

## Reversible Brioche Crochet Neck Warmer by *Granny\_Bee*



This super cosy neck warmer is made with 2 weights of yarn. This gives it a lovely subtle undulating texture. I've used chunky (bulky) and double-knit (light worsted).

It is made using the brioche crochet method, which creates vertical stripes on one side, and horizontal stripes on the reverse. This means that the neck warmer can be worn either side. It is secured with button toggles, which can be removed easily and placed as desired.

This is an ideal project for using up your left-over yarn. I've used a self-striping chunky yarn as the main yarn, and 5 colours of double-knit yarn which pick out the colours in the chunky yarn. You could use as many contrast colours as you like.

### You will need: -

- 6mm crochet hook
- 5mm crochet hook
- Chunky yarn (yarn A) – approx. 100g, depending on yarn type and chosen length
- Double knit yarn (yarn B) – approx. 100g, depending on yarn type and chosen length
- 3 x 30mm buttons
- 3 x 20mm buttons
- Scissors, tapestry needle

If you want to use the yarns illustrated above, I have used

- James C Brett Marble Chunky (shade MC45)
- Stylecraft life DK – fern
- Stylecraft life DK – caramel
- Stylecraft special DK – grape
- Stylecraft special DK – stone
- Stylecraft special DK – antique peach

### Abbreviations

Although I am from the UK, I learnt to crochet using US terminology, so I have used the US crochet terms in this pattern.

st - stitch

ch - chain stitch

ch-sp - chain space (i.e. the space formed by one or more chain stitches in the previous row)

sk - skip specified number of stitches from previous row

sc - single crochet

dc - double crochet

dcF - working in front of ch-sp, dc into the stitch directly below the ch-sp

dcB - working behind the ch-sp, dc into the stitch directly below the ch-sp

BPdc - working behind the ch-sp, back post double crochet around dc below ch-sp

FPdc - working in front of ch-sp, front post double crochet around dc below ch-sp

Standing sc – standing single chain. Make a slip knot, insert your hook into the stitch, and do a sc

[...] – indicates the section within the brackets should be repeated until you reach the point indicated

**Yarn A** – this is the chunky yarn

**Yarn B** – this is the double-knit yarn. *Note – I have used 5 different colours of double-knit yarn. To simplify the pattern, I've written the instructions for one colour only. If you are using more than one colour, repeat the pattern for each colour yarn.*

### Size

My neck warmer measured 8" x 31" (20cm x 79cm). You can adapt the pattern to your own preference. If you want to alter the width of the neck warmer, increase by multiples of 4 (eg 34, 38, 42, etc)

### Pattern

*Using **yarn A** and **5mm** hook, cast on 30 stitches.*

**Foundation row:** Ch 1, sc into 2nd st from needle, sc to end. Ch 1, turn

**Row 1:** [sc 2, ch 2, sk 2] repeat to last 2 stitches. Sc 2. **Don't** turn.

Swap to **6mm** hook.

**Row 2:** Join in **yarn B** with standing sc. [ch 2, sk 1, dcF 2] repeat to last 2 stitches, ch 2, sk 1, sc in last stitch.

Leave **yarn B** with a long loop (*so that your work doesn't unravel*).

Pick up **yarn A** loop and shorten loop to fit hook, ch 1, turn.

**Row 3:** With **yarn A**, DcB in first stitch, dcB, [ch 2, sk 2, dcB 2] repeat to end.

Leave **yarn A** with a long loop.

**Don't** turn.

Pick up **yarn B** loop at start of row and shorten loop to fit hook, ch 4

**Row 4:** With **yarn B**, sk 2, [BPdc 2, ch 2, sk 2] repeat to last 4 stitches, BPdc 2, ch 2, sk 1, sc into last stitch.

Cast off **yarn B**.

Pick up **yarn A** loop and shorten loop to fit hook, ch 1, turn.

**Row 5:** With **yarn A**, [FPdc 2, ch 2, sk 2] repeat to last 2 stitches, FPdc 1. On last stitch, FPdc, catching in 2nd ch of ch 4 from row 3 (see pictures below)

Start the FPdc, but stop before you do the final yarn over, pick up the 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from the ch 4 from behind your work. Yarn over and pull through all 3 loops.



Leave **yarn A** with a long loop.

