Free Crochet Pattern
Lion Brand® Vanna's Choice®
Tunisian Crochet Owl Afghan
Pattern Number: L40330

This crochet afghan is perfect for owl lovers of all ages. *Designed by Nicky Epstein.*

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SKILL LEVEL: Intermediate (Level 3)

SIZE: One Size

About 40 x 54 in. (101.5 x 137 cm)

CORRECTIONS: None as of Jul 15, 2016. To check for later updates, click here.
MATERIALS
- 860-109 Lion Brand Vanna's Choice Yarn: Colonial Blue
    10 Balls (A)
- 860-124 Lion Brand Vanna's Choice Yarn: Toffee
    3 Balls (B)
- 860-099 Lion Brand Vanna's Choice Yarn: Linen
    1 Ball (C)
- 860-158 Lion Brand Vanna's Choice Yarn: Mustard
    1 Ball (D)
- 860-125 Lion Brand Vanna's Choice Yarn: Taupe
    1 Ball (E)
- Lion Brand Crochet Hook - Size I-9
- Lion Brand Large-Eye Blunt Needles (Set of 6)
- Additional Materials
  Tunisian crochet hook size I-9 (5.5 mm)

Vanna's Choice® (Article #860). 100% Premium Acrylic
***400, 401, 403:** 92% Acrylic, 8% Rayon*
***402:** 96% Acrylic, 4% Rayon; package size:*
***Solids:** 3.5 oz (100 g), 170 yards (156 m)*
***Prints, Tweeds, & Heathers:** 3 ozs (85 g) , 145 yards (133 meters)*
***Twists:** 2.5 oz (70 g), 121 yards (111 meters)*

GAUGE:

15 sts + 14 rows = about 4 in. (10 cm) in Tunisian crochet stitch.

When you match the gauge in a pattern, your project will be the size specified in the pattern and the materials specified in the pattern will be sufficient. The needle or hook size called for in the pattern is based on what the designer used, but it is not unusual for gauge to vary from person to person. If it takes you fewer stitches and rows to make your swatch, try using a smaller size hook or needles; if more stitches and rows, try a larger size hook or needles.

Making a Gauge Swatch

STITCH EXPLANATION:

sc2tog (sc 2 sts together) (Insert hook in next st and draw up a loop) twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook – 1 st decreased.
sc3tog (sc 3 sts together) (Insert hook in next st and draw up a loop) 3 times, yarn and draw through all 4 loops on hook – 2 sts decreased.

NOTES:

1. Afghan is worked in 28 pieces: 18 Diamonds, 6 Vertical Half Diamonds, and 4 Horizontal Half Diamonds.

2. Each piece is worked in Tunisian crochet beg at lower point. A standard crochet edging is worked around each piece.
3. Owl and Moon are embroidered onto completed pieces following Cross Stitch Charts. Pieces are crocheted tog following Assembly Diagram.

AFGHAN
DIAMOND (make 18)
With Tunisian crochet hook and A, ch 3.
Foundation Row (forward pass): Insert hook in 2nd ch from hook, yo and draw up a loop (2 loops on hook), *keeping all loops on hook, insert hook in next ch, yo and draw up a loop; rep from * across-3 loops on hook. Do not turn.
Foundation Row (return pass): Yo and draw through first loop, *yo and draw through 2 loops; rep from * until 1 loop remains (this loop becomes the first st of the next row) – 3 sts. Do not turn.
Increase Row (forward pass): Sk first vertical bar of previous row (against edge of piece), keeping all loops on hook, insert hook under horizontal bar between previous and next vertical bars, yo and draw up a loop (increase made), *insert hook from right to left under next vertical bar, yo and draw up a loop; rep from * to last st, insert hook under horizontal bar between previous and last vertical bars, yo and draw up a loop (increase made), insert hook from right to left under last vertical bar, yo and draw up a loop – 5 loops on hook.
Do not turn.
Increase Row (return pass): Work same as Foundation Row (return pass) – 5 sts. Do not turn.
Next 18 Rows: Rep both passes of Increase Row until you have 41 sts.
Decrease Row (forward pass): Sk first vertical bar of previous row (against edge of piece), *keeping all loops on hook, insert hook from right to left under next vertical bar, yo and draw up a loop; rep from * across – 41 loops on hook.
Do not turn.
Decrease Row (return pass): Yo and draw through first loop, yo and draw through 3 loops (decrease made), *yo and draw through 2 loops; rep from * until 3 loops remain, yo and draw through 3 loops (decrease made) – 39 sts. Do not turn.
Next 18 Rows: Rep both passes of Decrease Row until 3 sts rem.
Fasten off.
Edging
From RS with standard crochet hook, join B with sl st in any corner. Ch 1, *3 sc in corner, work 19 sc evenly spaced to next corner; rep from * around; join with sl st in first sc.
Fasten off.

