



# stitch Nation

BY DEBBIE STOLLER™



## Little owl purse

*Crochet a friendly little purse to keep necessities close at hand. He is wise beyond his years and is a great gift idea, as well!*

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Purse is 5½" wide x 5" long before felting; 4" wide x 4¾" long after felting.

STITCH NATION by Debbie Stoller™ "Full o' Sheep™": 1 ball each 2301 Latte A, 2605 Honeycomb B, 2205 Little Lamb C and 2260 Clementine D.

NOTE: This is enough yarn for 2 Purses.

Crochet Hook: 6.5mm [US K-10.5]

Yarn needle

Large sew-on snap

Sewing needle and matching sewing thread.

GAUGE: First 4 rounds of large eye circle = 3" in diameter. CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

NOTE: Body of owl is worked in a spiral from bottom to top. The flap is then worked in turned rows. Every few rounds, you will be instructed to work one uncounted stitch at the beginning of the round. The purpose of this is to shift the location of the beginning of rounds slightly to the left. After working the uncounted stitch, the next stitch becomes the 1st st of round.

### SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

Sc2tog: Insert hook in next st, yo, draw yarn through st, insert hook in st, yo, draw yarn through st, yo, draw yarn through 3 loops on hook.

### PURSE

Large Eye Circle (Make 2)

Round 1: With B make an adjustable loop, 6 sc in loop, pull beginning yarn tail to tighten loop, do not join -6sts.

Round 2: 2 sc in each st around - 12 sc.

Round 3: [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times - 18 sc.

Round 4: [2 hdc in next st, 1 hdc in next st] 9 times, slip st in next st to join - 27 hdc. Fasten off leaving a sewing length. Later you will use this tail to stitch eye circle onto body.

Small Eye Circle (Make 2)

With C, work rounds 1-3 of Large-eye Circle. At end of last round, slip st in next st. Fasten off leaving a sewing length. With sewing length and yarn needle whipstitch Small Eye Circle onto center of Large Eye Circle.

Pupils (Make 2)

Row 1: With A, make an adjustable loop, work 9 hdc in loop, pull beginning yarn tail to tighten loop. Do not join, but leave a little wedge of space between first and last hdc of round. Fasten

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## Body

With A ch 11.

**Round 1:** Working in bottom loops of ch sts, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each of next 9 ch. Do not join. Work in a spiral. Mark beginning of round, moving marker up as work progresses.

**Round 2:** Continuing around to other side of foundation chain (rotate work clockwise 180 degrees), 2 sc in same ch, sc in each of next 8 ch, 2 sc in next ch, (rotating work again in the same way and remembering to skip the turning chain from Round 1), 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st – 24 sc.

**Round 3:** [2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st] twice – 28 sts.

**Round 4:** Sc in next st (uncounted st used to shift beginning of round; the next st counts as the first st of this round), [2 sc in the next st, sc in each of next 12 sts, 2 sc in the next st] twice – 32 sc.

**Round 5:** [2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st] twice – 36 sc.

**Round 6:** [2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st] twice – 40 sc.

**Round 7:** Sc in next st (uncounted st used to shift beginning of round; the next st counts as the first st of this round), [2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 18 sts, 2 sc in next st] twice – 44 sc.

**Rounds 8-14:** Sc in each st around – 44 sts.

**Round 15:** Sc in next st (uncounted st used to shift beginning of round; the next st counts as the first st of this round), [sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in each of next 18 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts] twice – 40 sc.

**Round 16:** Sc in each st around – 40 sts.

**Round 17:** [Sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in each of next 16 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts] twice – 36 sc.

**Round 18:** Sc in each st around – 36 sts.

**Round 19:** [Sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in each of next 14 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts] twice – 32 sc. Do not fasten off.

## Flap

Work now progresses in rows.

**Row 1:** Turn, ch 1, sc in each of next 16 sts, turn – 16 sts.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in each of next 12 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts – 14 sts.

**Row 3:** Ch 1, sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in each of next 10 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts – 12 sts.

**Row 4:** Ch 1, sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in each of next 8 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts – 10 sts.

**Row 5:** Ch 1, sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in each of next 6 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts – 8 sts.

**Row 6:** Ch 1, sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in each of next 4 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts – 6 sts.

**Row 7:** Ch 1, sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in each of next 2 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts – 4 sts.

**Row 8:** Ch 1, [sc2tog over next 2 sts] twice – 2 sts.

**Row 9:** Ch 1, sc2tog over next 2 sts – 1 st.

Fasten off. Weave in ends.

## Toes (Make 6)

**Round 1:** With B make an adjustable loop, 6 sc in loop, pull on beginning yarn tail to tighten loop, do not join – 6 sts. Work in a spiral as before.

**Rounds 2-3:** Sc in each st around – 6 sts.

Fasten off leaving a sewing length. Using sewing length and yarn needle, weave yarn through front loop of each of the last 6 sts and pull tight to close top of toe. Line up 3 Toes in a row with sides touching and tops of toes (last rounds) all pointing upwards. Using sewing lengths, sew sides of 3 Toes together securely. Repeat for other set of 3 Toes. Sew each set of Toes securely to bottom of body using remaining yarn tails and yarn needle. **NOTE:** These attachments must be secure enough to withstand the agitation from the washing machine during the felting process.

## FINISHING

With wedge of pupil facing the same direction for each eye (see photo), position Eyes on front of Body. When you are happy with the expression of the eyes, using yarn tails and yarn needle, sew Eyes securely in place. Using D and yarn needle, satin st the beak onto face using photo as a guide. Felt purse in washing machine to desired measurements using a small amount of detergent. Run through 2 complete warm wash cycles in a small load. For best results check owl a few times during felting process. After felting is complete, shape it with your hands and lay it flat on a towel to dry. After it dries completely, use a pair of scissors to trim off some of the fuzziness around the eyes. Using sewing needle and thread, sew male side of snap to inside tip of flap. Sew female side of snap to face opposite of male snap.



STITCH NATION by Debbie Stoller™ "Full o' Sheep™" Art. T100 available in 3.5 oz (100 g); 155 yd (142 m) balls.

**ABBREVIATIONS:** A, B = color A, B; ch = chain; hdc = half double crochet; mm = millimeters; sc = single crochet; st(s) = stitch (es); [ ] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.