**Don't** turn.

*The next 4 rows (rows 6 – 9) form the pattern. **Yarn A** is always the chunky yarn. **Yarn B** is always the double-knit yarn. If you are using more than one colour for **yarn B**, then change the **yarn B** colour for each repetition of the pattern. For example, **yarn B**=grape in rows 2-5, **yarn B**=caramel in rows 6- 9, **yarn B**=antique peach in rows 10-13, etc)*

**Row 6:** Join in **yarn B** with standing sc. ch 2, sk 1, [FPdc 2 ch 2, Sk 2] repeat to last 4 stitches, FPdc 2, ch 2, sk 1, sc in last stitch.

Leave **yarn B** with a long loop.

Pick up **yarn A** loop and shorten loop to fit hook, ch 1, turn.

**Row 7:** With **yarn A**, [BPdc 2, ch 2, sk 2] repeat to end.

Leave **yarn A** with a long loop.

**Don't** turn.

Pick up **yarn B** loop at start of row and shorten loop to fit hook, ch 4

**Row 8:** With **yarn B**, sk 2, [BPdc 2, ch 2, sk 2] repeat to last 4 stitches, BPdc 2, ch 2, sk 1, sc into last stitch.

Cast off **yarn B**.

Pick up **yarn A** loop and shorten loop to fit hook, ch 1, turn.

**Row 9:** With **yarn A**, [FPdc 2, ch 2, sk 2] repeat to last 2 stitches, FPdc 1. On last stitch, FPdc, catching in 2nd ch of ch 4 from row 7.

Leave **yarn A** with a long loop.

**Don't** turn.

Repeat rows 6-9 until neck warmer measures around 30" in length **ending on a row 9**.

*Switch to **5mm** hook. The next 2 rows use **yarn A**.*

**Penultimate row:** Pick up yarn A loop and shorten loop, ch 1, turn.

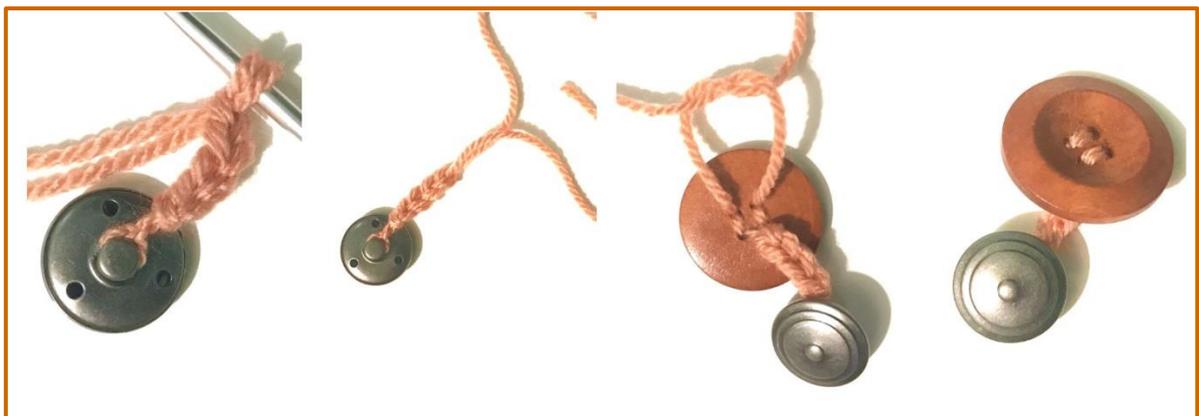
With **yarn A**, [sc 2, BPdc 2] repeat to last 2 stitches, sc 2.

**Last row:** Ch 1, turn, sc 30, cast off.

## Toggles

The toggle consists of one 30mm button joined to one 20mm button by a ch 4 section.

- Using a long strand of yarn B, thread the yarn through the smaller button so the button is halfway along the yarn.
- Place the ends of the yarn together to make a double thickness of yarn and make a slip knot close to the button.
- Insert the 5mm hook into the slip knot, and ch 4.
- Thread the yarn through the larger button and double knot firmly on the reverse side of the bigger button. Cut the yarn.



## Finishing

Sew in all the ends.

If your work curls slightly, you can block it (eg wash, and then lay flat on a towel gently shaping the item, leave to dry).



**To wear**

Position the toggle buttons as desired by threading the smaller button through spaces in both layers of crochet. Roll down the top of the neck warmer if preferred.

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I hope you've enjoyed making this neck warmer!