

NICKY EPSTEIN

Knit a Square

Create a Cuddly Creature



FROM FLAT TO FABULOUS • A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

Copyright © 2016 by Nicky Epstein

All rights reserved. The written instructions, photographs, designs, projects, and patterns in this handout are intended for personal, noncommercial use and are under federal copyright laws; they are not to be reproduced in any form for any reason use.



Copyright © 2016 by Nicky Epstein

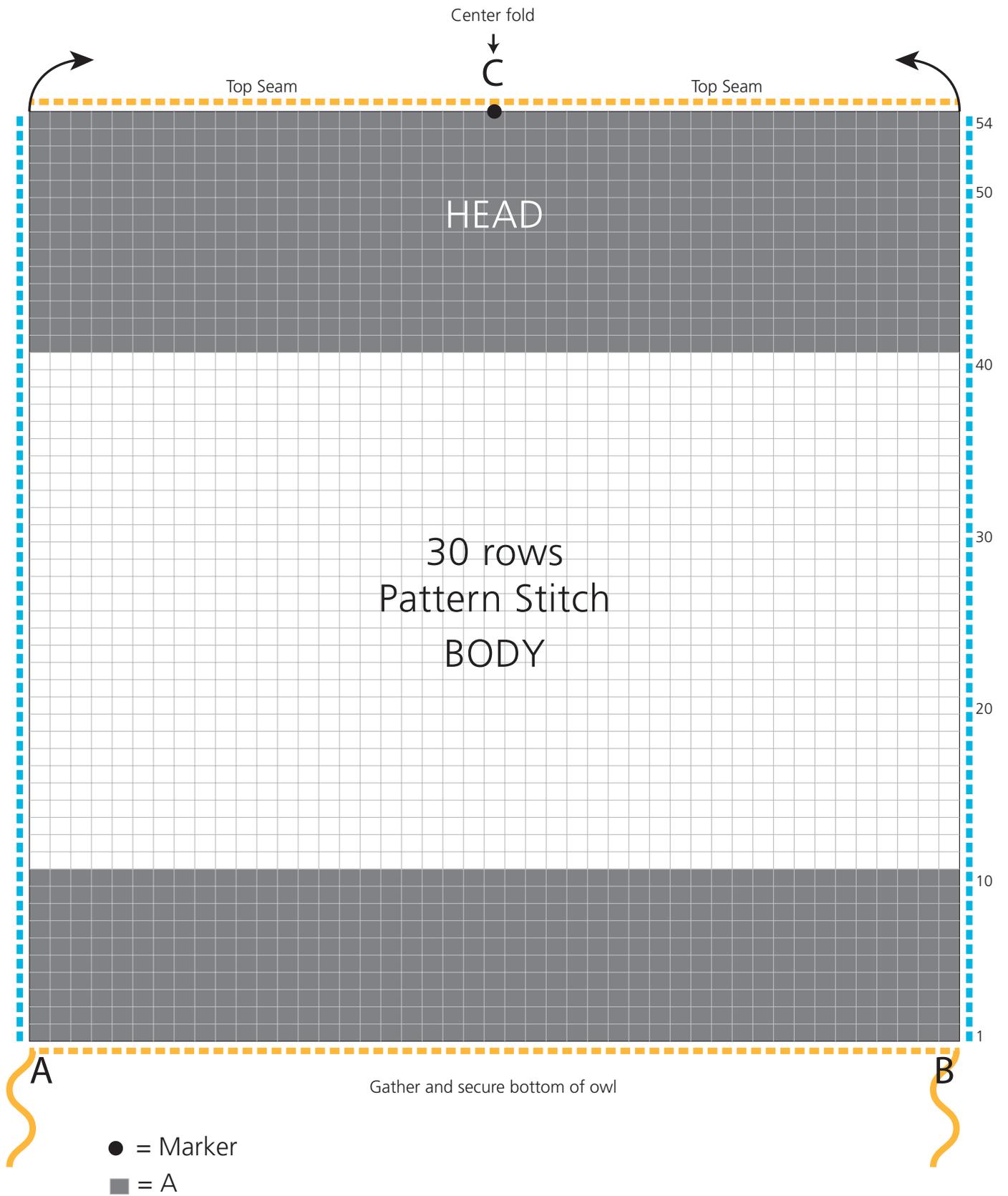
All rights reserved. The written instructions, photographs, designs, projects, and patterns in this handout are intended for personal, noncommercial use and are under federal copyright laws; they are not to be reproduced in any form for any reason use.

Socrates the Owl



Copyright © 2016 by Nicky Epstein

All rights reserved. The written instructions, photographs, designs, projects, and patterns in this handout are intended for personal, noncommercial use and are under federal copyright laws; they are not to be reproduced in any form for any reason use.



