

## Alden the Owl

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Welcome Alden the Owl of Apricot Lane Amigurumi into your home with our advanced beginner-friendly crochet pattern! Our detailed instructions and helpful tips provide everything you need to create your own unique Alden. With various sizes, colors, and stitch details to choose from, you can customize him to fit into any room or project. From working through each stitch with precision to delighting in the satisfaction of a completed amigurumi masterpiece, our pattern provides a fun and rewarding experience for both experienced crocheters and beginners alike. Bring the wise expression and playful charm of Alden the Owl into your home

### **GENERAL INFO**

### **Tiny Yarn**

### WeCrochet, <u>Brava Sport</u>

(100% acrylic, 340 yds / 311 m, 3.5 oz/

100 g, CYCA# 2 sport)

Color A: #28406 Umber Heather, 20 g

Color **B**: #28368 Brindle, 15 g Color **C**: #28377 Cream, 5 g

Color D: #28370 Caution, small amt

Color E: #28366 Black, small amt

### **Small Stuffie Yarn**

#### WeCrochet, Brava Worsted Mini Ball

(100% acrylic, 54 yds / 49 m, 0.9 oz/

25 g, CYCA# 4 worsted)

Color **A**: #28449 Sienna, 20 g

Color **B**: #28410 Almond, 15 g

Color **C**: #28424 Cream, 5 g

Color **D**: #28417 Caution, small amt

Color **E**: #28413 Black, small amt

### Hook

Size D/3 [3.25 mm], G/6 [4.0 mm], N/ [9.0 mm] or size needed to obtain gauge

### **Finished Measurements**

**Owl** is 5.25 (6.5, 13.25)" [13.5, 16.5, 33.5 cm] in body circumference by 3.25 (4, 8)" [8.5, 10, 20.5 cm] tall.



### Large Stuffie Yarn

#### Bernat, Blanket

(100% polyester, 220 yds / 201 m, 10.5 oz/ 300 g, CYCA# 6 super bulky)
Color **A**: #10044 Dark Gray, 100 g

Color **B**: #38001 Ivory Tweed, 50 g

Color **C**: #10986 Birch, small amount Color D: #10963 Red Rust, small amt Color **E**: #10040 Coal Black, small amt

### Gauge

<u>Tiny Version:</u> 18 sc x 18 rounds = 4" [10 cm] x 4" [10 cm].

<u>Small Stuffie Version:</u> 15 sc x 16 rounds = 4" [10 cm] x 4" [10 cm].

<u>Large Stuffie Version:</u> 7 sc x 8 rounds = 4" [10 cm] x 4" [10 cm].

### **Notions**

- Stitch markers
- Tapestry needle
- Polyester Fiberfill
- (2) safety animal eyes (optional)

### **ABBREVIATIONS**

CH - CHAIN(S)

**DC**- DOUBLE CROCHET

**HDC** - HALF DOUBLE CROCHET

**PM** - PLACE MARKER

**RS** - RIGHT SIDE

**SC** - SINGLE CROCHET

**SL ST** - SLIP STITCH

SP(S) - SPACE(S)

ST(S) - STITCH(ES)

**WS** - WRONG SIDE

### **SPECIAL STITCHES**

- \* Single Crochet 2 Together (sc2tog): \*Insert hook into indicated stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop; repeat from \* in next stitch indicated, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook. (1 decrease)
- \* Single Crochet 2 Together Spike (sc2tog spike): Insert hook into previous stitch 1 row below, yarn over and pull up a long loop, skip next stitch, insert hook into following stitch 1 row below, yarn over and pull up a long loop, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.
- \* **Double Magic loop or Double Adjustable Ring:** Wrap yarn around your fingers twice, pull up a loop through the ring created, chain 1. Follow directions for number of stitches for round 1. Pull on yarn end to determine which strand will be closed with yarn end. Pull on that strand to close 2nd strand of ring. Pull on yarn end to close first strand of ring.
- \* Double Crochet 2 Together (dc2tog): \*Yarn over hook, insert hook into indicated stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook; repeat from \* in next stitch indicated, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook. (1 decrease)

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### **STEP-BY-STEP**



### **VIDEO TUTORIALS**

Tip Crocheting Head



Tip Stuffing Head







### **NOTES**

# APRICOT LANE

- ★ Owl is worked in pieces and seamed together. Details are added last.
- \* Body parts are worked in continuous spiral rounds that are not joined at the end of the round.
- \* Body parts start with a double adjustable ring. You can substitute a chain 2 and sc in the 2nd chain if you wish for the double adjustable ring.
- Use a stitch marker to mark the first stitch of each new round throughout the project.
- Use the smallest gauge and hook plus sport weight yarn for the tiny version. Use the middle gauge and hook plus worsted weight yarn for the small stuffie version. Use the largest gauge and hook plus super bulky yarn for the larger stuffie version.
- If using safety eyes, make head and crocheted eyes first. Seam crocheted eyes to head.
   Then add safety eyes to the owl before you stuff the head.

