

# Starry Cowl

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## Finished size:

90 stitches make a neck warmer size cowl.  
The size of the cowl can be easily adjusted by increasing the number of foundation single crochet stitches by an even number.

## Materials:

- 130 yds Worsted Weight yarn (sample uses Katia Cotton Merino 2 skeins)
- Crochet hook size H or I
- Tapestry needle to weave in ends

## Abbreviations:

FSC foundation single crochet  
SC single crochet  
SL slip stitch  
ST stitch  
CH chain  
HDC half double crochet  
BLO crochet in back loop of stitch



## START

**Row 1:** Leaving a 6" tail, foundation single crochet 90 stitches (see tutorial on page 2). Foundation single crochet combines a chain and single crochet so you make two elements in a single stitch. It makes a stretchy edge which is nice for cowls. Join work by slip stitching to top of first FSC being careful not to twist.

**Row 2:** SC in BLO of each stitch around (90 stitches). Join with SL to top of first SC.

### HDC Row Section

**Row 3:** Chain 1. HDC in each stitch around (90 HDC). Join with SL to top of first HDC.

**Row 4:** Chain 1: In this row you will insert hook into back 3<sup>rd</sup> loop of HDC to make the HDC. stitch. HDC in each stitch around. Join with SL to top of first HDC.

**Row 5:** Chain 1: In this row you will insert hook into back 3<sup>rd</sup> loop of HDC to make the HDC stitch. HDC in each stitch around. Join with SL to top of first HDC.

**Row 6:** Chain 1: In this row you will insert hook into back 3<sup>rd</sup> loop of HDC to make the HDC stitch. HDC in each stitch around. Join with SL to top of first HDC.



## Star Stitch Row Section

**Row 7:** *Star Stitch Row.* Make Star Stitch (see tutorial on page 3). Continue star stitches by repeating “Next Star Stitch” tutorial until end of row. On last star stitch, stop before the final chain and insert hook into top of first star stitch and pull closed. This closes the clusters together so there isn’t a gap. (90 sts.)

**Row 8:** Chain 1: SC in each ST around (i.e., eye of star stitch and chain). Join with SL to top of first SC.

**Row 9:** Star Stitch Row

**Row 10:** Work HDC in each stitch (i.e., eye of star stitch and chain). Join with SL to top of first HDC.

**Row 11:** Work SC in 3<sup>rd</sup> loop of HDC in previous round. Join with SL to top of first SC.

**Row 12:** Star Stitch Row

**Row 13:** Chain 1, SC in each ST around (i.e, eye of star stitch and chain). Join with SL to top of first SC.

**Row 14:** Star Stitch Row

**Row 15:** Chain 1. SC in each ST around (i.e., eye of star stitch and chain). Join with SL to top of first SC.

**Row 16:** Chain 1. HDC around. Join with SL to top of first HDC.

**Row 17:** Chain 1. HDC in 3<sup>rd</sup> loop of HDC in previous round. Join with SL to top of first HDC.

**Row 18:** Chain 1. HDC in 3<sup>rd</sup> loop of HDC in previous round. Join with SL to top of first HDC.

**Row 19:** Chain 1. SC in 3<sup>rd</sup> loop of HDC in previous round. Join with SL to top of first SC.

**Row 20:** Chain 1. SC in BLO of each SC in previous round. Join with SL to top of first SC.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

Block cowl.

## TUTORIALS

### Foundation Single Crochet:

1. Begin with a slip knot on your crochet hook. Chain two stitches.
2. Insert your hook into the first chain stitch.
3. Yarn over and pull up one loop.
4. Yarn over and pull through first loop on hook.
5. Yarn over and pull through both loops on hook to make a single crochet.
6. To make the next stitch, insert the crochet hook into the chain part of the previous stitch. Repeat the same steps from the first stitch. (i.e., insert hook, yarn over, draw up a loop. Yarn over and draw up a loop. Yarn over and draw through both loops.)



Bottom is the chain part.

Top is the single crochet part.

### Star Stitch:

Star stitch is made over an even number of stitches plus 3 stitches to begin the star.

**Step 1:** Chain 3.

**Step 2:** Insert hook in the 2<sup>nd</sup> chain from hook, yarn over hook, pull up a loop – 2 loops on hook

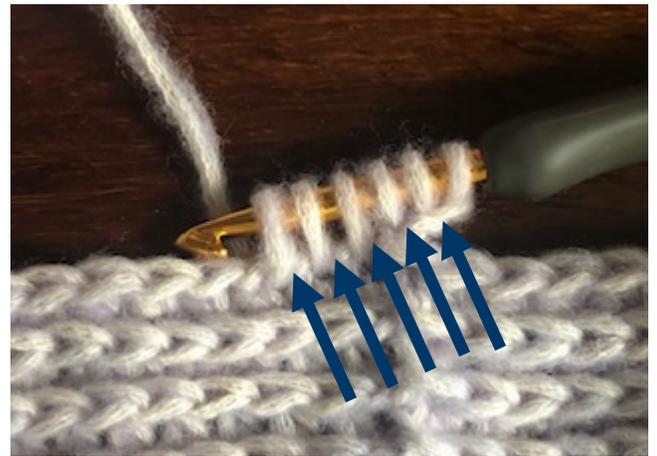
**Step 3:** Insert hook in 3<sup>rd</sup> chain from hook, yarn over hook, pull up a loop – 3 loops on hook

**Step 4:** Insert hook in stitch below, yarn over hook, pull up a loop – 4 loops on hook.

**Step 5:** Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over hook, pull up a loop – 5 loops on hook.

**Step 6:** Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over hook, pull up a loop – 6 loops on hook.

**Step 7:** Pull up a loop and pull yarn through all 6 loops. Chain to close



Completed star stitch cluster.

### Next star stitch:

1. Insert hook into eye of previously completed star, pull up loop (2 loops on hook)
2. Insert hook into back leg of last loop of previous star, pull up a loop (3 loops on hook).
3. Insert hook into same CH as you worked the last loop of previous star, pull up a loop (4 loops on hook)
4. Pull up a loop in the next two sts (6 loops on hook)
5. YO, pull through all 6 loops, chain 1 to close star (second star created)





Repeat star stitches across the row.



**Working row on top of star stitches.**

Make one stitch in “eye” of star stitch and the other in the chain stitch.



**Weave in ends:**

Foundation single crochet will leave a small “gap” when the stitches are joined. Leave enough of a tail to close the “gap” and weave in the ends.

