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Butterfly

Crochet pattern cowl (35 x160 cm/14"x64")

Materials

• main color (mc):

two 50 gram skeins of Finlandia (100% wool) – 255 meters/280 yards, color 83 **or** two 50 gram skeins of Geilsk (55% wool, 45% cotton) – 230 meters/ 254 yards, color C10 **or**

six 25 gram skeins of Rowan Fine Tweed (100% wool) - 90 meters/98 yards,

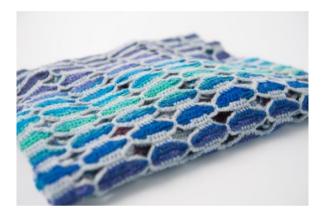
- contrast color (cc): two 100 gram skeins of Noro Taiyo Sock Yarn (50% cotton, 17% wool, 17% nylon, 16% silk) – 420 meters/462 yards, color S3
- crochet hook 3,5mm/US 4
- darning needle
- Eucalan

Stitches and abbreviations:

- ch = chain
- turning chain the turning chain takes you to the right level on the next row. Do not work any stitches into the turning chain.
- sc = single crochet (UK double crochet)
- clr = color mc = main color: Finlandia, Geilsk or Rowan
 - cc = contrast color Noro
- r = row

Working the pattern

The main part of the pattern consists of 19 stitches. You can repeat part A-I to A-II (of chart) or **the blue part** (of the written pattern) as often as you like. This part of the pattern consists of 14 stitches.



I started with a chain of 103, repeating part AI to A-II (of the graph) and **the blue part** (of the written pattern) 7 times.

If you would like your cowl a little less wide, you could start with a chain of 89, and repeat the main pattern 6 times. If you would like a wider cowl, you could start with a chain of 117 and repeat the main pattern 8 times.

Work the cowl in two colors: a main color and a contrasting color. In the graph, the main color is indicated in brown, and the contrast color in pink. In the written version of the pattern, the main color is indicated with mc, the contrasting color with cc.

Some tips:

After 2 rows, break the mc yarn and weave in the ends. You can leave the tails of row 1, so you can use these later to sew the ends of the cowl together. When starting a new row with the mc, start with a turning chain in the mc and tie a knot (left over right, right over left) in the ends of the mc (the new thread) and the cc (Noro). Then work the following 4 single crohet stitches with these two threads.

Break the yarn after working with the main color. Then, work a turning chain with the cc and tie a knot in the ends. While working the next 4 stitches, be sure to work over the ends of the contrast color.

The cc Noro is worked for 3 consecutive rows. Carry the thread along the side of your work. You may choose to work 4 consecutive rows of the cc rather than 3 in order to avoid weaving in any ends. I decided to do 3 consecutive rows of the cc, because 3 is a symbolic and holy number. For more information, see http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/3 (number).

Soaking the cowl in Eucalan and blocking it to dry, changes the size of the finished cowl. Before blocking, my cowl was 45 cm/18" wide, after blocking it was 35 cm/ 14" wide, because blocking causes the "wings" to unfold and stretch. The length of my cowl (160 cm/64") remained the same after blocking (because I stretched out the sides while taking the measure pre-blocking).

Working the cowl

With the main color, chain 103. Then follow the written pattern or the graph, reapeating rows 5 - 14 until you reach the desired length. End with row 14. Soak the cowl, and an extra length of thread (for finishing the cowl), in Eucalan and block to dry. After the cowl has dried, you can finish the cowl by sewing the groups of 5 single crochets on both ends together. I chose to do this Möbius*-syle: Put the ends of the cowl together, but make sure to twist one of the ends, just once.

*Een **Möbius strip**, or **Möbius band** is a surface with only one side and only one boundary component. For more information, see Wikepedia; <u>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/M%C3%B6bius_strip</u>.



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R	clr		Main pattern	
	mc	chain 103		
1	CC	1 turning ch	5sc, 7ch (skip 9 stitches of the starting chain)	5 sc
2	CC	1 turning ch	5sc, 7ch	5 sc
3	CC	1 turning ch	5sc, 7ch	5 sc
4	mc	1 turning ch	5sc, 4ch, work 1 sc (in the middle) around the 4 chains of the previous rows, 4ch	5 sc
5	mc	1 turning ch	5sc, 9ch	5 sc
6	CC	1 turning ch	5sc, 7ch	5 sc
7	CC	1 turning ch	5sc, 7ch	5 sc
8	CC	1 turning ch	5sc, 7ch	5 sc
9	mc	1 turning ch	5sc, 4ch, work 1 sc (in the middle) around the chains of the previous rows, 4ch	5 sc
10	mc	1 turning ch	5sc, 9ch	5 sc
11	CC	1 turning ch	5sc, 7ch	5 sc
12	CC	1 turning ch	5sc, 7ch	5 sc
13	CC	1 turning ch	5sc, 7ch	5 sc
14	mc	1 turning ch	5sc, 4ch,work 1 sc (in the middle) around the chains of the previous rows, 4ch	5 sc

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