

Materials

- Classic Elite *LaGran Mohair* (76.5% mohair, 17.5% wool, 6% nylon, 90 yd. [82 m] per 42 g ball): #6513 Black (yarn A), 1 ball, and Classic Elite *Inca Marl* (100% alpaca, 109 yd. [100 m] per 50 g skein): #1122 Nightingale (yarn B), 2 skeins
- Or any combination of yarns, from sport- to worsted-weight yarn, about 90 yd. [82 m] of yarn A and 175 yd. [160 m] of yarn B
- About 4 yd. [3.5 m] of scrap similar-weight yellow yarn for beak
- US 7 [4.5 mm] needles
- US 7 [4.5 mm] double-pointed needles
- Stitch markers
- Tapestry needle
- Polyfill stuffing
- 2 buttons, $\frac{5}{8}$ " [1.5 cm] in diameter

Gauge

16 sts and 20 rnds = 4" [10 cm] in St st using size 7 [4.5 mm] needles, with both yarns held together

Note: Gauge isn't important on this project. If you use thinner yarns, your owl will be a bit smaller; if you use thicker yarns, your owl will be a bit larger. Adjust the needle size to suit your yarn choice and just have fun with him!

ERROL

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This furry little friend was inspired by Errol, the very tired, quite disheveled, but completely lovable old owl belonging to the Weasleys. As Errol is a bit of an odd bird, this project is an ideal way to use up odd balls of yarn tucked away in your stash. Try using fuzzy or loopy novelty yarns and stuff him unevenly for a wacky Errol truly worthy of the Weasleys. Or knit him in a beautiful feathery white yarn, stuff him fully, and turn him into Hedwig. He's quick to make and could soon be winging his way to you or delivering a copy of *Daily Prophet* to your nearest and dearest. You could knit your own owlery full of multicolored, multisized owls!



Instructions

Knitting begins at the bottom of the body and progresses up to the neck edge.

Body

Holding together one strand each of yarn A and yarn B, use the long-tail cast-on method to CO 16 sts.

Row 1 (and all other WS rows): Purl.

Row 2 (RS): K1f&cb into each st—32 sts.

Row 4: Knit.

Row 6: K7, k1f&cb, pm, k1f&cb, k14, k1f&cb, pm, k1f&cb, k7—36 sts.

Row 8: *K to st before marker, k1f&cb, slip marker, k1f&cb; rep from * once more, k to end—40sts.

Rep the last 2 rows 2 times more—48 sts.





Rep the last 2 rows 2 times more—32 sts.

Next row: *K2tog; rep from * to end of row, removing markers as you go—16 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Cut yarn, leaving an 8" [20.5 cm] tail, and thread tail through rem sts to close top.

Base

Holding together one strand each of yarn A and yarn B, use the long-tail cast-on method to CO 16 sts.

Row 1 (RS): K1f&b, knit to last st, k1f&b—18 sts.

Row 2 (WS): Purl.

Rep the last 2 rows 3 times more—24 sts.

Decrease as follows:

Row 1: Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog—22 sts.

Row 2: Purl.

Rep the last 2 rows 3 times more—16 sts.

BO rem 16 sts.

Wings

Holding together one strand each of yarn A and yarn B, use the long-tail cast-on method to CO 7 sts.

Row 1 (WS): P1b&f, purl to last st, p1b&f—9 sts.

Row 2 (RS): Knit.

Rep the last 2 rows 2 times more—13 sts.

Beg with a purl row, work 5 rows even in St st.

Decrease as follows:

Row 1: Ssk, knit to last 2sts, k2tog—11 sts.

Rows 2–4: Beg with a purl row, work 3 rows even in St st.

Rep the last 4 rows 3 times more—5 sts.

Next row: Ssk, knit to last 2sts, k2tog—3 sts.

Next row: Sl 1, p2tog, pssso—1 st.

Cut yarn, leaving an 8" [20.5 cm] tail, and thread tail through rem st.

Make second wing the same.





Talons

With dpn and one strand of yarn B, CO 6 sts.

Work 2" [5 cm] of I-cord for the leg.

Next row: K1f&b into each st and slide sts to opposite end of needle—12 sts.

Divide for talon toes:

Next row: Knit across first 4 sts only, holding rem 8 sts in reserve for other two toes.

With a third dpn, knit 1¼" [3 cm] I-cord. Cut yarn, leaving an 8" [20.5 cm] tail, thread through sts, and pull tightly.

Return to the dpn holding the 8 sts in reserve, join a new strand of yarn, and knit next 4 sts. Work I-cord for second talon toe and finish as for first. Rep with rem 4 sts on original dpn.

Working with each talon toe individually, thread the tail at the end of the toe through the center of the 4 st I-cord until it reaches the leg, thread through to the outside of the leg, and sew a stitch into the leg base so that the toe curls up a little. Thread the tail back to the inside of the leg. Run tail up through the center and cut. Rep for the rem 2 toes. Weave in the ends at the center of talon, closing the hole between the toes as you go. Leave the tail at the CO end of the leg intact for attaching to the body.

Make second talon the same.