Copyright © 2016 by Nicky Epstein

All rights reserved. The written instructions, photographs, designs, projects, and patterns in this handout are intended for personal, noncommercial use and are under federal copyright laws; they are not to be reproduced in any form for any reason use.

All the animals
come to this wise old owl
for knitting advice.
You can too!

Materials

- 1 3oz/85g ball (each approx 145yd/133m) of Lion Brand Vanna's Choice (acrylic/rayon) each in #401 Grey Marble (A) and #305 Pearl Mist (B) 
- Small amount in gold and rust
- One pair size 9 (5.5mm) needles, OR SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE
- Stitch markers
- Polyester stuffing
- Tapestry needle

Gauge

17 sts and 20 rows to 4"/10cm over St st using size 8 (5mm) needles.
TAKE TIME TO CHECK GAUGE.

Note

When working in pattern st, it is important to keep the color B strands loose as they are carried across the front of the fabric.

Pattern Stitch

(over a multiple of 6 sts plus 3)

Row 1 (RS) With B, k2, *sl 5 wyif, k1; rep from * to last st, k1.

Row 2 With B, p2, *sl 5 wyib, p1; rep from * to last st, p1.

Row 3 With A, knit.

Row 4 With A, purl.

Row 5 With A, k4, *insert needle under the loose color B strands and k next st, catching both strands behind st as it is knitted, k5; rep from *, end last rep k4.

Row 6 With A, purl.

Row 7 With B, k1, sl 3 wyif, *k1, sl 5 wyif; rep from *, end k1, sl 3 wyif, k1.

Row 8 With B, p1, sl 3 wyib, *p1, sl 5 wyib; rep from * end p1, sl 3 wyib, p1.

Rows 9 and 10 With A, rep rows 3 and 4.

Row 11 With A, k1, *insert needle under the loose color B strands and k next st, k5; rep from *, end last rep k1.

Row 12 With A, purl.

Rep rows 1–12 for pattern stitch.

Square

(approx 10"/25.5cm square)

With A, cast on 45 sts and work in St st (k on RS, p on WS) for 10 rows.

Rep rows 1–12 of pattern stitch twice, then rep rows 1–6 once more—30 rows total in pat.

With A, work in St st for 14 rows. Bind off.

Horn and Beak

With B, cast on 23 sts. Work garter st (knit every row) for 2"/5cm.

Row 1 (RS) Ssk, k to last 2 sts, k2tog.

Row 2 (WS) Knit.

Rows 3–16 Rep rows 1 and 2 seven more times—7 sts.

Rows 17–20 Knit.

Cut B, join Gold.

Row 21 Rep row 1—5 sts.

Rows 22–24 Knit.

Row 25 Rep row 1—3 sts.

Row 26 Knit.

Row 27 SKP. Secure last st.

Eyes (make 2)

With B, cast on 26 sts. Change to gold.

Knit 3 rows. Pass all sts over the 1st and off the needle one st at a time. Form a circle, leaving small opening.

Pupil (make 2)

With brown, make a slipknot.

Row 1 (RS) K into front, back, front and back of st—4 sts.

Rows 2 and 4 Purl.

Row 3 Knit.

Row 5 [K2tog] twice.

Row 6 P2tog. Secure last st.

Wings

With B, cast on 21 sts.

Rows 1–10 Knit.

Row 11 (RS) K1, ssk, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Row 12 Purl.

Rows 13–26 Rep rows 11 and 12 seven times—5 sts.

Row 27 K1, SK2P, k1—3 sts.

Row 28 P1, p2tog, pssso. Secure last st.

Gather cast-on edge and secure.

Feathers (make 2: 1 in A and 1 in B)

Using single cast on method (see page 142), *cast on 9 sts, bind off 8 sts. Place rem st on LH needle. Rep from * 14 more times. Secure last st.

Talons (make 2)

With gold, work same as feathers, but cast on 7 sts and bind off 6 sts three times.

Assembly

Thread tapestry needle and sew running stitches on diagram from point A to point B. Place a marker on center st of bound-off edge. Fold A to B (two blue lines) so that edges meet at the center fold (C on diagram) and sew back seam. Sew cast-on sts for top of head seam. Stuff body, pull gather tightly and secure for bottom. Using photo as guide, assemble as foll: Sew cast-on edge of horn and beak along top of head, fold and tack beak to front: •• Sew eyes in place, attach pupils. Sew wings to sides of owl. Sew talons along bottom edge. Sew B feathers across top head seam. Sew A feathers ½"/1cm below B feathers. ✂