### **PATTERN**

#### **HEAD**

Note: Head is worked from the top of the head at the increasing rounds through the bottom of the head while decreasing.

With **A**, make a double adjustable ring.

Round 1 (RS): 6 sc in ring, pull ring closed, do not turn--6 sc.

**Round 2:** 2 sc in each sc around, do not turn-- 12 sc.

**Round 3: \***Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from \* around, do not turn-- 18 sc.

**Round 4:** \*2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc; repeat from \* around, do not turn-- 24 sc

**Round 5:** Sc in each sc around, do not turn.

**Round 6:** \*Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from \* around, do not turn-- 30 sc

**Rounds 7-11:** Sc in each st around, do not turn.

**Round 12:** \*Sc2tog in front loops only over next 2 sc, sc in next 3 sc; repeat from \* around, do not turn- 24 sc.

**Round 13:** \*Sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog in front loops only over next 2 sc; repeat from \* around, do not turn-18 sc.

**Round 14:** \*Sc2tog in front loops only over next 2 sc, sc in next sc; repeat from \* around, sl st to first sc, fasten off leave long tail for seaming—12 sc.

Stuff head with fiberfill.



### **BODY**

Note: Body is worked from the bottom at the increasing rounds through the top of the body while decreasing.

With **B**, make a double adjustable ring.

Round 1 (RS): 6 sc in ring, pull ring closed, do not turn--6 sc.

**Round 2:** 2 sc in each sc around, do not turn-- 12 sc.

**Round 3: \***Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from \* around, do not turn-- 18 sc.

**Round 4:** \*2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc; repeat from \* around, do not turn-- 24 sc

**Round 5:** \*Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from \* around, do not turn-- 30 sc.

**Round 6:** Sc in each sc around, do not turn.

Round 7: Sc in next 9 sc, [change color to **C**, sc2tog spike over prev sc (skip next sc) and next sc into 1 row below, change color to **B**, sc in next sc] 6 times, sc in each remaining sc around, do not turn.

**Round 8:** Sc in each sc around, do not turn.



Round 9: Sc in next 10 sc, [change color to **C**, sc2tog spike over prev sc (skip next sc) and next sc into 1 row below, change color to **B**, sc in next sc] 5 times, sc in each remaining sc around, do not turn.

Round 10: Sc in next 4 sc, \*sc2tog in front loop only over next 2 sc, sc in next 8 sc; repeat from \* around to last 6 sc, sc2tog in front loop only over next 2 sc, sc in last 4 sc, do not turn— 27 sc.

Round 11: Sc2tog in front loops only over next 2 sc, sc in next 6 sc, sc2tog in front loops only over next 2 sc, [change color to **C**, sc2tog spike over prev sc (skip next sc) and next sc into 1 row below, change color to **B**, sc in next sc] 4 times, sc2tog in front loops only over next 2 sc, sc in each remaining sc around, do not turn—24 sc.

Round 12: Sc in next 3 sc, \*sc2tog in front loop only over next 2 sc, sc in next 6 sc; repeat from \* around to last 5 sc, sc2tog in front loop only over next 2 sc, sc in last 3 sc, do not turn—21 sc.

Round 13: Sc2tog in front loops only over next 2 sc, sc in next 4 sc, sc2tog in front loops only over next 2 sc, [change color to **C**, sc2tog spike over prev sc (skip next sc) and next sc into 1 row below, change color to **B**, sc in next sc] 3 times, sc2tog in front loops only over next 2 sc, sc in each remaining sc around, do not turn—18 sc.

Round 14: Sc in next 2 sc, \*sc2tog in front loop only over next 2 sc, sc in next 4 sc; repeat from \* around to last 4 sc, sc2tog in front loop only over next 2 sc, sc in last 3 sc, do not turn—15 sc.

