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Instant Crochetification: owlets

Owls are nocturnal and solitary creatures. However, these owls like to hang out together. The biggest owl has a wing span of over 2 meters and they can turn their heads 135 degrees, each way. These owls, though, just like to be hugged.

You will need:
• < 25g of scraps of wool, in at least two colours.
• 17mm colour safety eyes (x 2).
• A lovely 3.5mm crochet hook, a little stuffing and a needle and thread.
• 1 hour!

These owls can be adapted to any size by using the super simple ratio, they are worked in single crochet.

Base: Make a crochet circle the size of the base you would like. Mine was 4.5 cm in diameter. I do this by feel but there is a great tutorial here: http://crochet.about.com/library/weekly/aa091104.htm

Body: Continue crocheting in the round, without increasing, so you make a type of bucket. Do this until it is as tall as the base circle diameter. *(The ratio is: the base diameter must be the same height as the owl)* in my case 4.5 cm.

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1. Stuff and fix eyes.

2. Sew up top of head.

3. Stitch several times in each ear.

4. So the ears stick up and the body becomes rounded.

5. Using the contrast colour, crochet into the body from one ear to the next.

6. Keep the same amount of stitches by using a turning chain until the end of the top of head is reached.

7. It should look like this.

8. Decrease stitches, by not using a turning chain, until you have just one stitch left. Cast off.

9. Thread a needle on the end of yarn, thread through the body of the owl and secure. Weave in all ends.

Huddling together! Roosting owls!

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