

6-12 month size Owl Hat



Finished hat will measure approximately 18 inches around and 7 inches in height.

Materials

Small amounts of worsted weight yarn in main color (top of hat), secondary color (bottom of hat and ear flaps), white, black and orange. I like to use cotton, but any worsted weight yarn would work.

H hook or size to obtain gauge

Tapestry needle to weave in ends and attach pieces

Gauge

3 hdc and 3 rows = 1 inch

Beginning with Main Color

1. Make a magic adjustable ring (see pictures below). Ch2 + 5 hdc in the ring. Join w/slip stitch to the top of ch2 and tighten to close hole (6 hdc)
 2. Ch 2 turn (counts as 1st hdc throughout), hdc in same stitch. 2 hdc in rem st around. Join with sl stitch in top of beg ch 3. (12 hdc)
 3. Ch 2 turn, hdc in same stitch, hdc in next stitch. (2 hdc in next st, 1 hdc in next st) 5 times. Join with sl stitch in top of beg ch 3. (18 hdc)
 4. Ch 2 turn, hdc in same stitch, hdc in next stitch. (2 hdc in next st, 1 hdc in next 2 st) 5 times. Join with sl stitch in top of beg ch 3. (24 hdc)
 5. Ch 2 turn, hdc in same stitch, hdc in next stitch. (2 hdc in next st, 1 hdc in next 3 st) 5 times. Join with sl stitch in top of beg ch 3. (30 hdc)
 6. Ch 2 turn, hdc in same stitch, hdc in next stitch. (2 hdc in next st, 1 hdc in next 4 st) 5 times. Join with sl stitch in top of beg ch 3. (36 hdc)
 7. Ch 2 turn, hdc in same stitch, hdc in next stitch. (2 hdc in next st, 1 hdc in next 5 st) 5 times. Join with sl stitch in top of beg ch 3. (42 hdc)
 8. Ch 2 turn, hdc in same stitch, hdc in next stitch. (2 hdc in next st, 1 hdc in next 6 st) 5 times. Join with sl stitch in top of beg ch 3. (48 hdc)
 9. Ch 2 turn, hdc in same stitch, hdc in next stitch. (2 hdc in next st, 1 hdc in next 7 st) 5 times. Join with sl stitch in top of beg ch 3. (54 hdc)
 10. Ch 2 turn, hdc in each stitch around. (54 hdc)
- Repeat row 10 until hat measures 5 inches from top. Switch to secondary color and continue repeating row 10 for another 2 inches. Fasten off.

**** It's really easy to size this hat up by continuing the increases in pattern until you reach the desired size. Then add length as needed****

Ear flaps

Still working in secondary color

1. Count over 8 stitches to the left of the back seam, join with slip stitch. Ch1, hdc in same stitch and next 9 stitches. (10 hdc)
2. Ch1 turn, hdc in same stitch and next 9 stitches (10 hdc)
3. Repeat row 2
4. Ch1 turn, hdc dec in first 2 stitches, hdc in next 4 stitches, hdc dec in last 2 stitches (8 hdc)
5. Ch1 turn, hdc dec in first 2 stitches, hdc in next 4 stitches, hdc dec in last 2 stitches (6 stitches)
6. Ch1 turn, hdc dec in first 2 stitches, hdc in next 2 stitches, hdc dec in last 2 stitches (4 stitches)
7. Ch1 turn, hdc dec in first 2 stitches, hdc dec in last 2 stitches, finish off (2 hdc)

Count over 18 from back seam on other side. Join yarn and repeat steps for first ear flap.

Eyes (make 2)

1. With black yarn make 8 sc in a magic adjustable ring, join with slip stitch and finish off.
2. Join white yarn, make 2 sc in each stitch around, Join with sl st. (16 sc)
3. ch2, turn, hdc in same stitch as turning chain, hdc in next stitch, (2 hdc in next stitch, 1 hdc in next stitch), repeat around. Join with sl st and fasten off leaving a long tail. (24 hdc)

Beak

1. With orange yarn, chain 2, turn
2. Make 2 sc in 2nd chain from hook.
3. ch1, turn. 2 sc in each sc (4 sc)
4. ch1, turn. 2 sc in first sc, 1 sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in last sc (6 sc)
5. ch 1, turn. Sc in each stitch across. Fasten off leaving a long tail (6 sc)

Owl Ears (make 2)

1. Using main color, chain 14, leaving a long tail of yarn to use when sewing on the ears. Join with slip stitch.
2. ch1, turn, sc in each chain across. Join with slip stitch to beginning of round. (14 sc)
3. repeat row 2.
4. ch1, turn, *sc dec in first 2 stitches, sc in next 3 sc, sc dec in next 2 stitches. Repeat from * once. Join with slip stitch to beginning of round.(10 sc)
5. ch1, turn, *sc dec in first 2 stitches, sc in next sc, sc dec in next 2 stitches. Repeat from * once. Join with slip stitch to beginning of round(6 sc)
6. ch1, turn, scdec around. Join with slip stitch to beginning of round. Fasten off and weave in this end. (3 sc).

Cut 3 tassels of main color and 3 tassels of second color, about 3 inches long each. Fold in half and pull through tip of the ear using a crochet hook. Slide the loops over the loose ends, then pull to secure (see picture).

To assemble:

I find it easiest to sew the beak on first centering it on the front of the hat, then the eyes. For the ears, fold the hat in half so that you can place them evenly along the sides. Braided tassels are made by cutting 4-6 pieces of yarn in each color, measuring twice as long as you'd like the final tassel to be. Thread through the earflaps and secure with a slip knot, then braid (see picture).

Magic adjustable ring

A number of tutorials can be found online, but here's how I do it. I had to take the pictures one-handed so I hope they're clear enough.

Create a loop. The working yarn is on top and the loose end is on the bottom



Insert hook and pull up working yarn



Make a slip knot then chain 2. Continue working in the loop and over the loose end of the yarn. Tighten by pulling the loose end of the yarn that's hanging loose.



How to thread the tassels for the owl ears and ear flaps

Insert hook from back to front



Fold strands of yarn in half and use hook to pull through, creating a big loop



Pull loose ends of yarn through the loop and tighten by pulling loose ends. Braid for the ear flaps and leave loose for the owl ears. Trim ends to even them up.

