



Back to School Cutie Hootie Owl – Emma Varnam

Size: Approx 7cm tall

You will need: Oddments of DK yarn in Brown (Rico Cotton Essentials DK)
1x 3mm crochet hook
2 buttons
Some embroidery thread
1 x Tapestry Needle
Some beads or rice for weight.
Fibrefill or stuffing of choice

Abbreviations:

dc=double crochet (single crochet US)
tr = treble crochet (double crochet US)
st(s) = stitch(es)
R =round, rep = repeat
dc2tog=decrease 2 crochet
stitches together, ch st=chain stitch

Tips:

Work in continuous rounds, do not join or turn unless otherwise instructed. When you have completed R20, place a small circle of cardboard the same size as the base at the bottom of the owl and pour a few beads or grains of rice into the bottom of the toy, then start stuffing the body of the owl. This is so much easier than later when you have very few stitches.

PATTERN:

BODY

Using brown yarn and a 3mm hook make a magic adjustable ring.

R1: Work 6 dc into the ring and pull to tighten.

R2: 2 dc into each of dc around (12 sts)

R3: *dc 1, 2dc in next dc, rep from * 6 times (18 sts)

R4: *dc 2, 2dc in next dc, rep from * 6 times(24 sts)

R5: *dc 3, 2dc in next dc, rep from * 6 times (30 sts)

R6: Through back loops only dc 30 sts.
Place marker

R7 – 8: dc 30 sts.

R9: *dc 4, 2 dc in next dc, rep from * 6 times (36sts)

R 10 – 17: dc 36 sts.

R 18: *dc 4, dec 1, rep from * 6 times (30 sts)

R19 – Place wings: From marker dc 7 sts, sl st in next dc, ch 5 sts and dc into same st 5 rows below, creating a loop, dc 6 sts into ch space, (bringing you back up to the top of the toy) dc 14 sts, sl st in next dc, ch 5 sts and dc into same st 5 rows below, creating a loop, dc 6 sts into ch space, complete round by dc 7 sts.

R20: *dc 3, dec 1, rep from * 6 times (24 sts)

R 21-22: dc 24 sts.

R 23: *dc 3, 2dc in next dc, rep from * 6 times (30 sts)

R 24 – 25: dc 30sts. Keep a large loop at marker.

TO FINISH OFF

Sew two buttons for eyes onto the owl. Cut a small triangle of yellow felt for the beak and with co-ordinating thread sew onto the body.

Using a contrasting colour thread make embroidery chain feathers on the owl's tummy. Use the photo below as a guide. Fill the toy with stuffing.

EARS

R 26: dc 7 sts, pinch the top of the body together and work across front and back of owl. Ch 3 sts, tr into next 2 sts, 2 ch, ss into next st, ss 7 sts, 2 ch, tr into next 2 st, ch 2, ss into last st. Fasten off and weave in ends.

SECRET MESSAGE

Cut a small piece of paper 4cm x 4cm (1in x 1in) and write a little message to your loved one. Roll it up neatly and place it through one wing of your studious owl.