HORIZONTAL HALF DIAMOND (make 4)
Work same as Diamond until there are 41 sts.
Fasten off.
Edging
From RS with standard crochet hook, join B with sl st at beg of last forward pass. Ch 1, 3 sc in corner, work 38 sc evenly spaced to next corner, *3 sc in corner, work 19 sc evenly spaced to next corner; rep from * once more; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

VERTICAL HALF DIAMOND (make 6)
With Tunisian crochet hook and A, ch 3.
Foundation Row (forward pass): Insert hook in 2nd ch from hook, yo and draw up a loop (2 loops on hook), *keeping all loops on hook, insert hook in next ch, yo and draw up a loop; rep from * across-3 loops on hook. Do not turn.
Foundation Row (return pass): Yo and draw through first loop, *yo and draw through 2 loops; rep from * until 1 loop remains (this loop becomes the first st of the next row) – 3 sts. Do not turn.
Increase Row (forward pass): Sk first vertical bar of previous row (against edge of piece), keeping all loops on hook, insert hook under horizontal bar between previous and next vertical bars (increase made), yo and draw up a loop, *insert hook from right to left under next vertical bar, yo and draw up a loop; rep from * across – 4 loops on hook.Do not turn.
Increase Row (return pass): Work same as Foundation Row (return pass) – 4 sts. Do not turn.
Next 17 Rows: Rep both passes of Increase Row until you have 21 sts.
Decrease Row (forward pass): Sk first vertical bar of previous row (against edge of piece), *keeping all loops on hook, insert hook from right to left under next vertical bar, yo and draw up a loop; rep from * across – 21 loops on hook. Do not turn.
Decrease Row (return pass): Yo and draw through 1 loop, *yo and draw through 2 loops; rep from * to the last 3 loops, yo and draw through 3 loops (decrease made) – 20 sts. Do not turn.
Next 17 Rows: Rep both passes of Decrease Row until 3 sts rem.
Fasten off.
Edging
From RS with standard crochet hook, join B with sl st in center of last row (corner). Ch 1, 3 sc in corner, work 38 sc evenly spaced to next corner, *3 sc in corner, work 19 sc evenly spaced to next corner; rep from * once more; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

