# Crochet Owl Hat



By popular demand, I am happy to present the crochet pattern for larger owl hats! But first, lets go over a couple of frequently asked questions.
Q: What is a Magic Ring?
A: I like to start all my hats with a magic ring. The magic ring can take some getting used to, but once you get the hang of it, it really is a great way to start crocheting in rounds. HERE is wonderful explanation on how to make a magic ring by my friend Kara from Petals to Picots. She gives you pictures and a video tutorial!

Q: Where do I start my rounds?
A: Always start your round in the same stitch as your chain 2. This will help hide the seam.
I will let this picture do the explaining.

Q: Where do I join my rounds?
A: Always join to first DC, NOT your chain 2. This will also help hide the seam.

Now for the long awaited patterns!

**Supplies:**

- Vanna's Choice® Lion Brand medium worsted weight yarn (I use Barley and an accent color such as pink, green, purple, turquoise)
- Crochet hook size H-8 (5.0 mm)
- Tapestry needle for weaving in ends
- Two 3/4" black button for eyes

**Abbreviations:**

ch - chain
sl st- slip stitch
SC - Single Crochet
DC - Double Crochet
HDC - Half Double Crochet
HDC Decrease - Half Double Crochet Decrease
TC - Triple Crochet

**Gauge:**
4" across = 14 double crochet stitches
4" height = 8 rows of double crochets

**Size: Newborn is available HERE**

Note: I have simplified this pattern since writing the newborn size so you may notice the larger sizes start differently and have a different stitch count but in the end they will look the same.

**Size: 3-6 Months**
Magic Ring, Chain 2, 9 DC in magic ring, join to first DC, ch 2
Round 2: 2 DC in each around, join to first DC, ch 2 (18 DC)
Round 3: 2 DC, DC in next, repeat around, join, ch 2 (27 DC)
Round 4: 2 DC, DC in next 2, repeat around, join, ch 2 (36 DC)
Round 5: 2 DC, DC in next 3, repeat around, join, ch 2 (45 DC)
Round 6: DC around (45 DC)
Change color, join and ch 2
Round 7-10: DC around (45 DC)
do not fasten off, begin on first earflap as written below for this size

**Size: 6-12 Months:**
Magic Ring, Chain 2, 9 DC in magic ring, join to first DC, ch 2
Round 2: 2 DC in each around, join to first DC, ch 2 (18 DC)
Round 3: 2 DC, DC in next, repeat around, join, ch 2 (27 DC)
Round 4: 2 DC, DC in next 2, repeat around, join, ch 2 (36 DC)
Round 5: 2 DC, DC in next 3, repeat around, join, ch 2 (45 DC)
Round 6: 2 DC, DC in next 8, repeat around, join, ch 2 (50 DC)
Round 7: DC around (50 DC)
Change Color, join and ch 2
Round 8-11: DC around (50 DC)
do not fasten off, begin on first earflap as written below for this size

**Size: Toddler/Preschooler**
Magic Ring, Chain 2, 9 DC in magic ring, join to first DC, ch 2
Round 2: 2 DC in each around, join to first DC, ch 2 (18 DC)
Round 3: 2 DC, DC in next, repeat around, join, ch 2 (27 DC)
Round 4: 2 DC, DC in next 2, repeat around, join, ch 2 (36 DC)
Round 5: 2 DC, DC in next 3, repeat around, join, ch 2 (45 DC)
Round 6: 2 DC, DC in next 4, repeat around, join, ch 2 (54 DC)
Round 7: DC around (54 DC)
Change color, join and ch 2

Round 8-12: DC around (54 DC) do not fasten off, begin on first earflap as written below for this size

**Size: Child**
Magic Ring, Chain 2, 9 DC in magic ring, join to first DC, ch 2
Round 2: 2 DC in each around, join to first DC, ch 2 (18 DC)
Round 3: 2 DC in first stitch, DC in next, repeat around, join, ch 2 (27 DC)
Round 4: 2 DC in first stitch, DC in next 2, repeat around, join, ch 2 (36 DC)
Round 5: 2 DC in first stitch, DC in next 3, repeat around, join, ch 2 (45 DC)
Round 6: 2 DC in first stitch, DC in next 4, repeat around, join, ch 2 (54 DC)
Round 7: DC around (54 DC)
Round 8: 2 DC in first stitch, DC in next 8, repeat around (60 DC)
Change color, join and ch 2
Round 9-13: DC around (60 DC)
do not fasten off, begin on first earflap as written below for this size

**Size: Teen/Adult**
Magic Ring, Chain 2, 9 DC in magic ring, join to first DC, ch 2
Round 2: 2 DC in each around, join to first DC, ch 2 (18 DC)
Round 3: 2 DC in first stitch, DC in next, repeat around, join, ch 2 (27 DC)
Round 4: 2 DC in first stitch, DC in next 2, repeat around, join, ch 2 (36 DC)
Round 5: 2 DC in first stitch, DC in next 3, repeat around, join, ch 2 (45 DC)
Round 6: 2 DC in first stitch, DC in next 4, repeat around, join, ch 2 (54 DC)
Round 7: DC around (54 DC)
Round 8: 2 Dc in first stitch, DC in next 8, repeat around, join, ch 2 (60 DC)
Round 9: 2 DC, DC in next 29, repeat around (62 DC)
Change color, join and ch 2
Round 10-14: DC around (62 DC)
do not fasten off, begin on first earflap

