Christmas striped cowl

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 25¼ in (64 cm) around by 8 in (20 cm) deep

Skill
Easy
One stitch, in rounds, and color changes

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 12 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet in rounds.

You will need

Yarn A: cranberry, wide bands	**about 90 yd (82 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: warm white, thin lines	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: pine, wide bands	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). Also: a yarn needle, scissors and a tape measure.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 15 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Standard (this file)	**25¼ in (64 cm) around, 8 in (20 cm) deep**	**about 180 yd (164 m)**
Child	21¼ in (54 cm) around, 6 in (15 cm) deep	about 120 yd (109 m)

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
Rnd	round
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

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Gauge

14 stitches and 12 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet in rounds.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. Check it on the cowl itself, laid flat and not stretched, when 6 rounds are done: 14 stitches are about 4 in (10 cm) wide, and 6 rounds about 2 in (5 cm) deep. If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one.

Before you start

- The ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- To change yarn between rounds, make the joining sl st with the new yarn: put the hook in the first stitch, take the new yarn over the hook and pull it through. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and leave a tail of the same length on the new yarn.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. The ends that are not sewn with are woven in.
- In joined rounds, the first stitch of a round goes into the same stitch as the joining sl st (in round 1, the same chain). The joining sl st itself is not a stitch and is not worked into.
- Slip stitch (sl st): insert hook in the place named, yo, pull through it and the loop on hook.

Instructions

Chosen: Standard. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, hdc is half treble and yo is yarn round hook.

Yarns in order of use: A, cranberry; B, warm white; C, pine.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 88, join with sl st in first ch to make a loop, without twisting the chain.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, hdc in each ch around; join with sl st in first hdc	**(88 hdc)**
☐ **Rnds 2 to 4**	Ch 1, hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	**(88 hdc)**

A box for each round, 2 to 4: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4

☐ **Rnd 5**	With B, ch 1, hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	**(88 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	With C, ch 1, hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	**(88 hdc)**
☐ **Rnds 7 to 9**	Ch 1, hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	**(88 hdc)**

A box for each round, 7 to 9: tick them off as you go.

☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9

☐ **Rnd 10**	With B, ch 1, hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	**(88 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	With A, ch 1, hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	**(88 hdc)**
☐ **Rnds 12 to 14**	Ch 1, hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	**(88 hdc)**

A box for each round, 12 to 14: tick them off as you go.

☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14

☐ **Rnd 15**	With B, ch 1, hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	**(88 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	With C, ch 1, hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	**(88 hdc)**

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☐	**Rnds 17 to 19**	Ch 1, hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	**(88 hdc)**

A box for each round, 17 to 19: tick them off as you go.

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☐	**Rnd 20**	With B, ch 1, hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	**(88 hdc)**
☐	**Rnd 21**	With A, ch 1, hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	**(88 hdc)**
☐	**Rnds 22 to 24**	Ch 1, hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	**(88 hdc)**

A box for each round, 22 to 24: tick them off as you go.

22 23 24

☐	**End**	Fasten off.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends with the yarn needle, changing direction once or twice.

In all: 24 rounds; 2,112 stitches; 18 ends to weave in.

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