

# Fat Owl



**Height:** Approx. 10" tall

## Materials:

Chunky yarn (less than 100g)  
6mm/US10 circular needles and dpns.  
Darning needle  
Felt in white, black, yellow, and a variety of colours for the feathers.  
Stuffing  
Sewing needle and thread  
Stitch marker

## Note:

The base of the owl is knit side to side as for standard knitting. Stitches are then picked up all around the outside of this rectangle and knit up to form the body.

ssk - slip 1 stitch, slip the next, slip both back onto left-hand needle together. then knit together.

## Base:

Using circular needle, cast on 20sts.  
*Rows 1-35:* Knit in stocking stitch, beginning with a knit row, slipping the first stitch on every row. Do not break yarn.

## Body:

Turn the work from where you finished knitting so that the long edge of the rectangle is on top. Pick up and knit 17 stitches along this edge. Turn the work again and pick up and knit 19 sts along the cast on edge. Turn the work again and pick up and knit 16 sts along the second long edge - 72 sts. Place marker and knit in the round from this point.

*Rnds 1-20:* knit

*Rnd 21:* (ssk, k14, k2tog), repeat to end - 64 sts.

*Rnds 22-26:* knit

*Rnd 27:* (ssk, k12, k2tog), repeat to end - 56 sts.

*Rnds 28-32:* knit (5 rnds)

*Rnd 33:* (ssk, k10, k2tog), repeat to end - 48 sts.

*Rnds 34-38:* knit (5 rnds)

*Rnd 39:* (ssk, k8, k2tog), repeat to end - 40 sts.

*Rnds 40-42:* knit (3 rnds)

## Ear 1:

Knit next 10 stitches. Transfer to dpns and join for knitting in the round.

*Rnds 1-3:* knit

Break off a long length of yarn. Thread through remaining sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

## Ear 2:

Place next 10 sts on a stitch holder.

Knit next 10 sts and complete as for Ear 1.

There should be 10 sts remaining for the front and 10 stitches for the back between the ears. Stuff body of owl, taking care to stuff the ears. Use kitchener stitch, or your preferred method for grafting to graft the two sides together at the top of the head.

## Finishing:

Cut feather shapes using the photo as a guide.

I used 12, each about 1 ½" wide and 1 ½" long.

Arrange them on the toy in a pleasing mix of colour and sew in position with back-stitch along the top edge of each feather.

Cut large ovals in white and smaller circles in black for the eyes. Position above the feathers and sew in position with back-stitch to hold them on tight.

Cut a long diamond shape out of yellow felt and sew along the middle line between and slightly below the eyes.