

<u>Ollie The Owl</u> Free Blog pattern N

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## Materials:

Rowan Handknit Cotton	Small amount cream DK yarn for eyes
1 x 50g 337 Tangerine Dream (A)	Small amount black DK yarn for eyes
1 x 50g 253 Tope (B)	Small amount bright green DK yarn for beak
1 x 50g 315 Double Choc (C)	Toy Stuffing
3.5mm crochet hook	Dried Beans (optional)

## Abbreviations:

st/sts = stitch/stitches	nxt = next
ch = chain	rep = repeat
dc = double crochet	htr = half treble
ss = slip stitch	dtr = double treble
foll = following	tr tr = triple treble

#### Tension:

You need to achieve quite a tight tension to allow the owl to stand stiff. If your crochet pieces are floppy then you will need to use a smaller hook.

#### Front:

Using yarn (A) Make 2ch, work 6dc into first ch. Join with a ss to form a ring. 1ch

**Ist Round:** work 2dc into every st of previous round. ss into first dc to complete round (12dc) 1ch

**2<sup>nd</sup> Round:** \* work 1dc into nxt 2 sts, then 2dc into foll st. Rep from \* to end of row. ss into first dc to complete round (16dc) 1ch

Continue to work this sequence of stitches (\* work 1dc into nxt 2 sts, then 2dc into foll st. Rep from \*) in a spiral until you have 50dc. ss into nxt st. Fasten Off \*\*

**Next Round:** Join in yarn (B) 1ch, work as for 2<sup>nd</sup> round. ss into first dc to complete round (62dc) Fasten off.

**Next Round:** Join in yarn (C) 1ch \* work 1dc into nxt 6sts, work 2dc into foll st. rep from \* to end of round. ss into first dc to complete round (70dc). 1ch

**Next Round:** \* work 1dc into nxt 6sts, work 2dc into foll st. rep from \* to end of round. ss into first dc to complete round (78/79dc). 1ch

Next Round: work one row dc.

**Shape First 'Ear':** 1ch, 1dc into nxt st, 1htr into nxt st, 1tr into nxt st, 1dtr into nxt st, Work 1tr tr into st at base of last dtr, work 2tr tr into foll st. Fasten Off. Count 9dc to the left of the last st and re join yarn into nxt st.

Work 5ch (counts as tr tr), work 1tr tr into base of 5ch, 1tr tr into nxt st, 1dtr into base of last tr tr, 1tr into nxt st, 1htr into foll st.

## Work 20 dc.

**Shape Bottom:**1htr into nxt st, 1tr into nxt 2 sts, 1dtr into nxt st, miss 1 st, 1dtr into nxt st, miss 1 st, 1dtr into nxt st. Fasten Off.

Count 5dc to the left of the last st and re join yarn into nxt st.

Work 4ch (counts as dtr), miss 1 st, 1dtr into nxt st, miss 1 st, 1dtr into nxt st, 1tr into nxt 2sts, 1htr into foll st.

To Finish: Work 20dc. (this should bring you to base of the 'ear')

Work 6dc along right side of 'ear', work 3dc into same st at top of 'ear', work 6dc into side of tr tr.

Work 1dc into nxt 9sts. work 6dc into side of 5ch, work 3dc into same st at top of 'ear', work 6dc along left side of 'ear'. ss into nxt st. Fasten Off.

## Back:

Work as for front using yarn (B) in place of yarn (A) to \*\* then using (C) to end.

## Beak:

Using bright green yarn, work 8ch.

Work 1dc into 2<sup>nd</sup> chain from hook, 1htr into nxt st, then 1tr into nxt 2sts, 1dtr into nxt 2sts, 1tr tr into final st. 1ch

Working along side or tr tr work 6dc then 3dc into corner, work 6dc along foundation chain, then 3dc into corner, work 6dc along final side of triangle, work a ss into final st. Fasten Off. Sew in place on front.

## Eyes (make 2):

Using Cream yarn, Work in the round to produce a spiral (as for front) until piece is required size. Fasten Off. Sew in place.

Using black DK yarn embroider pupils onto eyes using chain st.

# Base:

Work as for front using yarn (C) only, until 7cm diameter. Fasten Off.

## Wings (make 2):

Using yarn (B) work 9ch, miss 1ch, work 1dc into 3ch. \* Work 1htr into nxt ch, 1tr into nxt 2 ch, 1dtr into nxt 2 ch. \*\* 1ch, turn.

Work 1dc into next 8sts. 1ch, turn.

Working into sts of previous row, rep from \* once more, then rep from \* to \*\*. Do not turn. 1ch, \* work 5dc around dtr of previous round, ss into dc, Rep from \* twice more. Fasten Off.

#### Making Up:

With wrong sides facing inwards so that right sides are facing you, join the two main pieces together using dc and yarn (C) leaving a gap at the bottom to insert base circle. Stuff with toy stuffing and dried beans.

Join in base circle using dc around outside edge @ base of owl. Sew wings into place.