CROCHET PATTERN

Pocket Owl

Easy / No sewn pieces / US crochet terms

Crochet a squared-off owl with pointed top corners and embroidered eye rings, closing the top with a row of slip stitches.

This little owl starts with a round base and finishes like a tiny pillow. Flattening and crocheting the top edge makes its two ear points without separate parts.

Materials

Smooth #4 worsted yarn in the listed colors, a 3.5 mm starting hook, stitch marker, tapestry needle, scissors and fiberfill.

Colors

cinnamon, cream, espresso, ochre

How To Read This Pattern

Use US terms. Work continuous rounds unless directed otherwise. Mark the first stitch and move the marker each round. Sc means single crochet. Inc means 2 sc in one stitch. Dec means single crochet two stitches together. Work upwards from the base. Sl st means slip stitch. For the closure only, each sl st joins a front and back stitch. Keep filling below the seam so the middle of the top edge can dip.

Pillow Body And Eared Top / Make 1

	ROUND / STEP	INSTRUCTION	START	END
☐	**Round 1**	With cinnamon, work 6 sc into a magic ring. Pull the ring closed.	**0**	**6**
☐	**Round 2**	Inc in each stitch around.	**6**	**12**
☐	**Round 3**	Repeat (1 sc, inc) 6 times.	**12**	**18**
☐	**Round 4**	Repeat (2 sc, inc) 6 times.	**18**	**24**
☐	**Rounds 5-11**	Sc in each stitch around.	**24**	**24**

Pillow Body And Eared Top (continued)

	ROUND / STEP	INSTRUCTION	START	END
☐	**Top Closure**	Lightly stuff the belly. Flatten the opening with the working loop at the right corner. Starting at that corner, insert through the next front stitch and its opposite back stitch together. Sl st through both. Repeat across all 12 pairs.	**24**	**12**

Finish Fasten off and bury the end inside. Roll the seam between finger and thumb and push filling down out of the center of the top edge.

Assembly

1. Use the twelve stitches along the closure as a ruler. Below seam positions 4 and 9, embroider small cream diamond outlines centered on Round 9. Each outline spans two body stitches to either side and one round above and below its center.
2. Inside each diamond, embroider a single upright espresso stitch. Between the eyes, work two short ochre stitches into a downward V from Round 8 to Round 7.
3. For the breast feathers, use three short cream V shapes across Round 5. Leave the top corners empty and pinch each one lightly upward.

Checkpoint

Count 12 joined pairs across the crown. If there is an unpaired loop, reopen the closure and locate the first opposing pair before embroidering.