Chunky ribbed cowl

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 9 × 26¾ in (23 × 68 cm)

Skill
Easy
Back loop only

Yarn
Super bulky (6)

Hook
12 mm

Gauge
7 stitches and 6 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In back loop rib.

You will need

Yarn: terracotta, super bulky (6) **about 155 yd (142 m), an estimate**

Hook: 12 mm. Also: yarn needle, scissors and 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 and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. To measure your own: work the swatch and measure it, mark the yarn where the swatch begins and ends, pull the swatch out and measure the yarn it took; divide by the area of the swatch and multiply by the area of the piece.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Standard (this file)	**9 × 26¾ in (23 × 68 cm)**	**about 155 yd (142 m)**
Large	10¼ × 30¾ in (26 × 78 cm)	about 200 yd (183 m)

Abbreviations

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

ch chain stitch
hdc half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
BLO back loop only
RS right side
st stitch

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Gauge

7 stitches and 6 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in back loop rib.

To count your gauge in the middle of the test piece: let it lie flat and do not pull the ribs apart.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 4.

The swatch. A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. The test piece is about 6¼ in (16 cm) wide and 6 in (15 cm) tall, so that you can count over 4 in (10 cm) in the middle of it.

Swatch foundation	Ch 13.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(11 hdc)**
Swatch rows 2 to 9	Ch 2, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across	**(11 hdc)**

For another width, make the chain longer or shorter: each chain is one more stitch. Measure your own gauge first.

Before you start

- The ch 2 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch: the first stitch of the row goes into the first st of the row below.
- Row 1 is the right side.
- The back loop is the loop of the stitch that is farther from you as you work.
- Whip stitch: bring the needle through both edges from front to back, over the top and through from front to back again, all in the same direction.
- The number of rows is our estimate: yours may differ, and the length does not change the stitch count.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, and weave it in at the end with the others. Join a new ball at the end of a row, with the same tails: each join adds two ends.

Instructions

Chosen: Standard. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a row is done. In UK terms hdc is half treble.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 18.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(16 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 40**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across *Repeat until the piece measures about 26¾ in (68 cm): at our gauge that is row 40. Go by the tape measure, not the count.*	**(16 hdc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 40: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

2 3 **4** 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30
31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40

Stop and measure when you have worked row 4. Width, across the middle of the rows and not along the chain edge: about 9 in (23 cm). If it is wider, start again with a smaller hook; if it is narrower, with a larger one. If only the chain edge is tight, make the chain with a larger hook.

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

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Putting it together

Lay the strip flat, wrong side up, with no twist in it, and bring the two short ends over to meet, so that the right side is outside and the 16 places of the foundation edge meet the 16 places of the last row. With a 30 in (76 cm) length of the yarn, whip stitch through both edges, one stitch to each place, from corner to corner.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends.
- Lay the piece flat, pull it gently to its size, dampen it and let it dry.

In all: 40 rows; 640 stitches; 4 ends to weave in.

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