



SHANKH NECKLACE

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A extremely easy one line pattern, using just ch and a 'Conch' stitch.

This simple pattern has innumerable possibilities, and is easily varied for increased or decreased lengths. This pattern is worked side to side, the first 'row' becoming a round, followed by row additions to add to the 'body' of the necklace. Increasing or decreasing the number of rows adds to your creativity and individuality.

This necklace has been inspired not just by the cute little conch shell or "Shankh" (शंख , śaṅkha) in Hindi), but also by this lovely lightly variegated yarn.

Yarn used : DK (unbranded) acrylic (# 3) ; 30 g / 99 yds

Hook : 4.50 mm (US # 7)

Size : *Length of longest row of necklace = 24" , length of shortest row of necklace = 12" ;

*Length of the row is 'drop' measured from neck/shoulder to the point it reaches on chest.

Size of 1 conch shell : approx 1 ½" long x approx ½" wide

Skill Level : Easy (advanced beginner)

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As per CYCA specs, yarn weight :



Fingering



Sport



DK



Worsted/Hvy. Worsted



Bulky



Super Bulky

Abbreviations used: (Pattern uses US terminology)

ch: Chain

st : Stitch

lp(s) : loop(s)

sl-st : slip stitch

rep : Repeat

yo : yarn over

hk : hook

sc : Single Crochet

Special stitch : This st is a treble / triple cluster, but as I've 'tweaked' it, for the purposes of this pattern, we'll call it a "Conch stitch".

"Conch Stitch" : Yo twice, hk into 5th ch from hk, yo, draw through 1st lp ; [yo, draw through 2 lps] twice (2 lps on hk) ; *(yo twice, hk into same st, yo, draw through 1st lp, [yo, draw through 2 lps] twice)* ; rep from * to* twice (5 lps on hk) ; yo, draw through all 5 lps. 1 sc through the top of the 1st and last (trc) sts just made. One "Conch stitch" made. [Turn this st and it should look like a little conch shell]



5 lps on hk



draw through all 5 lps



sc through top of 1st & last sts



little conch shell

Start with 15 ch

Row 1: *Conch st in the 5th st from hook, ch 15*, rep from *to* 19 times, ending with a conch st, sl-st into the 1st st (ie 1st st on starting 15-ch) (20 conch st, in a round)

Note: You have 20 conches, separated by a ch-10 sp.

Row 2 : ch 15, *Conch st in the 5th st from hook, ch 15*, rep from *to* 8 times, join with an sl-st in the middle (5th ch) of the 10-ch between the 9th and 10th conch st, from earlier row.

Place a marker at both the above 'sl-st' points (ie from Rows 1 & 2). These two points / markers will be the two corners of your necklace from now on. (Pic below)

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Row 3 : ch 15, * Conch st in the 5th st from hook, ch 15*, rep from *to* 7 times, join with an sl-st into to the marked st in the opposite corner. (8 conch shells in this row)

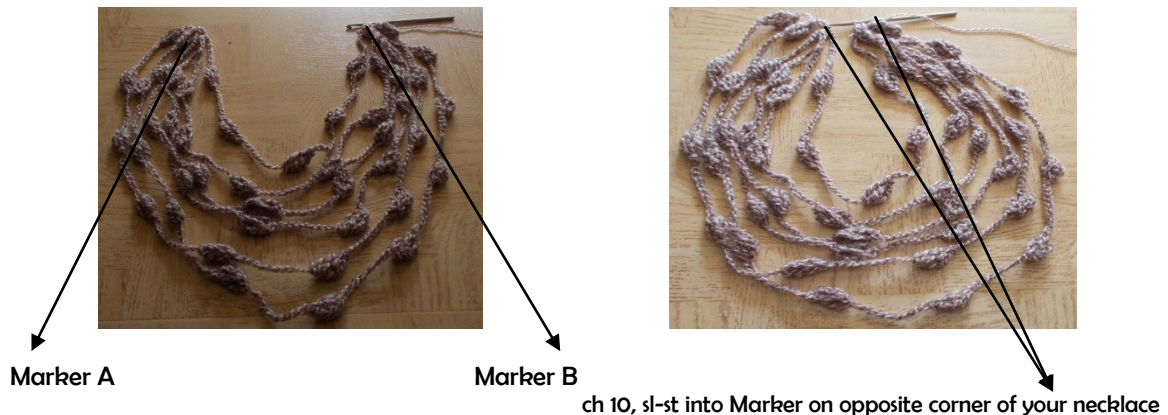
Row 4 : ch 15, * Conch st in the 5th st from hook, ch 15*, rep from *to* 6 times, join with an sl-st into to the marked st in the opposite corner. (7 conch shells in this row)

Row 5 : ch 15, * Conch st in the 5th st from hook, ch 15*, rep from *to* 5 times, join with an sl-st into to the marked st in the opposite corner. (6 conch shells in this row)

Row 6 : ch 15, * Conch st in the 5th st from hook, ch 15*, rep from *to* 4 times, join with an sl-st into to the marked st in the opposite corner. (5 conch shells in this row). Do not fasten off. Continue to finishing.

Finishing :

- 1.** Fold project in half, ch 10, sl-st into marked st on opposite corner of your necklace.
- 2.** Fasten off. Weave in ends.



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