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Crochet Owl Table Runner – Full Step-by-Step Tutorial (US Terms)

This tutorial will guide you from start to finish to create a beautiful filet crochet table runner with repeating owl motifs and a scalloped lace border, exactly based on the chart you provided. It uses **filet crochet** for the main body and a decorative **scalloped lace edging** worked all around.

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Width (14 x 32 cm)

Length (28 x 35 cm)

damviral.com Owl Motif Chart A (Repeats 1-4)

Width in 16.1" (73 cm)

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Full Scalloped Lace Border Pattern (all-around)
Within starting corner round.

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Main Body: Filet Crochet Grid (work all squares)
Join all-around with Rnd 1 of border

Work body in filet grid
Repeat Owl Chart A four times
check gauge before starting.

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STITCH KEY (US TERMS)

- MR = Magic Ring
- ch = Chain
- sl st = Slip Stitch
- sc = Single Crochet
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- ▽ dc-cluster
- ▽ tr-cluster
- picot

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OWL MOTIF CHART A

(Repeats 1-4)

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SCALLOPED LACE BORDER DETAIL

Detailed Corner Turning Pattern

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All dimensions and stitch counts are for guidance.
Check gauge before starting.


SCALLOPED LACE BORDER DETAIL

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Finished Size & Overview

- **Width:** approx. 14 inches (32 cm)
- **Length:** approx. 28–35 inches (73 cm depending on tension)
- **Construction:**
 1. Filet crochet center panel (worked in rows)
 2. Owl motif repeated 4 times
 3. Border worked in the round starting from a corner

Materials

- Cotton crochet thread (size 10 recommended)
- Crochet hook (typically 1.5 mm–1.75 mm, or size that matches your gauge)
- Scissors 
- Tapestry needle

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- **picot** = Small decorative loop

Understanding Filet Crochet Grid

Filet crochet uses a grid of **filled squares** and **empty squares**:

- **Empty square:** ch 2, skip 2 stitches
- **Filled square:** 3 dc in the same space

Each square represents one box in the chart.

 The owl pattern is made by filling specific squares based on the chart.

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Step 1: Starting the Foundation Chain

1. Count the number of squares across the chart width.
2. Multiply by 3, then add 5 extra chains.

Example formula:

$$(\text{Number of squares} \times 3) + 5$$

3. Chain this amount loosely.



Step 2: Row 1 (Base Row)

1. Dc in the 5th chain from hook.
2. Continue across:
 - Follow chart squares:
 - Empty square → ch 2, skip 2 chains
 - Filled square → 3 dc
3. Turn your work.



Step 3: Building the Filet Grid

For each row:

- Ch 3 (counts as first dc)
- Follow the chart row exactly:
 - Empty square → ch 2, skip 2 stitches
 - Filled square → 3 dc in next space

Continue until one full owl motif is complete.



Step 4: Repeating the Owl Motif

- The chart labeled “**Owl Motif Chart A**” is repeated **4 times vertically**
- After finishing one owl:
 - Continue directly into the next repetition
 - No need to fasten off



Tip: Count rows carefully to keep symmetry.

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Step 5: Checking Gauge

Before completing all repeats:

- Measure your work
- Ensure width is close to 14 inches
- Adjust hook size if needed

Step 6: Finishing the Main Body

Once all 4 owl motifs are complete:

- Fasten off
- Weave in ends
- Lightly block if needed

Step 7: Joining for the Border

The border is worked **all around** the piece.

1. Attach yarn at any corner
2. Begin with **Round 1**:
 - Work evenly spaced stitches along edges
 - Place extra stitches in corners to keep fabric flat

Step 8: Border Round 1

- Work **sc evenly around entire piece**
- At each corner:
 - Work 3 sc in the same stitch
- Join with sl st to first sc

Step 9: Scalloped Lace Border Pattern

Now you will create the decorative scallops.

Basic Pattern Repeat:

- Chain loops
- Dc and tr stitches
- Picots for detail

Follow the diagram carefully for stitch placement.

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Step 10: Scallop Repeat Structure

Each scallop includes:


- Base stitches anchoring into edge
- Fan of dc/tr stitches
- Picot at top for decoration

Repeat this pattern along all sides.

Step 11: Working Around Corners

Corners require a special turning pattern:

- Increase number of stitches in scallop
- Use clusters (dc or tr clusters)
- Maintain rounded shape

 This ensures the lace lies flat and doesn't pull.

Step 12: Detailed Corner Technique

At each corner:

1. Work multiple stitches into same space
2. Include:
 - Treble crochet fans
 - Chain spaces
 - Picots
3. Mirror pattern on both sides of corner

Step 13: Final Round & Finishing

- Complete final scallop round
- Join with slip stitch
- Fasten off yarn
- Weave in ends

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Step 14: Blocking

To get a professional finish:

1. Wet block or steam block
2. Pin edges to shape
3. Let dry completely

This enhances the lace border and defines the owl motifs 🦉

Final Result

You now have a stunning owl-themed filet crochet table runner with a delicate scalloped lace border!