Moss Stitch Cowl



Luxuriantly soft and impeccably easy to make cowl. Crochets up in a few hours and makes a gorgeous gift for a special someone... or for yourself!

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I love making things with copious amounts of yarn. I've also fallen into the snobby trap of "why-would-I-buy-it-when-I-can -make-it?". So I've finally put off procrastinating and started to design my own patterns.

I'm using 100% wool, which can get really warm and scratchy, so I wanted an easy pattern that was light and breathable. I also had LOADS of yarn, so I wanted to make a pattern that would keep growing lengthwise, not width-wise like ones that are made in a loop.

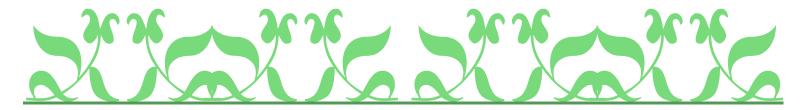
I finally decided on a simple moss stitch; no fuss, no muss. This crochet cowl can be won loose or looped, with your regular outfit or to keep you warm. I chose to make it really long, so that I could wear it both ways, but if you're short on yarn or loopy styles really aren't your thing you can make it shorter.

Materials:

- ♦ US size N/P hook (10mm)
- Aran/Bulky/Super Bulky yarn;
 I used Cascade Yarns' Eco Wool. It comes in
 250g skeins, approx. 450 yards.
- Yarn/ Tapestry needle to sew ends together.







Finished Size:

This project is HUGE. Exact measurements depend on size of the yarn used and how long you want the cowl to be.

Size is up to personal preference.

For example, I made mine as a 20 cm x 200xm (8" x 80") before folding it in half and sewing the ends together

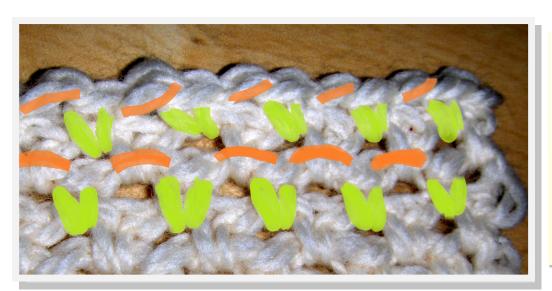
Notes:	
ch	Chain stitch
SC	Single crochet

Single Moss stitch

Make a foundation chain of an odd number of stitches.

Foundation row: Sc in 3rd ch from hook. * ch 1, skip next ch, sc in next ch *. Repeat from * to * across. Ch 2 (counts as turning chain and first chain 1). Turn.

Pattern Row: Skip first sc, * sc in ch 1 space, ch 1, skip next sc *. Repeat from * to * across. End with sc in ch 2 of previous row. Ch 2. Turn.

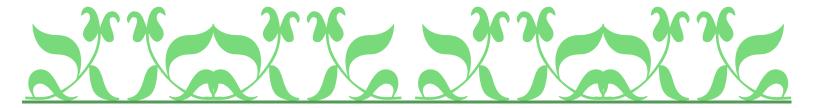


Schematic of Moss st:

Orange lines are the ch 1's between the single crochets;

Green V's are the single crochet stitches in the ch 1 spaces





Pattern Instructions:

Begin with foundation chain, with an odd number of stitches.

Row 1: Foundation row (see above)

Row 2: Pattern row (see above)

Continue with Row 2 (Pattern row) until piece is desired length.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing ends of scarf together.

If you choose to wear this as a scarf, leave the two ends separate. You can finish by adding your favourite edging to the ends, or simply tying tassels to the ends.



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