

Tunnel Tail Crochet Scarf Pattern

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This pattern is very easy and can be completed in 3-4 hours. The texture makes it special and several colours will make it interesting.

Materials: 300-400g of yarn, depending on the length of the scarf. Use a gradient yarn (gradual colour changes), three or four different colours, or make a scrap ball). This allows contrast between the 'tail' and the 'tunnel' rows. Plain woven sock (1) sport (2), worsted (3/4) and chunky weight (5) yarn all work well. (see images below). Use a crochet hook one size larger than is usual for the yarn, to emphasize the stitch texture.

Terms (US): st(s) - stitch(es), ch - chain, sc - single crochet, dc - double crochet

Notes: This scarf uses the griddle (lemon peel) stitch - dc, sc, across, with the reverse in the sts of the next row. The scarf is a modified dragon tail, increasing one side only. Always increase on the same side. Pattern increases after 4 rows, but add more for a narrower scarf at the tunnel end. Increase is always dc, sc, dc into the sc at the end of row. Work last dc into ch 1 sp for a firmer edge.

Ch 1, turn does not count as a stitch. Every row begins with a sc and ends with a dc.

The pattern chart is on the next page.

Instructions:

Foundation Row: Ch 2, sc, dc in second ch from hook. Ch 1 turn.

Row 2: sc in dc of row below, then dc, sc, dc, in the sc. Ch 1, turn. (First increase row).

Row 3-5: Griddle stitch across rows, ch 1, turn at both ends.

Row 6: sc, dc, sc, across, (dc, sc, dc) in last sc of row below. Ch 1, turn. (Second increase row).

Row 7 - ?: Work as row 3, adding increase per Row 6 (dc, sc, dc) in last sc every fifth row.

Continue pattern for 32" - 36" / 95 cm - to 105 cm). The number of stitches in the final row will depend on the yarn used. The scarf should go around your neck fairly loosely.

Tunnel rows:

Count the sts in the final row. You will need 2 or 3 sts at beginning and end of row, 4 or 5 sts in chain, and 4 sts between chains. If sts don't work out evenly, make a shorter tunnel at the end nearest the increase edge, to hold the point of the tail.

First Row: Sc 3 at beginning of row, *ch 4 or 5, skip 4 or 5 sts, then sc 4 or 5. Continue across from *. When you near the end of the row, make sure you have 3 sts to sc, even if it means a shorter chain before that point. Ch 1, turn.

Second row: Sc across, making one less st into the opening formed by the chains (i.e. if you ch 5, then sc 4 into the chain space).

Third row: Sc across and fasten off. Weave in ends.

Assembly:

Fold the scarf in half, and with the straight side to the top, weave the tail through the 'tunnels', for a left or right hang. Extend the tail beyond the last tunnel. There is no right or wrong side to this scarf. The tunnels keep the tail firmly in place and the fit is adjustable. Blocking is not required.



Sock weight
gradient scrap yarn



Sport weight
gradient yarn



Worsted weight
gradient yarn



Chunky weight
scrap yarn

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