Moss stitch cowl

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 25 in (64 cm) around by 9¾ in (25 cm) deep

Skill
Easy
Skipped stitches, chain spaces

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 17½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In moss stitch.

What you need

Yarn A: wine, main color	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: rose, rows 37 to 72	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: blush, rows 73 to 109	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 90 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9), or the size that gives you the gauge. 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. Buy them from one dye lot. 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)	**25 in (64 cm) around, 9¾ in (25 cm) deep**	**about 180 yd (165 m)**
Tall	25 in (64 cm) around, 11¾ in (30 cm) deep	about 210 yd (192 m)

Gauge

13 stitches and 17½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in moss stitch. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

In the middle of the test piece, 7 repeats of the bracketed group side by side (14 foundation chains' worth) are about 4¼ in (10.9 cm) wide, and 18 rows are about 4 1/8 in (10.5 cm) tall. If they measure more, use a smaller hook; if they measure less, a larger one.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. The test piece takes about 30 yd (28 m) of A, which the amounts do not count. Undo it when you have measured it and use its yarn again, or buy that much more.

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Swatch foundation	With A, ch 22.
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Sc in 4th ch from hook, **[**ch 1, sk next ch, sc in next ch**] 9 times** (10 sc, 9 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)
Swatch rows 2 to 26	Ch 2, turn; **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 9 times**, sc in turning ch sp (10 sc, 9 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)

Notes

- The three chains skipped at the start of row 1 make the first turning ch sp, which row 2 works into.
- The ch 2 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch. It makes the turning ch sp, and the last stitch of the next row is worked into that space.
- Row 1 is the right side.
- A stitch worked into a chain space passes over any stitches that lie before the space; they are left unworked.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, and weave it in at the end with the others.
- Whip stitch: with the yarn on a yarn needle, pass the needle under both loops of a stitch on one edge and under both loops of the stitch that lies against it on the other edge, and pull the yarn through. Do the same in the next stitch of each edge. On a foundation chain edge, pass the needle under the strands of each chain that lie below row 1, whether or not a stitch was worked into that chain. A chain between two stitches of the last row is sewn as a stitch: pass the needle under the whole chain. The turning ch sp at the edge of the last row is sewn as one stitch too, and so is the skipped chain next to the first sc of row 1.
- To change yarn, work the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before with the new yarn. Cut the old yarn at the end of its stripe, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and leave a tail of the same length on the new yarn.
- For another width, add or take away 2 chains at a time: each 2 chains adds one more repeat of each bracketed group. Measure your own gauge first.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

Instructions

Standard. US terms.

ch chain, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **sp** space.
sk skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
ch-1 sp: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 15 times: work what is inside 15 times in all.
(16 sc, 15 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Yarns in order of use: A, wine; B, rose; C, blush.

The 109 rows below make a strip about 25 in (64 cm) long. Before you sew it, check that it goes over the head easily when its ends meet. For another length, make every stripe a few rows longer or shorter, all by the same number.

Check your width as you go: when row 14 is done, measure the width, across the middle of the rows and not along the chain edge. It is about 9¾ in (25 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.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 34.
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 4th ch from hook, **[**ch 1, sk next ch, sc in next ch**] 15 times** (16 sc, 15 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)

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☐ **Rows 2 to 36** Ch 2, turn; **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 15 times**, sc in turning ch sp
(16 sc, 15 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)

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

Stripe in B, rose

☐ **Row 37** With B, ch 2, turn; **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 15 times**, sc in turning ch sp
(16 sc, 15 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)

☐ **Rows 38 to 72** Ch 2, turn; **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 15 times**, sc in turning ch sp
(16 sc, 15 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)

38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65
66 67 68 69 70 71 72

Stripe in C, blush

☐ **Row 73** With C, ch 2, turn; **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 15 times**, sc in turning ch sp
(16 sc, 15 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)

☐ **Rows 74 to 109** Ch 2, turn; **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 15 times**, sc in turning ch sp
(16 sc, 15 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)

74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101
102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109

☐ **End** Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 34 in (86 cm) to sew the seam with.

Assembly

1. Lay the strip flat with its right side down. Bring the last row round to lie against the foundation chain, without twisting the strip. The right side is on the outside of the ring.

2. With the long tail, whip stitch the last row to the foundation chain, stitch for stitch: 32 stitches.

Finishing

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

In all: 109 rows; 1,744 stitches.

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