly and back as pictured below. *It really helps a lot if you first arrange all feathers and put them in place and start sewing afterwards. Use sewing pins to keep all feathers in place. Roughly keep a distance of 3 to 4 (sometimes even 5) sc between each feather.*



## The tail feathers (worked in spirals)

Large, in navy:

1. MR6 =6
2. inc1sc in every st. =12
3. Repeat 2x(inc1sc in next st, 4sc, inc1sc in next st). =16
4. Repeat 2x(inc1sc in next st, 6sc, inc1sc in next st). =20
5. Crochet 15 rounds of sc. =20

6. 1slst and fasten off.
7. Sew the remaining hole shut, do not stuff the feather.
8. Make 5 in total.

Medium, in blue:

1. MR6 =6
2. inc1sc in every st. =12
3. 3sc, inc1sc in next st. Repeat all round. =15
4. Crochet 11 rounds of sc. =15
5. 1slst and fasten off.
6. Sew the remaining hole shut, do not stuff the feather.
7. Make 2 in total.

Small, in teal:

1. MR6 =6
2. inc1sc in every st. =12
3. Repeat 2x(inc1sc in next st, 4sc, inc1sc in next st). =16
4. Crochet 6 rounds of sc. =16
5. 1slst and fasten off.
6. Sew the remaining hole shut, do not stuff the feather.
7. Make 3 in total.

Sew the tail onto the body as pictured below:

- first place one large dark navy feather right in the middle between the feet on the back:



- Place 2 other dark navy feathers next to it:

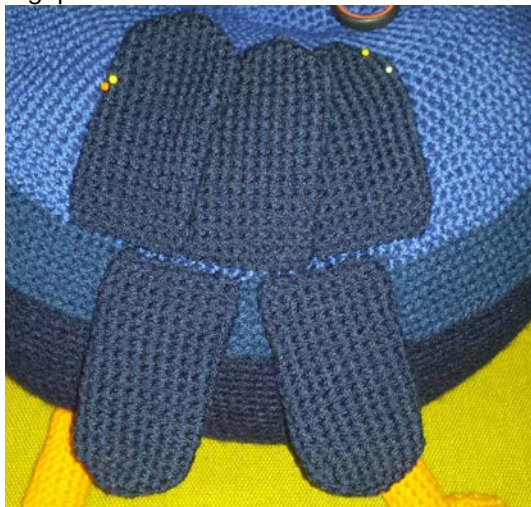




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- Lift the three feathers up, and place 2 dark navy feathers underneath them, making them cover up the 2 gaps between the 3 feathers:



- Place the 3 small bright blue feathers on top:



**Congratulations!  
Your Owl Pillow is finished!**

- Place 2 blue feathers on top of the gaps between the 3 dark navy feathers:

