Crochet Cowl Pattern

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A chunky cowl with a basketweave texture: blocks of three front post and three back post double crochet that swap places every two rounds, so the fabric looks woven. It is worked in the round, so there is no seam, and in bulky yarn it is done in an evening.

The cowl is about 24 in / 61 cm around and 10 in / 26 cm tall: big enough to pull over your head, close enough to keep the wind out.



The basketweave cowl in oatmeal chunky yarn.

Pattern at a glance

- **Skill level:** easy (dc in joined rounds, front and back post double crochet)
- **Size:** 24 in / 61 cm around, 10 in / 26 cm tall
- **Yarn:** bulky (chunky / 5), about 129 yd / 118 m
- **Hook:** 8 mm (US L/11)
- **Gauge:** 10 dc x 5.5 rounds = 4 in / 10 cm
- **Time:** about 3 hours

Abbreviations (US terms)

• **ch** chain · **sl st** slip stitch · **dc** double crochet · **hdc** half double crochet · **fpdc** front post dc (hook goes around the post from the front) · **bpdc** back post dc (from the back)

Before you start

- Every round starts with ch 2 (it does not count) and ends with a sl st to the first stitch.
- The stitch count is always a multiple of 6. To make the cowl bigger or smaller, chain 6 more or 6 fewer.
- Post stitches pull the fabric in a little. If the chain feels tight, chain with a 9 mm hook.

The pattern

Cowl

Color: start with A (oatmeal).

Ch 60 loosely and join into a ring. Round 1 is dc into each chain.

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** Dc around. (60)
- [ ] **Rnds 2–3:** (3 fpdc, 3 bpdc) ×10. (60)
- [ ] **Rnds 4–5:** (3 bpdc, 3 fpdc) ×10. (60)
- [ ] **Rnds 6–7:** (3 fpdc, 3 bpdc) ×10. (60)
- [ ] **Rnds 8–9:** (3 bpdc, 3 fpdc) ×10. (60)
- [ ] **Rnds 10–11:** (3 fpdc, 3 bpdc) ×10. (60)
- [ ] **Rnds 12–13:** (3 bpdc, 3 fpdc) ×10. (60)
- [ ] **Rnd 14:** Hdc around. (60)

Finish: Ch 60 loosely and join into a ring without twisting; FO after R14.



The basketweave: raised and sunken blocks of three stitches.

Finishing

Fasten off after the hdc round and weave in the ends on the inside. The starting chain edge and the hdc edge look almost the same, so the cowl has no right way up.

Tips

• **Taller cowl:** add 2 rounds at a time so the blocks stay even; each pair adds about 1.5 in / 4 cm and about 18 yd / 17 m of yarn.
• **Losing your place?** If the stitch below sticks out toward you, it was a fpdc. The block that sticks out switches every 2 rounds.
• **Softer drape:** use a merino blend; acrylic gives a crisper, more structured cowl.

FAQ

Can I make it as a hat?

Not directly: a hat needs a crown. Our ribbed beanie uses the same post stitches.

Why does my cowl twist?

The starting chain was twisted when you joined it. Lay the chain flat with all the bumps on the inside before you join.

More neck warmers: the griddle stitch infinity scarf and the beginner scarf.