





## Materials You'll Need

- Crochet thread (size 10 cotton recommended)
- Crochet hook (usually 1.5 mm–1.75 mm / steel hook)
- Scissors
- Tapestry needle (for weaving in ends)
- Blocking mat and pins (optional but recommended)



## Stitch Abbreviations (US Terms)

- **ch** = chain <https://handcrafted.craftsforlove.com/> **SEE THE BEST PATTERNS**
- **dc** = double crochet
- **sc** = single crochet
- **sl st** = slip stitch
- **picot** = chain stitch loop (decorative)
- **shell** = cluster of stitches (e.g., 5 dc in one space)

### Filet Crochet Symbols:

- **Open mesh** (□): ch 2, skip 2 dc
- **Solid block** (■): 4 dc (worked into dc and chain spaces)



## Finished Size Overview

- Width: **80 double crochets + border**
- Length: **125 rows + border**
- Pattern repeat: **4 owl motifs**



## Step 1: Foundation Chain

1. Start by chaining enough stitches to create a base of **80 dc width**.
2. Add **3 extra chains** for turning (counts as your first dc).
3. Your base row should allow you to follow the filet mesh grid.



Tip: Make your chain slightly loose to prevent curling.

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## Step 2: Understanding Filet Crochet Mesh

You will alternate between:

- **Open Mesh (spaces):** ch 2, skip 2 stitches
- **Solid Blocks (filled squares):** 4 dc in a row

Each square in the chart = 1 mesh unit.

Follow the chart row by row from **bottom to top**, reading:

- Right to left on odd rows
- Left to right on even rows



## Step 3: Crocheting the First Owl Motif

1. Begin following the chart where the first owl appears.
2. Use **solid blocks (dc)** to create the owl shape.
3. Use **open mesh spaces** around the owl for contrast.

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- Eyes and body are formed with solid blocks.
- Background remains open mesh.

Take your time—this is the most detailed part of the project!



## Step 4: Repeating the Owl Pattern

- The owl motif is repeated **4 times vertically**.
- Between motifs, maintain consistent spacing as shown in the chart.
- Count your stitches carefully to keep alignment correct.



Tip: Use stitch markers to track rows if needed.



## Step 5: Building the Full Body

Continue working row by row:

- Maintain **80 dc width**
- Follow chart precisely for owl placement
- Ensure edges remain straight by counting stitches each row

By the end, you will have a long rectangular filet panel with 4 owls.



## Step 6: Side Edges Preparation

Before adding the decorative border:

1. Work a round of **sc evenly around the entire piece**
2. Place **3 sc in each corner** to maintain shape

This creates a stable base for the border.

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## **Step 7: Scalloped Shell Border**

This decorative edge uses:

- **Shells (5 dc in one stitch/space)**
- **sc between shells**
- **picots for decoration**

### **How to Work a Shell:**

1. Skip stitches as indicated
2. Work **5 dc in the same space**
3. Skip next stitches
4. Anchor with **sc**

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- ch 3, sl st into first chain

Repeat this pattern evenly along all edges.

## **Step 8: Lower Border Detail**

The bottom section includes:

- Fan clusters (3 dc groups)
- Chain spaces
- Picots

Follow the diagram carefully here, as this section is more intricate and decorative.

 Tip: Keep tension consistent so scallops lay flat.

## **Step 9: Completing the Border**

- Continue the scalloped pattern around all sides
- Make sure corners are symmetrical
- Join with a **sl st** at the end

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## **Step 10: Finishing & Blocking**

1. Weave in all loose ends using a tapestry needle
2. Lightly wash or steam block your piece
3. Pin it flat to shape the scallops and edges

Blocking will make your design crisp and professional ✨

## **Final Tips for Success**

- Always count stitches at the end of each row
- Follow the chart carefully—each square matters
- Take breaks during detailed owl sections
- Practice filet crochet if you're new before starting

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