

Owen Owl Pillow

## FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

## Width: 12"

Length: $16^{\prime \prime}$

## MATERIALS

Premier ${ }^{\circledR}$ Yarns Anti-Pilling ${ }^{\circledR}$ Everyday ${ }^{\circledR}$
Bulky (100\% Anti-Pilling Acrylic; 3.5 oz/100g, 87yds/80m)

- MC: 1068-06 Gold - 3 balls
- CC1: 1068-19 Cream - 1 balls
- CC2: 1068-05 Black - 1 ball
- CC3: 1068-24 Rust - 1 ball

Hook: US Size L-11 ( 8 mm ) or sizes needed to obtain gauge
Notions: Tapestry needle, polyester stuffing, sewing needle and thread or lighter weight scrap yarn for applique, removable markers

## GAUGE

11 sc $\times 12$ rows $=4$ "
Save time, check your gauge.

## Skills/techniques used in this pattern:

- Chain, single and half double crochet stitches.
- Working in the round.
- Invisible decrease.
- Applique.
- Working in continuous and joined rounds.
- Magic Ring.


## STITCH GUIDE

Magic Ring: Wrap yarn around your left middle finger twice, leaving a 6 " tail. Insert hk under both strands and pull up a Ip. Ch 1 and beg working directly into center of ring. This ring can be tightened later by pulling on the yarn tail.

Inv-dec (invisible single crochet decrease): Insert hk in front lp only of each of next 2 sts, yo and pull through both sts, yo and pull through 2 lps on hk (1 st dec'd)

## PATTERN NOTES

Owl body is worked in the round from the bottom up. Eyes, beak, and tummy are made separately and sewn to body. Join rounds with a slip stitch in first stitch when indicated. When working in continuous rounds, place a marker to indicate beginning of round. Move marker up as each round is completed. Work tightly so that stuffing does not show between stitches.

## OWL

## Body

With MC, ch 19.

## Increase Section

Rnd 1: Sc in second ch from hook, place removable marker on this st, 1 more sc in same ch and next 17 chs, work 1 more sc in last ch and place removable marker on this st; working along other side of ch, sc in same ch and next 17 chs, work 1 more sc in same sc as last - 38 sc. Do not join. Work in continuous rounds. Move removable markers up each rnd.
Rnd 2: *Sc in marked sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in each sc to 1 sc before marked $\mathrm{sc}, 2 \mathrm{sc}$ in next sc ; rep from ${ }^{*} 1$ more time -4 sc inc'd, 42 sc .
Rnds 3-6: Rep Rnd 2, 4 more times - 58 sc.
Rnd 7: Rep Rnd 2 - 62 sc.
Rnd 8: Sc in each sc around.
Rnds 9-10: Rep Rnds 7-8-66 sc.
Rnd 11: Rep Rnd 2-70 sc.
Remove markers except beginning of rnd $m$.

## Center Section

Rnds 1-16: Sc in each sc around.

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## Decrease Section

Place piece on table and flatten so Increase rnds are at the sides. Place removable marker on each side st with 33 sts in between markers on each side. Sc as needed to one side marker. This will be the new beginning of rnd.
Rnd 1: *Sc in marked side st, Inv-dec, sc in each sc to 2 sc before next marked side st, Inv-dec; rep from * 1 more time -4 sts dec'd, 66 sts rem.
Rnd 2: Sc in each sc around.
Rnds 3-12: Rep Rnds 1-2, 5 more times - 46 sts rem. Stuff pillow.

## First Ear

Note: The outer part of the ear will be continue to be decreased every other round while the inner part of the ear begins with every round decreases and then transitions to every other round.
Rnd 1: Sc in marked side st, Inv-dec, sc in next 9 sc ,
Inv-dec, skip next 23 sts, Inv-dec, sc in next 9 sc, Inv-dec-19 sc rem.
Rnd 2: Sc in marked sc, sc in next 7 sc , [Inv-dec] 2 times, sc in last $7 \mathrm{sc}-17 \mathrm{sc}$ rem.
Rnd 3: Sc in marked sc, Inv-dec, sc in next 4 sc, [Invdec] 2 times, sc in next 4 sc , Inv-dec - 13 sc rem.
Rnd 4: Sc in each sc around.
Rnd 5: Sc in marked sc, Inv-dec, sc in next 2 sc, [Invdec] 2 times, sc in next 4 sc, Inv-dec -9 sc rem. Rnd 6: Sc in each sc around.
Rnd 7: Sc in marked sc, [Inv-dec] 4 times - 5 sc rem. Rnd 8: Sc in marked sc, [Inv-dec] 2 times - 3 sc rem. Fasten off leaving an $8^{\prime \prime}$ tail. Gather rem sts and pull taut.

## Second Ear

Rnd 1: Beginning at side edge, with MC, sc in marked side st, Inv-dec, sc in next 9 sc, [Inv-dec], sc in next 9 sc, Inv-dec - 19 sc rem.
Complete remainder of Ear as for First Ear.

## Pupils (make 2)

With CC2, begin with Magic Ring.
Rnd 1: Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring, join with sl st to beg hdc. Fasten off. With CC1, embroider detail onto Pupils.

## Eyes (make 2)

With CC1, begin with Magic Ring.
Rnd 1: Ch 1, 6 sc in ring. Do not join, work in continuous rnds.
Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc around -12 sc .
Rnd 3: *Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from * around - 18 sc .
Rnd 4: *Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc; rep from * around - 24 sc .
Rnd 5: Loosely sl st in blo of each st around. Fasten off.
Sew Pupils to Eyes, offset.

## Beak

With CC3, ch 9.
Row 1: Sc in second ch from hook and each ch across, turn-8 sc.
Row 2: Ch 1, Inv-dec, sc in each sc across, turn-7 sc rem.
Rows 3-7: Rep Row 2 - 2 sc rem.
Row 8: Ch 1, Inv-dec. Fasten off.

## Tummy

With CC1, begin with Magic Ring.

Row 1: Ch 1, 3 sc in ring, turn - 3 sc.
Row 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in each sc across, turn - 6 sc.
Row 3: Ch 1, *2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc; rep from * across, turn - 9 sc .
Row 4: Ch 1, *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc; rep from * across, turn - 12 sc.

Row 5: Ch 1, *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc; rep from * across, turn - 15 sc.

Row 6: Ch 1, *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 4 sc; rep from * across, turn - 18 sc.

Row 7: Ch 1, *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 5 sc; rep from * across, turn-21 sc.

Row 8: Ch 1, *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 6 sc; rep from

* across, turn - 24 sc.

Row 9: Ch 1, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 7 sc; rep from * across, turn - 27 sc.
Row 10: Ch 1, loosely sl st in blo of each sc across.
Fasten off.
With CC3 and MC, make some " $x$ " embroidery sts allover Tummy, using photo as a guide.

## FINISHING

Sew Tummy to Body with flat edge of the half circle aligned with the beg-ch edge of the Body.
Sew Beak to Body with point of triangle facing up, and lower edge of triangle approximately $1^{\prime \prime}$ above the top of the Tummy.
Sew Eyes to body with Pupils facing inward and slightly down, overlapping the Beak just a bit.

Weave in ends.

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| Abbreviations |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| blo | back loop only |
| CC | contrasting color |
| ch(s) | chain(s) |
| dec('d) | decrease(d) |
| hdc | half double crochet |
| inc('d) | increase(d) |
| MC | main color |
| rem | remain |
| rep | repeat(ing) |
| rnd(s) | round(s) |
| RS | right side |
| sc | single crochet |
| sI st | slip stitch |
| st(s) | stitch(es) |



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