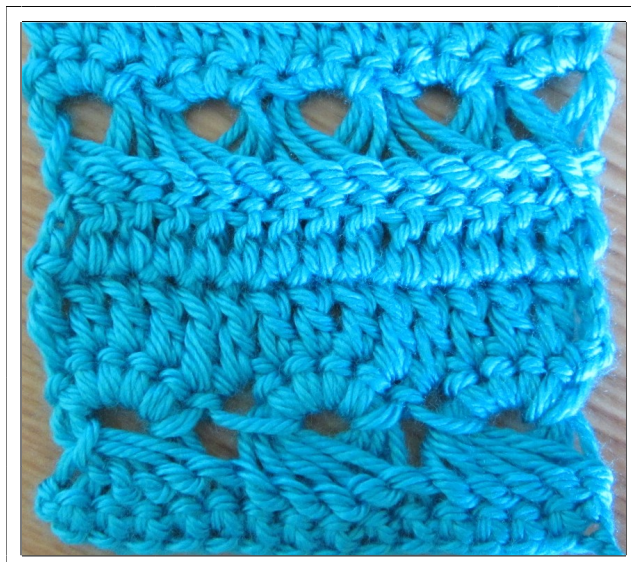




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HOW TO BROOMSTICK LACE SCARF PATTERN



ABOUT BROOMSTICK LACE—It is Crochet. Developed in the 19th century is a technique using yarn, a crochet hook and a long fat “stick” or knitting needle which creates a soft lacey pattern. Because of its durability and beauty its perfect for blankets and even clothing. The circumference of the knitting needle determines the size and durability of the lace opening. You should experiment with a variety of sizes. It has also been called “Jiffy or Peacock Lace” maybe because it is so easy and quick to master!

Broomstick Lace begins on a foundation chain and is completed in 2 rows.

Foundation Chain: Multiple of 3, 4, 5, 6 chains, plus 1 chain for turning

ROW 1 Is “Looping Up” loops onto needle: Holding the needle under your left arm, extend up the “loop” already on the crochet hook on to the needle (this is loop 1), * insert hook in next sc (either through both loops or top loop only), pick up yarn and pull through and loop onto needle, * repeat until all loops are on needle. Count loops on needle is a good idea before next step. Do not turn, keep RS facing.

ROW 2 Is “Grouping” Loops together: Slide all loops off needle. Holding loops with left hand, insert hook from right to left through the first 5 loops, yo, draw loop through the center of the five-loop group and make a ch, work 5 sc in center, * repeat until all loops have been gathered into groups of 5 to the end. The number of sc should equal the number of loops of Row 1.

The pattern you choose to make can include most other crochet stitches in combinations to create many different and unique designs.

PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS

MATERIALS NEEDED

Needle #35 or needle of desired circumference

Crochet Hook H/8 5.00mm

Caron Yarn Simply Soft 3 oz, Medium 4

ABBREVIATIONS/STITCHES USED

Ch-chain

Sc-single crochet

Needle-knitting needle

Dc-double crochet

Hk-crochet hook

Lps-loops

PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS

Ch 16, sc in 2nd ch and ea ch across (15 sc)

ROW 1: Using hk, extend lp onto needle, * insert hk in (top lp only now and throughout pattern) next sc, pull lp onto needle, * repeat across (15 lps) do not turn.



ROW 2: Slide all lps off needle, insert hk in 5 lps, yo, draw a lp through center of group, ch 1, 5 sc in group, * insert hk in next 5 lps, draw a lp through center of group, yo, sc 5 times in group, * repeat 1 more time (3—5 lp groups of broomstick lace).



ROW 3: Ch 3 (cnts as 1st dc) turn, dc in ea sc (both lps now and throughout pattern) across, (15 dc).

ROW 4: Ch 3 (cnts as 1st dc) turn, dc in ea dc (both lps now and throughout pattern) across, end with dc in tops of ch 3, (15 dc).



TIPS

Length of hook = width of project

Tucking needle under leg, arm or into elbow will give some stability

1 Sc = 1 loop

Cast loops on needle loosely but firmly, should be able to move them freely

Any size crochet hook can be used to put loops on needle, change to appropriate size hook when gathering loops into lace

Hold work in left hand when grouping loops together with crochet hook in right

Watch your tension as you draw loops together, too tight and you will pull your fabric

If loops get crossed, before sliding them off needle, run your hook between them

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PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS continued;

ROW 5: Extend lp onto needle, repeat ROW 1 from * (15 lps) do not turn.

ROW 6: Repeat ROW 2 but gather 3 lps groups only (5-3 lp groups broomstick lace).



ROW 7-8: Repeat ROW 3-4



CONTINUE WORKING: ROW 1 through ROW 8 for length desired.

FINISH: Tie off and weave in ends.

TIPS

You can "gently straighten" the sc row inside the loops if they become a little lopsided

Inspect both sides of piece for their unique differences

Make several strips and sew them together for clothing, blankets etc

Practice with different types of yarn and needle sizes

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