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RED HEART®

CROCHET SKILL LEVEL
EASY

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Soft®: 1 ball each 1882 Toast **A**, 9114 Honey **B,** 4422 Tangerine **C**, 9388 Wheat **D**, and 9870 Deep Sea **E**

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook: 4mm [US G-6]

Yarn needle, fiberfill, 1 pair 9mm black safety eyes

GAUGE: 19 sc = 4" (10cm); 22 rows = 4" (10cm) in single crochet. CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

4 MEDIUM

RED HEART® Soft®, Art. E728 available in solid color 5 oz (141 g), 256 yd (234 m), print 4 oz (113 g), 204 yd (187 m), and heather 4oz (113 g), 212 yd (194 m) balls

SHOP KIT

Wise Owl Ornament

Crochet this lovable little owl and display him on your mantel or nestled in your tree. He has all-knowing eyes and stays warm with a colorful scarf!

Owl measures 6" (15 cm) tall

Special Stitch
sc2tog = [Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

Special Technique
Adjustable-ring method—Wrap yarn into a ring, ensuring that the tail falls behind the working yarn. Grip ring and tail firmly between middle finger and thumb. Insert hook through center of ring, yarn over (with working yarn) and draw up a loop. Work stitches of first round in the ring. After the first round of stitches is worked, pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring.

Notes
1. Only small quantities of **B**, **C**, **D**, and **E** are needed for this project.
2. Gauge is not critical for this project. Work tightly so stuffing does not show through stitches.
3. For sections worked in continuous rounds, place marker for beginning of round and move marker up as each round is completed. Do not join rounds until instructed to do so.

BODY AND HEAD
Note: Insert stuffing firmly every few rounds. With **A**, make an adjustable ring.
Round 1 (right side): Work 6 sc in ring; do not join, work in continuous rounds (spiral)—6 sc.
Round 2: Work 2 sc in each sc around—12 sc.
Round 3: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc] 6 times—18 sc.
Round 4: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc] 6 times—24 sc.
Round 5: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc] 6 times—30 sc.

Round 6: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 4 sc] 6 times—36 sc.
Rounds 7–18: Sc in each sc around.
Round 19: [Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sc] 6 times—30 sc.
Round 20: [Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sc] 6 times—24 sc.
Round 21: [Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sc] 6 times—18 sc.
Rounds 22 and 23: Sc in each sc around.
Round 24: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc] 6 times—24 sc.
Round 25: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc] 6 times—30 sc.
Round 26: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 4 sc] 6 times—36 sc.
Rounds 27–37: Sc in each sc around; join with slip st in first sc at end of Round 37. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Using photograph as a guide for shaping, flatten top of owl's head so ears appear, insert more stuffing as needed to form ears and a firm head, and sew head closed.

EYE PATCH (make 2)
With **B**, make an adjustable ring.
Round 1 (right side): Work 6 sc in ring; do not join, work in continuous rounds (spiral)—6 sc.
Round 2: Work 2 sc in each sc around—12 sc.
Round 3: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc] 6 times; join with slip st to first sc—18 sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Attach safety eyes off center in Round 2. Sew eye patches on head between Rounds 27–33.

BEAK
With **C**, ch 2.
Row 1: Work 3 sc in 2nd ch from hook, turn—3 sc.
Row 2: Ch 1, sc in first sc, sc in next 2 sc, slip st in last sc—3 sc.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Center beak under and between eye patches and sew.

BELLY PATCH

Working from bottom up, with **D**, ch 7.
Row 1 (right side): Work 2 sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 5 ch, turn—7 sc.
Row 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in first sc, sc in next 5 sc, slip st in last sc, turn.
Rows 3–5: Ch 1, 2 sc in first sc, sc in each remaining sc, turn—10 sc at end of Row 5.
Rows 6–1¬1: Ch 1, sc in each sc, turn.
Row 12: Ch 1, sc in first sc, sc2tog 4 times, sc in last sc, turn—6 sc.
Row 13: Ch 1, sc in first sc, sc2tog 2 times, slip st in last sc—3 sc.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Sew belly patch to front of body.

WINGS (make 2)

With **A**, make an adjustable ring.
Round 1 (right side): Work 6 sc in ring; do not join, work in continuous rounds (spiral)—6 sc.
Round 2: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc] 3 times—9 sc.
Rounds 3¬–5: Sc in each sc around.
Round 6: [Sc in next sc, sc2tog] 3 times—6 sc.
Rounds 7–9: Sc in each sc around; join with slip st to first sc at end of Round 9.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Position wings diagonally with ends down around body and sew to sides of body.

FEET (make 2)

With **A**, make an adjustable ring.
Round 1 (right side): Work 8 sc in ring; do not join, work in continuous rounds (spiral)—8 sc.
Round 2: Sc in each sc around.
Round 3: [Sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog] twice—6 sc.

Round 4: Sc in each sc around; join with slip st to first sc.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Weave tail through sts and pull tightly to flatten foot. Shape each foot into a triangle and sew under body.

SCARF

With **E**, ch 51.
Row 1: Hdc in 3rd ch from hook (beginning ch count as first hdc), hdc in each ch across—50 hdc.
Fasten off. Cut 8 lengths of **E**, each 3" (7.5 cm) long. *Hold 4 lengths together and fold them in half forming a loop at the fold. Insert crochet hook in end of scarf, place fold of strands on hook and draw loop through. Insert ends of folded strands into loop and pull to tighten; repeat from * to attach remaining 4 strands to other end. Trim fringe to even length. Wrap scarf around neck and, if desired, secure in place.

FINISHING

To make hanging loop, cut a length of **A** 15" (38 cm) long, thread through top of head, and tie ends in a knot.
Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, **B**, **C** = Color A, Color B, Color C, etc.; **ch** = chain; **hdc** = half double crochet; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch (es); **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; ***** = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.