

PENTACOWL



Pentagonal shapes fit together like a puzzle to create a lacy-look cowl!

Skill level: Easy EASY

Size: 7" high x 20" circumference (unstretched)

Materials:

Medium weight yarn - 275 yds.

(Sample shown in Araucania Nature Wool (100% wool), 277 yds per 4.5 oz ball)

Crochet hook size US J/10 (6 mm), or size needed to achieve gauge

Tapestry needle

Gauge: 14 sts & 12 rows = 4" in single crochet on size US J/10 (6 mm) hook One motif measures 4" across

Terms/Abbreviations: back loop only (BLO), beginning (beg), chain (ch), decrease (dec), double crochet (dc), each (ea), half double crochet (hdc), hook (hk), increase (inc), loop (lp), pattern (patt), remaining (rem), repeat (rep), single crochet (sc), slip stitch (sl st), stitch (st), yarn over (yo)

Pattern notes: Motifs are crocheted individually and assembled with join-as-you-go method in a flat strip which is folded and seamed at center back.

Motifs are worked in rounds with right side facing at all times. Do not turn at end of each round but continue in same direction throughout.

Cowl (composed of 10 motifs)

Note: Do not turn at end of rounds but continue in same direction throughout.

First motif:

Rnd 1 (RS): Ch 5, join into ring, ch 1, work 10 sc in ring, join with sl st to beg sc, do not turn (10 sc)

Rnd 2 (RS): Ch 2, hdc in same st at base of beg ch, *2 hdc in next sc, rep from * around (20 hdc)

Rnd 3: Ch 1, sc in same hdc, *ch 5, sk next hdc, sc in next hdc, rep from * around ending with ch 2, dc in beg sc to join (10 ch-5 lps)

Rnd 4: Ch 1, sc in same sp, *ch 2, leaving last lp on hk, dc in same sp and in next sp, yo and draw through all 3 lps on hk, ch 2, work 2 sc in same sp, sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sp, rep from * around, join with sl st (5 "petals")

Rnd 5: Ch 1, sc in same sc, sc in first sp, in first point work (sc, ch 3, sc)(picot completed), sc in next sp, sc in next 2 sc, ch 3, sk next sc, sc in next 2 sc, *sc in next sp, picot in next point, sc in next sp, sc in next 2 sc, ch 3, sk next sc, sc in next 2 sc, rep from * around, join with sl st and fasten off.

Second and additional motifs:

Work Rnds 1-4 as on first motif. On Rnd 5 join to previous motif at appropriate corresponding picot points (i.e., the sc-ch3-sc point) as follows: ch 1, sl st in picot point sp on previous motif from wrong side, ch 1, sc back in same sp on current motif. Complete Rnd 5 as above.

Continue to make and join additional motifs (total of 10) as follows:

Arrange and join motifs in two rows of five motifs each. On the top row align motifs with straight edge at top and point of pentagon facing down. On bottom row align motifs with straight edge at bottom and point of pentagon facing up, so that pointed edge of rows fit together like a puzzle.

When all 10 motifs have been joined in a flat strip, fold the right edge of the strip over to meet the left edge of the strip, forming center back seam that follows the path of the pentagon motif edges that remain to be joined. Carefully fit pieces together and sew seam with overcast stitch.

Finishing: Weave in all ends.

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