

This Easy Crochet Owl Basket Is the Perfect Project for Beginners

This crochet owl basket makes the perfect organizer for your desk essentials or an adorable DIY gift.

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You'll only need to learn a [few basic crochet stitches](#) to create this handmade basket from [Knit and Crochet Ever After](#) designer Deja Joy. Looking for a reason to take up a new hobby? Aside from the warm, fuzzy feeling you get when you create something, research shows [crocheting can help improve your concentration, memory, and stress levels](#). This simple owl basket is a great beginner's project. To create your own, you'll need to work up the basket in rounds of half double crochet, then crochet each eye piece, and sew the pieces to the body. Embroider the beak between the eyes using yarn and a tapestry needle. Once complete, this easy-to-craft decoration adds a cheerful touch to any space.

How to Make a Crochet Owl Basket

Supplies Needed

- Two 5-ounce skeins worsted weight yarn: gray (such as [Red Heart Super Saver in Grey Heather](#), \$3.44, Walmart)
- Size J crochet hook
- Blunt-end yarn needle

Gauge:

- 6 rows and 8 hdc = 3"

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Step-by-Step Directions

Follow our simple how-to instructions to crochet the basket. The finished owl basket will be about eight inches tall. Check out our helpful guide to common crochet abbreviations.

Step 1: Crochet the Basket

The basket is worked in a spiral, so joining rounds is not necessary. Mark beginning of each round.

Rnd 1: With 2 strands of yarn held together, chain or ch 3 (2 chs counts as half double crochet or hdc), hdc 7 times in beg ch (8 hdc).

Rnd 2: Hdc-inc in each stitches or st (16 hdc).

Rnd 3: *Hdc-inc, hdc in next st; rep from * 7 more times (24 hdc).

Rnd 4: *Hdc-inc, hdc in next 2 sts; rep from * 7 more times (32 hdc).

Rnd 5: *Hdc-inc, hdc in next 3 sts; rep from * 7 more times (40 hdc).

Rnd 6: *Hdc-inc, hdc in next 4 sts; rep from * 7 more times (48 hdc).

Rnd 7: *Hdc-inc, hdc in next 5 sts; rep from * 7 more times (56 hdc).

Rnd 8: * Hdc-inc, hdc in next 6 sts; rep from * 7 more times (64 hdc).

Rnds 9-17: Hdc in each st around (64 hdc).

Rnd 18: *Hdc-dec, hdc in next 6 sts; rep from * 7 more times (56 hdc).

Rnd 19: *Hdc-dec, hdc in next 5 sts; rep from * 7 more times (48 hdc).

Rnd 20: *Hdc-inc, hdc in next 5 sts; rep from * 7 more times (56 hdc).

Rnds 21-26: Hdc in each st around (56 hdc).

Single crochet or Sc in next st, slip stitch or sl st in next st to finish off. Fasten off, and weave in ends.

Buy It: [Jumbo Plastic Crochet Hook, \\$3.19, Michaels](#)

Step 2: Make the Eyes

Each eye is worked in a spiral, so joining rounds is not necessary. Mark the beginning of each round.

First Eye

Rnd 1: With 2 strands of yarn held together, ch 2 sc 6 times in beg ch (6 sc).

Rnd 2: *Sc 2 times in each st; rep from * 5 more times (12 sc).

Rnd 3: *Double crochet or dc 2 times in each st; rep from * 11 more times (24 sc).

Rnd 4: *Dc 2 times in next st, dc; rep from * 5 more times, treble crochet or tr, dtr, picot; fasten off.

Second Eye

Rnds 1-3: Rep First Eye instructions.

End 4: Picot, dtr, tr, *dc, dc 2 times in next st; rep from * 5 more times, hdc, sc, sl st to finish off eye; fasten off and weave in ends.

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Step 3: Add Eyes to Basket

Position the right eye on the basket at the point of the last st. Using two strands of yarn and a tapestry needle, tack down the center of the eye; using the center hole as a guide, bring the needle up through the center and then back down in the first round of stitches. Continue until the center is secure.

Using two strands of yarn and the outside stitches of the eye, tack down the eye securely, leaving the picot stitches unsewn. Weave in all ends. Repeat with the left eye.

Buy It: [Large-Eye Blunt End Needles-6/Pkg, \\$6.49, Joann](#)

Step 4: Add the Beak

Using two strands of yarn and long straight stitches, embroider a beak between the bottoms of the eyes. Once you've mastered the technique, you can modify the basket to make it as big or tall as you desire by adding or subtracting stitches. The finished design makes a [heartfelt DIY gift](#) or keep it for yourself and use it to stash office accessories or crafts supplies.

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