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Amaryllis Cowl

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Technique used:
Crochet/Broomstick Lace



INTERMEDIATE

MATERIALS

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(70% Acrylic/30% Bamboo; 2.5oz/70g,

138yds/126m):

#0002 Cerise: 3 balls

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[One size I-9 \(5.5mm\) crochet hook](#)

Two size 50 (25mm) jumbo knitting needles or

1 1/2.5cm diameter dowels or rods

Yarn needle



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FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Cowl measures approximately 50"/127cm circumference x 17 1/2"/44.5cm wide

GAUGE

In broomstick pattern, 20 sc (4 groups of 5 loops) and 9 rows = 6"/15cm;

Gauge is not critical for this project.

STITCHES USED

Chain (ch), half double crochet (hdc), single crochet (sc), slip stitch (sl st)

SPECIAL STITCHES

Fsc: Foundation single crochet (This technique creates a foundation chain and a row of single crochet stitches in one) –

Step 1: Place a slip knot on hook, ch 2, insert hook in 2nd ch from hook and draw up a loop; yarn over and draw through one loop on hook (the "chain"); yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (the "single crochet").

Step 2: The following stitch is worked under the forward 2 loops of the stem of the previous stitch (into the "chain"). Insert hook into the face of the "chain" and under the nub at the back of the "chain", draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through one loop on hook (the "chain"), yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (the "single crochet"). Repeat for the length of foundation.

SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

Broomstick Lace (worked in rounds)—Broomstick lace, worked in rounds, is made with the use of two large gauge knitting needles to hold all the loops. Each needle holds one half of the loops in a round. Using a crochet hook, the loops are held together in groups and worked off the needles with regular crochet stitches. This pattern uses groups of 5 loops, with 5 sc worked into each group.

For this particular Broomstick technique, the needle is held to the left (for right-handed crocheters), and the two steps (loop pass and return pass) are worked with RS facing. In the first step you may need to snug up each loop after slipping it to the needle in order to keep all the loops as even as possible, but do not tighten the loops too much. The loops on the needle should slide freely in order to be more easily worked off in the second step. To slip a loop from the crochet hook to the needle, bring the hook to the tip of the needle, transfer the loop from the hook to the needle without twisting, so the strand that lies to the front of the hook ends up at the front of the needle.

NOTES

1. The cowl is worked in broomstick lace worked in the round.
2. The same side (RS) of the piece faces you at all times; do not turn at the end of rounds.

COWL

Round 1: Leaving a 10"/25.5cm tail, Fsc 170; taking care to not twist sts, join with sl st in top of first sc made to form a ring, do not turn. Use beginning tail to sew lower edge of first Fsc to lower edge of final Fsc.

Note: If you prefer to begin cowl with a traditional foundation chain, work as follows: Ch 170; taking care to not twist ch, join with sl st in first ch to form a ring. Round 1: Ch 1, Sc in each ch around; join with sl st in first sc, do not turn—170 sc. Then proceed to Round 2 of instructions.

Round 2 (Loop Pass): With the first needle to the left, slip the last loop on hook onto the needle (counts as first loop). Working from left to right, skip the joining sl st, *insert crochet hook through back loop only of next sc, yarn over and draw up a loop long enough to fit over the needle. Slip the loop onto the needle, without twisting; repeat from * half way around, change to 2nd needle and repeat from * to end of round, do not turn—170 loops (total).

Round 3 (Return Pass): Insert empty hook from right to left in the first 5 loops on 2nd needle (the last of the 2 needles you placed loops on to). Holding the 5 loops in a group and working the group as one, slide the group off the needle (5 loops on hook). Bring yarn up to the level of the hook, yarn over and draw a loop through the group of 5 loops on hook (1 loop on hook), ch 1, working the group as one, work 5 sc in the same group. *ch 1, insert hook in next 5 loops on needle, slide group off the needle, yarn over and draw a loop through the group of 5 loops (2 loops on hook) yarn over and draw through both loops on hook (sc made), work 4 more sc in same group; repeat from * around working all loops off both needles; join with sl st in first sc—170 sc in 34 groups of 5 sc each, and 33 ch-1 sps.

Round 4 (Loop Pass): Working from left to right, sl st in back loop of first sc (last sc of previous round), slip the last loop on hook onto the needle. Working in sc sts only and skipping all ch-1 sps, *insert crochet hook through back loop only of next sc, yarn over and draw up a loop long enough to fit over the needle. Slip the loop onto the needle, without twisting; repeat from * half way around, change to 2nd needle and repeat from * to end of round, do not turn—170 loops (total).

Rounds 5–24: Repeat last 2 rounds 10 times.

Round 25: Repeat Round 3.

Round 26: Continuing from right to left, ch 2, working in back loops only, hdc in each sc and sl st in each ch around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch-2. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Using yarn needle, weave in all ends. Block lightly, if desired.

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