FINISHING
Embroider Owls and Moons
Embroider cross stitch owls on 5 of the Diamonds following Owl Cross Stitch Diagram. Embroider cross stitch moons on 4 of the Diamonds following Moon Cross Stitch Diagram.
Join pieces following assembly diagram. Join pieces into strips following Joining Row instructions, then join strips tog in same manner.
Joining Row (RS): From RS with standard crochet hook, join B with sl st in center sc of corner 3-sc group of first piece, ch 2, sc in center sc of corner 3-sc group of 2nd piece, *ch 2, sk next sc of first piece, sc in next sc of first piece, ch 2, sk next sc of 2nd piece, sc in next sc of 2nd piece; rep from * across working last sc in center sc of next corner 3-sc group of first piece, ch 2, sc in center sc of corner 3-sc group of 2nd piece. Fasten off.
Edging
Rnd 1 (RS): From WS, join A with sl st anywhere in last round, ch 2, hdc evenly spaced around; join with sl st in top of beg ch. Fasten off.
Rnd 2: From RS, join B with sl st in any st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc.
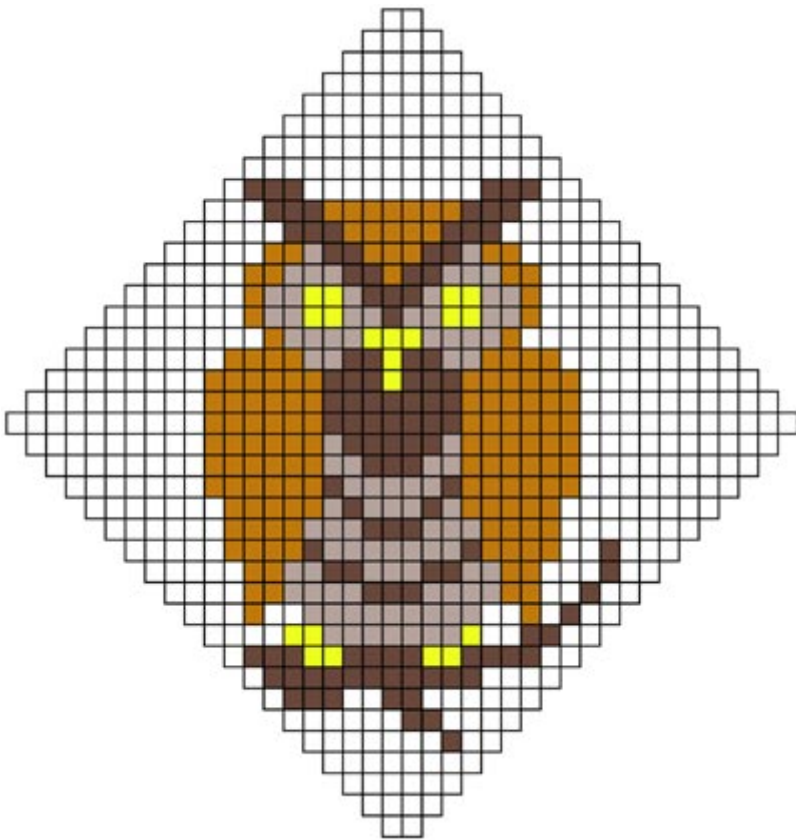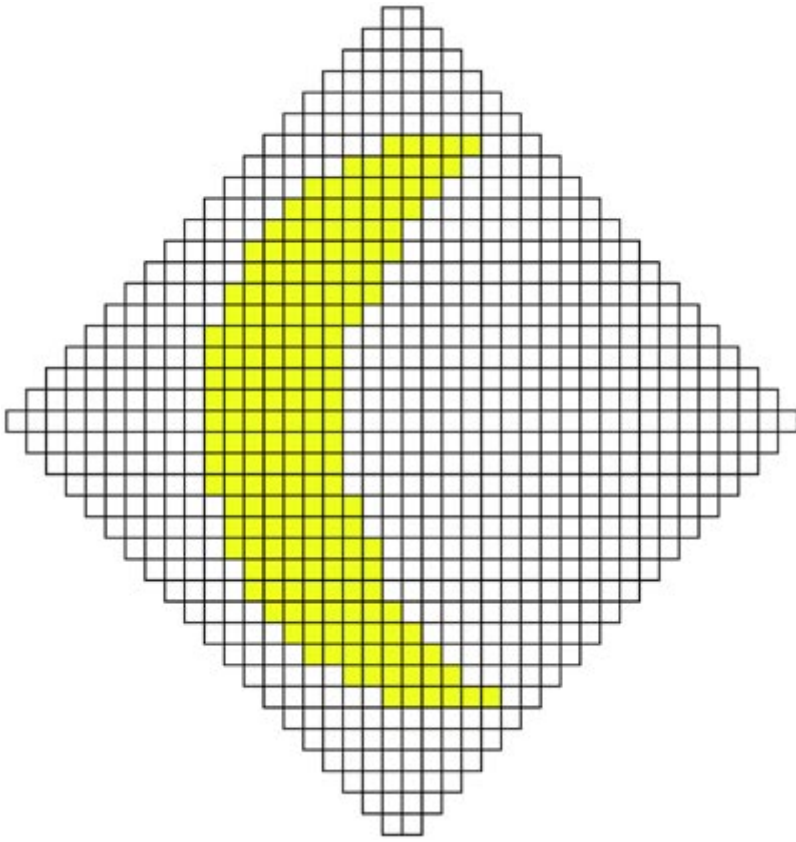**Rnd 3:** Ch 1, sc in same st as joining, ch 8, sk next 8 sts, *sc in next st, ch 8, sk next 8 sts; rep from * around; join with sl st in first sc. **Note:** You may need to skip more or fewer than 8 sts to complete the last rep.
