



It's a Hoot Owl Hat & Cape

Kids will love hooting like an owl as they collect their treats! This easy-to-crochet hat and cape is so cute they'll want to wear it for imaginary play all year 'round.

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Costume its children aged 4-6 years old.

Finished Measurements

Capelet = 18" wide at shoulder.

Hat = 18" circumference x 7" high.

RED HEART® "Super Saver"™: 1 skein each 334 Buff **A**, 316 Soft White **B**, 360 Café **C**, 321 Gold **D**, 656 Real Teal **E**, 312 Black **F**.

Crochet Hooks: 5.5mm [US I-9], 4mm [US G-6], and 3.75mm [US F-5].

Yarn needle, stitch marker.

GAUGES: Hat: 16 sts = 4"; 12 rows = 4" in hdc with middle size hook. Capelet: 12 sts = 4" in hdc with largest hook.

CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hooks to obtain the gauges.

NOTE: Adjust hat for larger or smaller size by adding or decreasing number of starting ch and rounds.

NOTE: For safety reasons please insure that hat does not obscure the wearer's vision. Shorten the hat as needed by reducing the number of rounds. If adapting for a baby or young toddler use hook & loop fasteners at neck rather than using tie straps and do not leave baby unattended while wearing the capelet.

Special Technique

Working in back bumps = turn starting ch over to the wrong side and insert hook in the bump formed at the back of the ch and then proceed with the st as usual.

Special Abbreviation

Sc2tog = [draw up a loop in next st] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

Capelet

Row 1: Beginning at neck edge, with **A** and largest hook, ch 31; working in the back bumps only sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across; turn – 30 sc.

Row 2: Ch 2, hdc in first 5 sc, [2 hdc in next sc, hdc in next sc] 10 times, hdc in last 5 sts; turn – 40 hdc.

Row 3: Ch 2, hdc in first 5 hdc, [hdc in next 9 hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc] 3 times, hdc in last 5 hdc; turn – 43 hdc.

Row 4: Ch 2, hdc in first 5 hdc, [hdc in next 2 hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc] 11 times, hdc in last 5 hdc; turn – 54 hdc.

Row 5: Ch 2, hdc in first 5 hdc, [hdc in next 10 hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc] 4 times, hdc in last 5 hdc; turn – 58 hdc.

Row 6: Ch 2, hdc in first 5 hdc, [hdc in next 11 hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc] 4 times, hdc in last 5 hdc; turn – 62 hdc.

Row 7: Ch 2, hdc in first 5 hdc, [hdc in next 12 hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc] 4 times, hdc in last 5 hdc; turn – 66 hdc.

Row 8: Ch 2, hdc in first 5 hdc, [2 hdc in next hdc, hdc in next 6 hdc] 8 times, hdc in last 5 hdc; turn – 74 hdc.

Row 9: Ch 2, hdc in first 12 hdc, [2 dc in next hdc, dc in



next hdc] 7 times, hdc in next 22 hdc, [2 dc in next hdc, dc in next hdc] 7 times, hdc in last 12 hdc; turn – 88 sts.

Row 10: Ch 2, hdc in first 12 hdc, dc in next 21 dc, hdc in next 22 hdc, dc in next 21 dc, hdc in last 12 hdc; turn.

Rows 11 and 12: Repeat Row 10.

Rows 13 and 14: Ch 2, hdc in each st across; turn. Fasten off.

Capelet Feathers

With right side facing and largest hook, join **A** at upper left neck edge; ch 1, working across row ends: work 20 sc evenly spaced down left edge; working along the bottom edge: slip st in the first hdc, [ch 7, hdc in 3rd ch from hook and next 3 ch, slip st in the next ch, sc in the next 3 hdc of bottom edge] 29 times, ch 7, hdc in 3rd ch from hook and next 3 ch, slip st in the next ch; working across row ends: work 20 sc evenly spaced up right edge – 30 feathers. Fasten off.

Capelet Edging and Tie Straps

Left Tie and Edging

With largest hook and **C**, ch 39; sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, sc in first sc of left side edging, [skip next sc, 5 dc in next sc, skip next sc, slip st in next sc] 5 times down left edge; slip st in first st of lower edge; work across feathers: * hdc in next 4 ch of ch-7, 2 hdc in next ch, 5 dc in ch-2 space at tip, 2 hdc in next hdc, hdc in next 4 sts of feather **, sc in next 3 sc between feathers; repeat from * across, end at **; slip st in last st; working up right side edge: sc in first sc, [skip next sc, 5 dc in next sc, skip next sc, slip st in next sc] 5 times; ch 39 for 2nd tie; sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across; slip st to top edge. Fasten off.

