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Rainbow Fur Cowl

(This pattern uses UK crochet terminology)

Measurements (Cowl is knitted sideways)

Finished Length - approx 34cm (13 and 1/2 inches)

Finished Width - approx 26cm (10 and 1/4 inches)

These are initial measurements before use or laundering and, due to the stretchy nature of the item, are approximate.

You will need

Tools

UK size 4mm crochet hook, 1 x large yarn needle for weaving in loose ends,

Yarn

For the neon rainbow effect, I used this lovely space-dyed yarn. 100g made with wool/acrylic mix. You could also use any other DK yarn for a plain or perhaps striped colourway. You could even create the rainbow effect using normal DK yarn in rainbow colours. The colour options are endless (Please note wool or cotton are heavier fibres so using any percentage of wool or cotton may require more yarn.)

Tension Gauge

Approx 20 sts to 11cm, 12rows to 11cm.

This is the initial unlaundered tension only and, because of the stretchy nature of the finished item, is approximate.

Abbreviations

approx = approximately, beg = begin(ning), ch = chain, ch sp = chain space (refers to chain previously made), dc = double crochet, tr = treble/triple crochet, rem = remain(ing), sp(s) = space(s), st(s) = stitch(es), loop st = loop stitch (for instructions on how to make a loop stitch, see below)

Loop Stitch

Loop stitch is a fabulous stitch which is great for adding texture to your crochet. It's not too difficult although may take a little practice to begin with. There are lots of very helpful picture and video tutorials out there on the web, showing how to do the Loop stitch. The methods vary so you can try a couple and decide which suits you best. Below are two helpful links to follow for instructions.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iuR0OIDqH0g>

<http://www.freshstitches.com/crochet-video-tutorial-help/loop-stitch/>

I've tried them both and they both work well.

Crochet Instructions

Foundation Chain: Ch57, turn

Row 1: 1 tr into 4th ch sp, *1 tr into next ch sp, rep from * until end of row (55sts), turn

Row 2: ch1, 1 dc into 1st st sp, *1 loop st into next st sp, 1 dc into next st sp, 1 loop st into next st sp, rep from * until 1 st sp remains, 1 dc into last st sp, turn

Row 3: ch3 (this will form 1st st of row), *1 tr into next st sp, rep from * until end of row, turn

Row 4: ch1, 1 dc into 1st st sp, 1 dc into 2nd st sp, *1 loop st into next st sp, 1 dc into next st sp, 1 loop st into next st sp, rep from * until 2 st sp remain, 1 dc into each of last 2 st sp, turn
(see Figure 4 below for row composition).

Row 5-56: Repeat Rows 1-4 13 times.



Figure 1

Finish off, leaving one long loose end for joining.

Weave in other loose ends.

The texture of your finished piece will look like that in Figure 1.

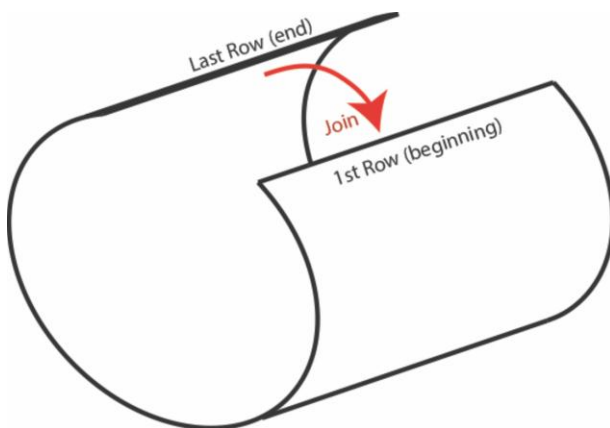


Figure 2

Joining up

Stitch or crochet together, joining the beginning and end of your finished piece as in Figure 2. to give a tube shape.





When you have your loopy crochet tube, you can then individually cut the ends of the loops to give double strands (this will create the fur effect).

Provided the tension is not too loose, the strands will be stable. However, you should take care not to pull or stretch the cowl too much as they may pull out. I have washed this a good few times now and it has been well worn and the crochet near the free strands is still intact.



Figure 3

Crochet Stitch Chart Symbol Key

	Chain
	Double Crochet
	Treble/Triple
	Loop Stitch

Please note this chart has fewer stitches than the actual pattern. It is simply a guideline for the row composition.

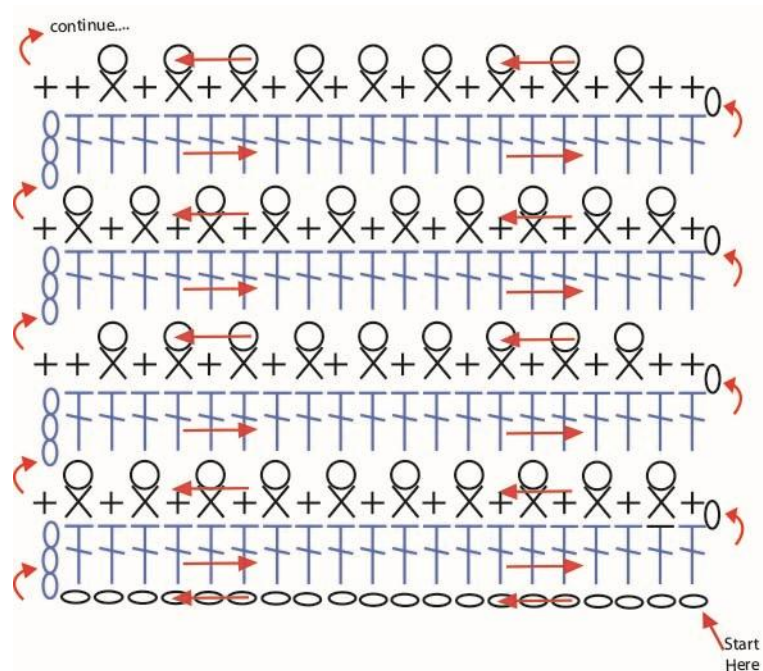


Figure 4

Happy Crocheting.

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