Skinny necktie

56 in (142 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 56 in (142 cm) long; the blade about 1 7/8 in (4.8 cm) wide, the neck about 1½ in (3.8 cm), the narrow end about 1¾ in (4.4 cm)
To fit a collar of 14 to 15½ in (36 to 39 cm)

Skill
Easy
Two stitches in the back loop, in long rows, and two lines of color

Yarn
Light (3), 2 colors

Hook
3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge
20 stitches and 17 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In ribbed half double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: denim, main — **about 100 yd (91 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, stripe — **about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Fiber: cotton

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure, 6 stitch markers and pins, a cotton cloth and an iron.

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	Fits	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
56 in (this file)	**a collar of 14 to 15½ in (36 to 39 cm)**	**56 in (142 cm) long, 8 in (4.8 cm) wide**	**about 135 yd (123 m)**
60 in	a collar of 16 to 17½ in (41 to 44 cm), or for a tall man	60 in (152 cm) long, 8 in (4.8 cm) wide	about 140 yd (128 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
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
BLO	back loop only: the loop of the top farther from you
RS	right side
st	stitch

Gauge

20 stitches and 17 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in ribbed half double crochet. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

Work the test piece, lay it flat without stretching it, and measure in its middle. If it has more stitches and rows to 4 in (10 cm), use a larger hook; if it has fewer, a smaller 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. 56 in (142 cm), yarn A: 990 hdc at about 1.8 in (4.5 cm), 690 sc at about 1.5 in (4 cm), 286 ch at about 0.48 in (1 cm) and 36 in (91.5 cm) for tails come to 83.1 yd (76 m); 15 percent is added and the figure rounded up. 56 in (142 cm), yarn B: 330 hdc at about 1.8 in (4.5 cm), 230 sc at about 1.5 in (4 cm), 2 ch at about 0.48 in (1 cm) and 24 in (61 cm) for tails come to 26.8 yd (25 m); 15 percent is added and the figure rounded up. 60 in (152.5 cm), yarn A: 1,056 hdc at about 1.8 in (4.5 cm), 744 sc at about 1.5 in (4 cm), 306 ch at about 0.48 in (1 cm) and 36 in (91.5 cm) for tails come to 88.9 yd (81 m); 15 percent is added and the figure rounded up. 60 in (152.5 cm), yarn B: 352 hdc at about 1.8 in (4.5 cm), 248 sc at about 1.5 in (4 cm), 2 ch at about 0.48 in (1 cm) and 24 in (61 cm) for tails come to 28.6 yd (26 m); 15 percent is added and the figure rounded up.

Swatch foundation	With A, ch 26.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(25 hdc)**
Swatch rows 2 to 20	Ch 1, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across	**(25 hdc)**

Before you start

- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Working in the back loop leaves a ridge on every second row, on both sides: the rows become ribs.
- The tie is worked the long way: each row runs from one end of it to the other. Odd-numbered rows begin at the wide end (the blade), even-numbered rows begin at the narrow end. Put a marker in every 50th chain as you count the foundation, and take it out when row 1 comes to it.
- The stitches set the width. All along the blade every row is half double crochet. Along the neck every row is single crochet. Between the two, and along the narrow end, the rows are half double and single crochet in turn.
- Every row has the same number of stitches, one in the back loop of each stitch of the row before.
- To change yarn, work the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before with the new yarn, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on the new yarn.
- Cut each yarn when a row of it is done and the next row is in the other yarn, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm): A after rows 2 and 5, B after rows 3 and 6. The rest of A is cut after row 8, when you fasten off. Nothing is carried along the short ends, so both ends of the tie stay flat and alike. Rows 3 and 6 are the two lines of B.

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- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin and when you fasten off, unless another length is given.
- When a ball runs out, join the next at the end of a row: work the last yarn over of the last stitch with the new yarn, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both.
- A mercerized cotton has a soft shine and holds a press.

Instructions

Chosen: 56 in (142 cm). 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 sc is double crochet and hdc is half treble.

Yarns in order of use: A, denim; B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 281.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 129 chs, sc in next 70 chs, hdc in next 80 chs	**(210 hdc, 70 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of next 160 sts, hdc in BLO of next 120 sts	**(160 sc, 120 hdc)**
☐ **Row 3**	With B, ch 1, turn; hdc in BLO of next 130 sts, sc in BLO of next 70 sts, hdc in BLO of next 80 sts	**(210 hdc, 70 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of next 160 sts, hdc in BLO of next 120 sts	**(160 sc, 120 hdc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in BLO of next 130 sts, sc in BLO of next 70 sts, hdc in BLO of next 80 sts	**(210 hdc, 70 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of next 160 sts, hdc in BLO of next 120 sts	**(160 sc, 120 hdc)**
☐ **Row 7**	With A, ch 1, turn; hdc in BLO of next 130 sts, sc in BLO of next 70 sts, hdc in BLO of next 80 sts	**(210 hdc, 70 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of next 160 sts, hdc in BLO of next 120 sts	**(160 sc, 120 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Finishing

- Weave in the ends with the yarn needle, along the rows.
- Pin the tie out flat and straight, the blade to 1 7/8 in (4.8 cm) wide, the neck to 1½ in (3.8 cm) and the narrow end to 1¾ in (4.4 cm). Lay a damp cotton cloth on it, press it lightly with a warm iron and let it dry before you take out the pins.
- To tie it (a four-in-hand knot), hang the tie round the collar, its right side out, with the wide end on your right, about 12 in (30 cm) lower than the narrow end. Cross the wide end over the narrow end to the left, then take it behind the narrow end to the right, and once more across the front to the left.
- Bring the wide end up through the neck loop from behind, and pass its tip down through the loop that lies across the front of the knot. Hold the narrow end and slide the knot up to the collar. The narrow end hangs behind the wide one.

In all: 8 rows; 2,240 stitches.

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