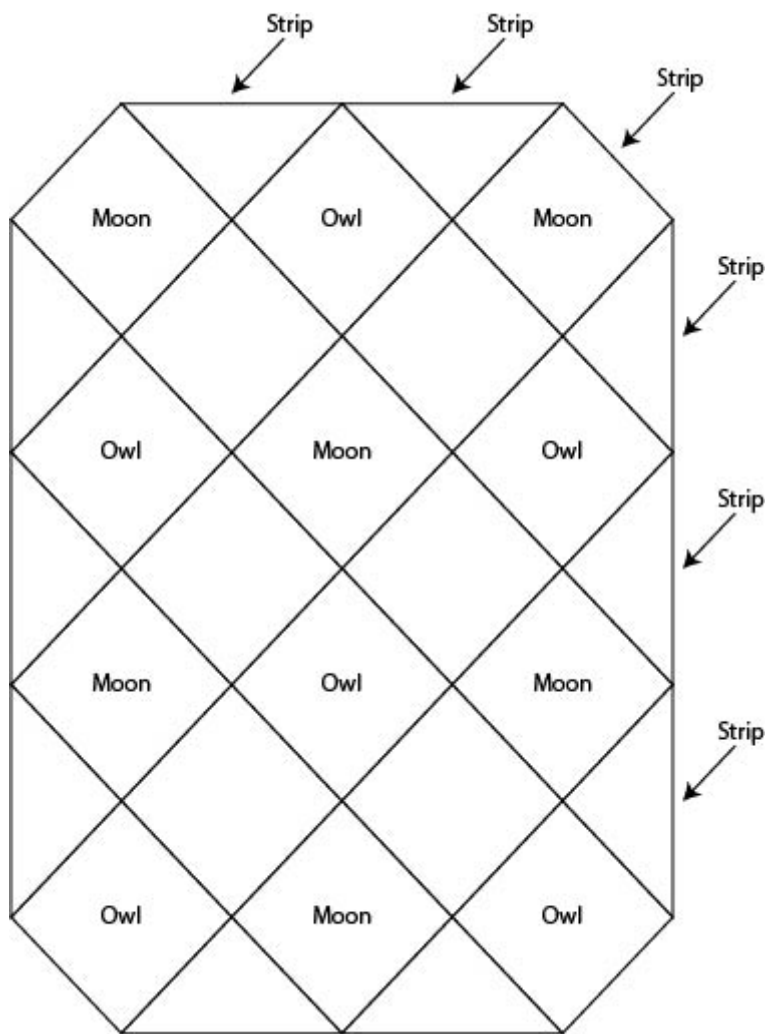**Rnd 4:** Ch 1, sc in same st as joining, (sc, 2 hdc, 3 dc, 3 tr, 3 dc, 2 hdc, sc) in next ch-8 sp, *sc in next sc, (sc, 2 hdc, 3 dc, 3 tr, 3 dc, 2 hdc, sc) in next ch-8 sp; rep from * around; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.
Rnd 5: From RS, join A with sl st in same st as joining, ch 1, beg in same st as joining, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, (sl st, ch 4, sl st) in each of next 3 tr, sc in next 5 sts, *sc3tog, sc in next 5 sts, (sl st, ch 4, sl st) in each of next 3 tr, sc in next 5 sts; rep from * around, sk last sc; join with sl st in first st.
Fasten off.
Weave in ends.

Assembly diagram showing a grid of squares labeled:

Row 1: Moon, Owl, Moon
Row 2: Owl, Moon, Owl
Row 3: Moon, Owl, Moon
Row 4: Owl, Moon, Owl

With "Strip" labels and arrows pointing to the seams between rows/columns.

ABBREVIATIONS / REFERENCES	
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beg = begin(s)(ning)	ch(s) = chain(s)
ch-space = space previously made	dc = double crochet
hdc = half double crochet	rep = repeat(s)(ing)
rnd(s) = round(s)	RS = right side
sc = single crochet	sk = skip
sl st = slip stitch	sp(s) = space(s)
st(s) = stitch(es)	tog = together
tr = treble (triple) crochet	WS = wrong side

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