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# Moebius Cowl

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Worked in any weight or fibre, this is a simple, pretty neck-warmer for winter days or spring evenings. The moebius twist is worked after making the first row, so it is simple to make and lovely to wear!

## **Notes:**

~ The edging is made of a repeating shell pattern that is 6 stitches long. You can make your first round longer or shorter as you like, but you'll find it easier if you make it a multiple of 6 stitches. As you go on, if you find it's getting too wide, finish on round 8, then add the edging. If it's too narrow, repeat rounds 9-11 before adding the edging.

~ Having said that, make sure you can get your cowl over your head before joining the first round!

~ Because of the nature of a moebius cowl, you work on both sides of the round each time, so each round might seem to be taking twice as long to make! Don't worry, just keep going and you'll get there.

~ If you are not familiar with Foundation stitches, Alternative Round 1 gives directions for crocheting into the chain instead.

~ Join the end of each round with a slip stitch.

## **Materials:**

This cowl can be made in any yarn with any size hook. For a cowl like the one pictured:

Approx. 220m/240 yards DK or Worsted weight yarn, any fibre.

5mm/ size H hook

Scissors

Tapestry needle

## **Gauge**

Although this cowl can be worked to any gauge in any yarn, a DK weight and 5mm hook should give you a gauge of roughly 16 stitches to 10 cm/4inches.

## **Directions:**

*This pattern is written in **UK** crochet terms*

**Round 1:** Make enough foundation double crochet to go comfortably around your neck, with as much slack as you would like from your cowl. [see note above about number of stitches] In my gauge, that was 90 stitches.

**Alternative Round 1:** Make a chain of suitable length [see note above about number of stitches]. In my gauge, that was 90 chains. Add 1 chain. Make 1 dc into 2<sup>nd</sup> chain from hook and each chain across.

**Join Round 1:** Lie the row of stitches on a flat surface with the free end to the right and the ball end to the left, making sure they are not twisted. Place one twist in the row by turning the free end over then join the row into a round with a slip stitch. *See picture for help with joining. A good tip is to make sure that you bring the working yarn to the top so that you can make the slip stitch. Put your hook through just next to your slip-knot.*



**Round 2:** Chain 1, 1 double crochet in first stitch and each stitch around. Join.

*If you used Alternative Round 1, the second half of the round will be made into the bottom of the chain from Round 1.*

**Round 3:** Chain 4 (counts as 1 treble crochet and 1 chain), skip next stitch. \*1 treble crochet in next stitch, chain 1, skip 1 stitch\* repeat from \* to \* around. Join.

**Round 4-6:** Repeat round 3.

**Round 7:** Chain 1. 1 double crochet in 3<sup>rd</sup> chain of the chain 4 that began Round 6. \*1 double crochet in chain space, 1 double crochet in treble below\*. Repeat from \* to \* around. Join.

**Round 8:** Chain 3 (counts as 1 treble crochet). 1 treble crochet in next stitch and each stitch around. Join.

**Round 9:** Repeat round 3.

**Rounds 10-11:** Repeat rounds 7-8.

**Round 12 (edging):** Chain 1. \*Skip 2 stitches. 5 treble crochet in next stitch. Skip 2 stitches. 1 double crochet in next stitch.\* Repeat from \* to \* around.

Fasten off and weave in the ends.

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