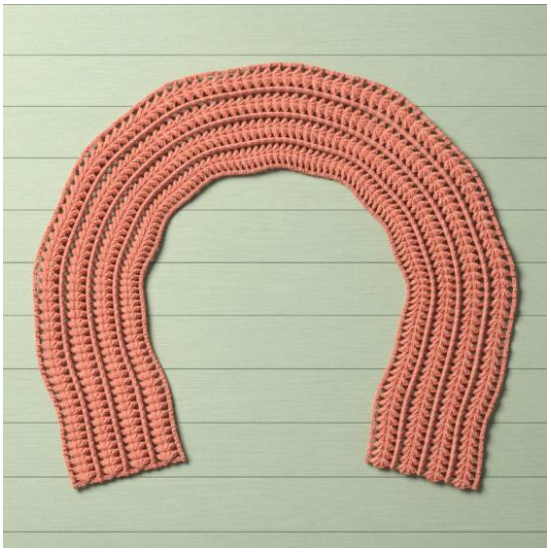
Shells and raised posts scarf

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 7½ × 60¼ in (19 × 153 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Post stitches

Yarn
Medium (4)

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13½ stitches and 7½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In shells and raised posts.

You will need

Yarn: coral, medium (4) **about 325 yd (297 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). 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)	**7½ × 60¼ in (19 × 153 cm)**	**about 325 yd (297 m)**
Short and narrow	5½ × 49½ in (14 × 126 cm)	about 225 yd (206 m)
Long	7½ × 70 in (19 × 178 cm)	about 375 yd (343 m)
Long and wide	9¼ × 70 in (23 × 178 cm)	about 450 yd (411 m)

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Abbreviations

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

ch	chain stitch
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
FPdc	front post double crochet (UK FPtr, front post treble)
BPdc	back post double crochet (UK BPtr, back post treble)
RS	right side
sk	skip
sp	space
st	stitch
yo	yarn over

Special stitches

sh (Shell): (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in the same st or sp. It leaves 2 dc, 1 ch-1 sp and 2 dc for the next row.

Gauge

13½ stitches and 7½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in shells and raised posts. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

To count your gauge in the middle of the test piece: 12 stitches side by side are about 3.6 in (9 cm) wide, and 8 rows are about 4.3 in (10.8 cm) tall.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 6.

The swatch. This piece is small enough to be its own test piece: you may skip the test piece, begin, and measure the width at the first place to stop. If you do make a swatch, it is a test piece to measure and pull out, not the start of the pattern. The test piece is about 5½ in (14 cm) wide and 5¾ in (15 cm) tall, so that you can count over 4 in (10 cm) in the middle of it.

Swatch foundation	Ch 21.
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Sh in 6th ch from hook (skipped chs count as dc), **[**sk next 2 chs, dc in next ch, sk next 2 chs, sh in next ch**] 2 times**, sk next 2 chs, dc in next ch **(4 dc, 3 sh)**
Swatch row 2	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, BPdc around next st**] 2 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 3 sh, 2 BPdc)**
Swatch row 3	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, FPdc around next st**] 2 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 3 sh, 2 FPdc)**
Swatch rows 4 to 11	Repeat swatch rows 2 and 3 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as swatch row 2, every odd-numbered row as swatch row 3.

For another width, add or take away 6 chains at a time: each 6 chains adds one more repeat of each bracketed group. Measure your own gauge first.

Before you start

- The ch 3 at the start of a row counts as a dc. It stands on the first st of the row below; the next st is the second. The last stitch of the next row is worked into the top of it. In row 2 that is the top of the skipped chs: the last ch you made of the foundation. Of the 5 chs skipped in row 1, the 3 nearest the hook stand as the dc; the other 2 are foundation chs left unworked.

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- To work an FPdc: yo, insert the hook from front to back to front around the post (the upright part) of the st, yo, pull up a loop, [yo, pull through 2 loops] 2 times. The front is the side that faces you as you work.
- To work a BPdc: the same, but insert the hook from back to front to back around the post of the st.
- 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.
- 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. Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. 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 dc is treble, FPdc is front post treble and BPdc is back post treble.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 27.
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sh in 6th ch from hook (skipped chs count as dc), **[**sk next 2 chs, dc in next ch, sk next 2 chs, sh in next ch**] 3 times**, sk next 2 chs, dc in next ch **(5 dc, 4 sh)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, BPdc around next st**] 3 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 4 sh, 3 BPdc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, FPdc around next st**] 3 times**, sh in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 4 sh, 3 FPdc)**
☐ **Rows 4 to 113**	Repeat rows 2 and 3 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 2, every odd-numbered row as row 3. *Repeat until the piece measures about 60¼ in (153 cm), ending with a row worked as row 3: at our gauge that is row 113. Go by the tape measure, not the count.*

A box for each row, 4 to 113: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

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	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	73	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	110	111	112	113						

Stop and measure when you have worked row 6. Width, across the middle of the rows and not along the chain edge: about 7½ in (19 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.

Finishing

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

In all: 113 rows; 2 ends to weave in.

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