**Round 15:** \*Sc2tog in front loop only over next 2 sc, sc in next 3 sc; repeat from \* around, sl st to first sc, fasten off leave long tail for seaming—12 sc.

Stuff body with fiberfill. Weave tail through sts of last round, pull snug to make hole smaller.

Sew head to body working though last round of head and Round 14 of body. Seam a second time to make it more sturdy. Using color **D**, satin stitch feet to body around Round 5.



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#### WINGS

Make 2

With A, ch 7.

Row 1 (RS): (Stacked dc, dc) in first ch, [dc in next 2 ch, 2 dc in next ch] twice, turn--10 dc.

Row 2: (Stacked dc, dc) in first dc, [dc in next 3 dc, 2 dc in next dc] twice, dc in last dc, turn – 13 dc.

**Row 3:** Stacked dc in first dc, dc in each dc across, turn.

Row 4: Sc in first dc, dc in each dc across to last 2 dc, dc2tog over last 2 dc, turn. –11 dc.

Round 5: Ch 1, skip first dc, sc in next dc, hdc in next dc, dc in next 5 dc, hdc in next dc, sc in next dc, (sl st, sc) in last dc, turn work 90 degrees to work on row ends, sc evenly across row ends to foundation ch, turn work 90 degrees, (sc, sl st) in first ch, sl st in each ch across to last ch, (sl st, sc) in last ch, turn work 90 degrees to work on row ends, sc evenly across row ends to first st, sl st in first ch, fasten off. Weave in ends.

With color **A**, seam top of wing (foundation ch) to neck, overlapping wings at the back.



#### **TAIL FEATHER**

With A, ch 5.

Row 1 (WS): Stacked dc in first ch, dc in next ch, 3 dc in next ch, dc in next 2 ch, turn--7 dc.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in next 3 dc, 2 sc in next dc, sc in last 3 dc, turn - 8 sc.

**Row 3:** Stacked dc in first sc, dc in next 2 sc, 2 dc in next 2 sc, dc in last 3 sc, turn - 10 dc.

**Row 4:** Ch 1, sc in next 5 dc, sc in space between prev and next dc, sc in last 5 dc, change color to **B**, turn. –11 dc.

**Row 5:** Sc in first sc, dc in next 4 sc, 2 dc in next sc, dc in next 3 sc, dc2tog over last 2 sc, turn.

Round 6: SI st in first dc, sc in next 4 dc, sc in space between prev and next dc, sc in next 4 dc, sl st in next dc, turn work 90 degrees to crochet over row ends, sc twice over row ends, change color to A, sc 4 times over row ends, turn work 90 degrees to crochet in foundation chain, 3 sc in first ch, sc in next ch, skip next ch, sc in next ch, 3 sc in last ch, turn work 90 degrees to crochet over row ends, sc 4 times over row ends, change color to **B**, sc twice over row ends, sl st to first st, fasten off. Weave in ends.

With color **A**, seam top of tail feather (*foundation ch*) to back of bird, under the wings.





#### **EARS**

#### Make 2

With **A**, make a double adjustable ring.

Round 1 (RS): 4 sc in ring, pull ring closed, do not turn--4 sc.

Round 2: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc] twice, do not turn - 6 sc.

**Round 3:** [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc] twice, sl st to first sc, fasten off with long tail for seaming—8 sc.

#### **BEAK**

With **D**, make a double adjustable ring.

Round 1 (RS): 4 sc in ring, pull ring closed, do not turn--4 sc.

Round 2: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc] twice, do not turn - 6 sc.

**Round 3:** Sc in each sc around, sl st to first sc, fasten off, leave long tail for seaming.



#### **EYES**

#### Make 2

With **C**, make a double adjustable ring.

Round 1 (RS): 6 sc in ring, pull ring closed, do not turn--6 sc.

Round 2: 2 sc in each sc around, change color to **B**, do not turn – 12 sc.

**Round 3:** SI st in next st, [sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 4 times, sI st to first sc, fasten off with long tail for seaming – 16 sc.

#### **FINISHING**

Seam eyes to head working around Round 2 with tail. Using color **E**, satin stitch pupils in the eyes using photo as a guide.
Seam beak to head nested between eyes. Using tails, seam ears to head. Cut (3) 3" [7.5 cm] strands of Color **B**. Insert hook at top of ear, fold strands over hook. Pull halfway through the ear to form a loop. Tuck ends through the loop. Trim ends as desired. Repeat on the opposite ear.