Hat

With middle size hook and **A**, ch 72; join with a slip st in first ch to form a ring being careful that ch is not twisted. Work in continuous rounds without joining. Mark last st of each round and move marker up each round.

Rounds 1-3: Sc in each st around – 72 sc.

Rounds 4-20: Hdc in each st around.

Top Seam: Fold hat flat. Working in the front loop of the top layer and the back loop of the bottom layer, sc in each stitch across. Fasten off.

Feather Tufts (Make 2)

With smallest hook and **A**, [ch 7, working in back bumps only, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 5 ch] 3 times. Fasten off leaving yarn tail for sewing.

Tuft Edging

With right side facing and smallest hook, join **C** in first sc of first tuft, working around the tuft [sc in first 5 sts, 5 sc in next st, sc in 5 spaces along opposite side] 3 times. Fasten off leaving yarn tail for sewing.

Shape Feathers

With **C** yarn tail, thread yarn needle. Insert needle through the bottom left and right edges of all 3 feathers and pull tightly so that a fold is formed in the edge. Repeat until desired effect is achieved. Use remaining yarn to attach to corners of hat as pictured.

Beak

With smallest hook and **D**, ch 14; join with slip st to form a ring taking care that ch is not twisted. Work in continuous rounds same as for Hat.

Round 1: Ch 1, sc in each ch around – 14 sc.

Round 2: [Sc in next 5 sc, sc2tog] twice – 12 sc.

Round 3: [Sc in next 4 sc, sc2tog] twice – 10 sc.

Round 4: Sc in each sc around.

Round 5: [Sc in next 3 sc, sc2tog] twice – 8 sc.

Round 6: [Sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog] twice – 6 sc.

Round 7: [Sc in next sc, sc2tog] twice – 4 sc.

Fasten off leaving long yarn tail. Thread yarn tail in needle and weave through remaining sc to close opening.

Round 8: Working on opposite side of starting ch, join **D** in any ch; ch 1, sc in same ch and in each ch around – 14 sc.

Round 9: [Sc in next sc, sc2tog] twice, sc in next 2 sc, [sc in next sc, sc2tog] twice – 10 sc.

Round 10: [Sc2tog] 5 times – 5 sc.

Fasten off, weaving tail through sts to close hole, leaving yarn tail for attaching beak to face.

Eyes (Make 2)

Round 1: With smallest hook and **F**, ch 2; 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook; do not join.

Round 2: 2 Sc in each sc around; join with a slip st in next sc – 12 sc. Fasten off.

Round 3: With right side facing join **B** in back loop of any sc; working in back loops only, [sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times; join in first sc – 18 sc. Fasten off.

Round 4: Join **E** in back loop of any sc; working in back loops only, [sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 9 times; join – 27 sc.

Round 5: Ch 2, [hdc in next 2 sc, 2 hdc in next sc] 9 times; join – 36 hdc. Fasten off.

Round 6: Join **F** in front loop of any st; slip st in front loop of each st around; join. Fasten off. Place marker or scrap piece of yarn in last st completed. Set eye aside and repeat Rounds 1-6 for second eye.



Round 7: At marker, join **B** in remaining back loop of Round 5 to work behind sts of Round 6; ch 2, ** [hdc in next 5 hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc] 6 times; join – 42 hdc.

Round 8: Ch 1, sc in first 3 hdc, [hdc in next 3 hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc] 4 times, sc in next 3 hdc **, ch 1; locate marked st of 2nd eye and repeat from ** to **.

Round 9: Continue around the bottom of both eyes: sc in each st to first sc of Round 8; join. Fasten off.

Round 10: Join **C** in back loop of same st as joining; * sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, dc in next 5 sts, [2 dc in next st] twice, dc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st *, 2 sc in ch-1 space between the eyes; repeat between * and * for 2nd eye; slip st in each st around to beginning of Round 10; join. Fasten off.

Finishing

Center eye motif on hat as pictured; sew in place. With **B**, embroider one French Knot off center in each eye. Sew beak centered below the eyes as shown. Sew feather tufts to corners of hat. Weave in ends.



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ABBREVIATIONS: **A, B, C;** etc. = color A, B, C; etc.; **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **hdc** = half double crochet; **mm** = millimeters; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch (es); **tog** = together; * **or** ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated; **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.