**Size: Large Adult**
Magic Ring, Chain 2, 9 DC in magic ring, join to first DC, ch 2
Round 2: 2 DC in each around, join to first DC, ch 2 (18 DC)
Round 3: 2 DC in first stitch, DC in next, repeat around, join, ch 2 (27 DC)
Round 4: 2 DC in first stitch, DC in next 2, repeat around, join, ch 2 (36 DC)
Round 5: 2 DC in first stitch, DC in next 3, repeat around, join, ch 2 (45 DC)
Round 6: 2 DC in first stitch, DC in next 4, repeat around, join, ch 2 (54 DC)
Round 7: DC around (54 DC)
Round 8: 2 Dc in first stitch, DC in next 8, repeat around, join, ch 2 (60 DC)
Round 9: 2 DC, DC in next 9, repeat around (66 DC)
Change color, join and ch 2
Round 10-15: DC around (66 DC)
do not fasten off, begin on first earflap

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**Earflaps for 3-6 month, 6-12 month, Toddler/Preschooler:**
Earflap 1:
Row 1: Chain 2, HDC 10, chain 2, turn
Row 2: HDC decrease, HDC in next 6, HDC decrease chain 2, turn
Row 3: HDC across, chain 2, turn (8 HDC)
Row 4: HDC decrease, HDC in next 4, HDC decrease, chain 2, turn

Row 5: HDC across, chain 2, turn (6 HDC)
Row 6: HDC decrease, HDC in next 2, HDC decrease, chain 2, turn
Row 7: 2 HDC decreases, chain 2, turn
Row 8: HDC decrease, fasten off leaving long tail.

Earflap 2:
Leaving 15 stitches along the front for 3-6 month, 18 stitches along the front for 6-12 month, and 20 stitches along the front for Toddler/Preschooler ...
Row 1: Chain 2, HDC 10, chain 2, turn
Row 2: HDC decrease, HDC in next 6, HDC decrease, chain 2, turn
Row 3: HDC across, chain 2, turn (8 HDC)
Row 4: HDC decrease, HDC in next 4, HDC decrease, chain 2, turn
Row 5: HDC across, chain 2, turn (6 HDC)
Row 6: HDC decrease, HDC in next 2, HDC decrease, chain 2, turn
Row 7: 2 HDC decreases, chain 2, turn
Row 8: HDC decrease, chain 1, turn
Continue to SC around the entire hat. Join to first SC and fasten off, leaving long tail.

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**Earflaps for Child and Teen/Adult:**

Earflap 1:
Row 1: Chain 2, HDC 12, chain 2, turn
Row 2: HDC decrease, HDC in next 8, HDC decrease, chain 2, turn
Row 3: HDC across, chain 2, turn (10 HDC)
Row 4: HDC decrease, HDC in next 6, HDC decrease, chain 2, turn
Row 5: HDC across, chain 2, turn (8 HDC)
Row 6: HDC decrease, HDC in next 4, HDC decrease, chain 2, turn
Row 7: HDC across, chain 2, turn (6 HDC)
Row 8: HDC decrease, HDC in next 2, HDC decrease, chain 2, turn
Row 9: 2 HDC decreases, chain 2, turn
Row 10: HDC decrease, fasten off leaving long tail.

Earflap 2:
Leaving 23 stitches along the front for child size hat, 25 stitches along the front for adult size hat...
Row 1: Chain 2, HDC 12, chain 2, turn
Row 2: HDC decrease, HDC in next 8, HDC decrease, chain 2, turn
Row 3: HDC across, chain 2, turn (10 HDC)
Row 4: HDC decrease, HDC in next 6, HDC decrease, chain 2, turn
Row 5: HDC across, chain 2, turn (8 HDC)
Row 6: HDC decrease, HDC in next 4, HDC decrease, chain 2, turn
Row 7: HDC across, chain 2, turn (6 HDC)
Row 8: HDC decrease, HDC in next 2, HDC decrease, chain 2, turn
Row 9: 2 HDC decreases, chain 2, turn
Row 10: HDC decrease, chain 1, turn
Continue to SC around the entire hat. Join to first SC and fasten off, leaving long tail.
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Eyes (Make 2):
In first color (this is your accent color):
Magic Ring, Chain 2

Round 1: 10 DC in magic ring, Change color to white before joining to first DC, chain 2 (10)
Round 2: 2 DC in same stitch and in each stitch around, join, chain 1 (20)
Round 3: SC in same stitch, 2 SC in next, *SC, 2 SC in next, repeat from * around, join to first sc, fasten off leaving long tail to sew on (30) After sewing crocheted eyes on, sew 3/4" black button in the center for the eyeballs
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Nose:
Small nose:
Chain 5
Slip stitch in 2nd chain from hook, SC, HDC, DC, fasten off leaving long tail to sew on
Medium nose:
Chain 6
Slip stitch in 2nd chain from hook, SC, HDC, DC, DC, fasten off leaving long tail to sew on
Large nose:
Chain 7
Slip stitch in 2nd chain from hook, SC, HDC, DC, DC, TC fasten off leaving long tail to sew on
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Ears:
Cut two strands of 12 inch long pieces of yarn in each color (6 strands total).
Loop through 2 DC's in the crease of the 3rd round.
Knot and trim to approx 1"

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Braided Tails:
Cut three 1 yard strands of each color (9 strands total).
Pass through last space in earflap. You should now have 18 strands to braid with.
Make knot and braid approx 5.5 inches long, knot, trim ends.
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