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EASY

crochet

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Super Saver®:
2 skeins 334 Buff **A** and 1 skein each 316 Soft White **B** and 336 Warm Brown **C**

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook:
6mm [J-10 US]

Yarn needle, stitch marker

GAUGE: 10 sts = 4" (10 cm) in pattern; 7 rows = 4" (10 cm). **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

Buy Yarn

4 MEDIUM RED HEART® Super Saver®, Art. E300 available in solid color 7 oz (198 g), 364 yd (333 m); multicolor, heather and print 5 oz (141 g), 244 yd (223 m), flecks 5 oz (141 g), 260 yds (238 m) skeins

It's a Hoot Owl Container

Here's a perfectly wise idea for keeping clutter under control! Crochet this wonderful owl container in neutral shades as shown, or in colors you'd like for your room.

Container measures 10" tall x 10" diameter, across bottom (25.5 cm x 25.5 cm)

Special Stitches

Bpdc (back post double crochet) = Yarn over, insert hook from back side of work to front and to back again around the post of indicated stitch; yarn over and pull up a loop (3 loops on hook), yarn over and draw through 2 loops (2 loops on hook), yarn over and draw through 2 loops (1 loop on hook). Skip the stitch "in front of" the Bpdc.

Fpdc (Front post double crochet) = Yarn over, insert hook from front side of work to back and to front again around post of indicated stitch; yarn over and pull up a loop (3 loops on hook), yarn over and draw through 2 loops (2 loops on hook), yarn over and draw through 2 loops (1 loop on hook).

Notes

1. Container is worked from bottom up in joined rounds with right side facing at all times.
2. Owl face is made from outer and inner eyes worked in joined rounds and eyeballs and beak worked in continuous (spiral) rounds.
3. Hold 2 strands together for container; owl features are each made with single strand.

CONTAINER

With 2 strands of **A** held together, ch 4; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.
Round 1 (right side): Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), 11 dc in ring; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—12 dc.
Round 2: Ch 3, dc in same st as join, 2 dc in each dc around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—24 dc.
Round 3: Ch 3, 2 dc in next dc, *dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—36 dc.
Round 4: Ch 3, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc, *dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—48 dc.
Round 5: Ch 3, dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc, *dc in next 3 dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—60 dc.
Round 6: Ch 3, dc in next 3 dc, 2 dc in next dc, *dc in next 4 dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—72 dc.
Round 7: Ch 1, working in front loops only, sc in same st as join and in each dc around; join with slip st in first sc.
Round 8: Ch 1, working in back loops only of Round 6, sc in each sc around; join with slip st in first sc.
Round 9: Ch 3, dc in each sc around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch.
Round 10: Ch3, Bpdc around next 2 dc, Fpdc around next 3 dc, *Bpdc around next 3 dc, Fpdc around next 3 dc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch.
Round 11: Ch 3 , Fpdc around next 2 dc, Bpdc around next 3 dc, *Fpdc around next 3 dc, Bpdc around next 3 dc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch.
Rounds 12–23: Repeat Rounds 10 and 11 six times.
Round 24: Repeat Round 10.
Round 25: Ch 1, sc in same st as join and in each dc around; join with slip st in first sc. Do not fasten off.

Handles (make 2)

Row 1: *Ch 12, skip next 5 sc, taking care not to twist ch, slip st in next sc, ch 2, skip next sc, slip st in next sc, turn, skip first 2 ch, dc in next 12 ch, skip next sc, slip st in next sc. Fasten off. Skip next 28 sc; join **A** with slip st in next sc; repeat from * once.

OWL FACE

Outer Eye (Make 2)

With **B**, ch 4; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

Work same as Rounds 1 and 2 of container.

Round 3: Ch 3, Fpdc around same st as join, *dc in next dc, Fpdc around same dc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—48 sts. Fasten off.

Inner Eye Ruffle (Make 2)

With **B**, ch 8; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 (right side): Ch 1, 18 sc in ring; join with slip st in first sc—18 sc.

Round 2: *3 sc in next sc, slip st in next sc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

Eyeball (make 2)

With **C**, ch 2.

Round 1 (right side): Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook—6 sc.

Round 2: Sc in each sc around; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off, leaving tail for sewing.

Beak

With **C**, ch 2.

Round 1 (right side): Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook—6 sc. Place marker on last st and move up as each round is complete.

Rounds 2 and 3: Sc in each sc around.

Round 4: *Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around—9 sc.

Round 5: *Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around—12 sc.

Round 6: Sc in each sc around.

Round 7: *Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around—15 sc.

Round 8: Sc in each sc around; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Sew eyeball to center of inner eye ruffle; sew inner eye ruffle to outer eye. Using photograph as a guide, center eyes between handles, 2 to 3 rows below top edge, and sew in place. With wider edge at top, center beak between eyes and sew in place.

Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, **B**, **C** = Color A, Color B, Color C, etc.; **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; ***** = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.