

Thai Crochet Cowl



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Materials:

- 7 balls of Garnstudio DROPS Alpaca in 4010 Light Grey Purple, or 1271 yds (1162 m) of your preferred sport weight yarn
- US size E/4 (3.5 mm) hook
- Measuring tape

Finished Size:

9" (23 cm) wide, 66" (168 cm) circumference

Difficulty Level:

Advanced

Pattern Notes:

- Due to difficulty, everyone's gauge is going to be slightly different, depending on tension and puff size. The puffs in the sample average at about 0.6" (1.5 cm), not counting the sc that lies on top, but you should do what's most comfortable for you to keep your stitches as consistent as possible.
- Because the stitch pattern requires lots of yarn, the cowl is fluffy but heavy for its size and takes more time than standard stitches.
- This stitch pattern is known as Thai crochet, the jasmine stitch, or sometimes the star stitch.
- This pattern uses US terms.



Pattern:

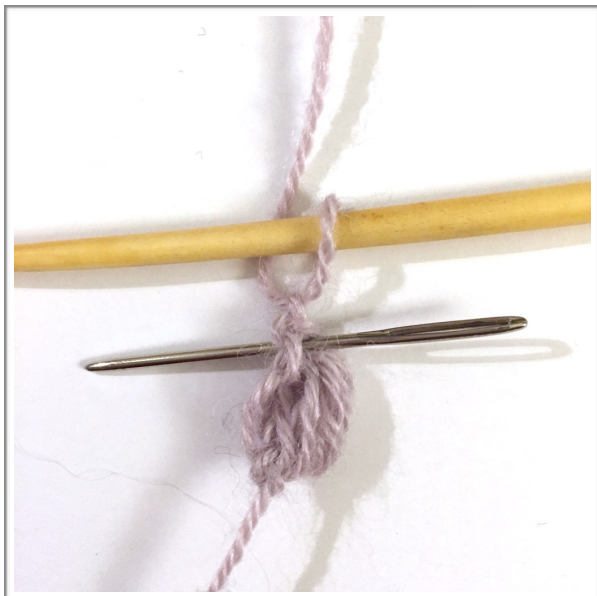
Foundation row: Start w/ slip knot, ch 1. Pull up your loop and work a puff stitch into the chain, but don't pull the last loop through yet (as seen to the right). When you yo to pull the last loop through all 7 loops on your hook, hold on to the working yarn so that there's a little loop on the side left once you finish the stitch (the loop is indicated by the needle in the photo below).



Put your hook in the loop from front to back, yo, draw up a loop to the height of the puff (2 loops on hook), yo & pull through both loops to make a sc on top of the puff st (as seen below). ***Note: This is how you'll finish all puff sts for the rest of the pattern, including the clusters of 3 puffs.



*Ch 1, pull up loop to begin next puff st. ***Note: you'll ch 1 before every stand alone puff & the 1st puff of each cluster of 3 puffs in the future rows. You'll be working puffs into the middle of the sc st you just made (as indicated by the needle in the photo below).



Make a puff in the sc on top of your first puff. Holding on to your working yarn as you close the stitch as you did with the first puff, insert your hook in the side loop you made, draw up a loop, yo, pull through both loops on hook, making a sc on top (as seen to the right). Repeat from * until your foundation row reaches around 55" un-stretched. Again, due to gauge differences the number of puffs will be different for everyone. Before finishing the last sc on top of your last puff, insert hook in the 1st ch of the row to join in the round (making sure not to twist the row), yo, & pull through all 3 loops.



Row 1: Using the same steps as in the foundation row, ch 1, puff in the joining sc, sc on top (as seen to the left). Now you'll start the first cluster of 3 puffs. Ch 1, puff in the sc you just made but do not hold the working yarn yet to pull the last loop of the puff through. Instead of completing the puff, make another puff in the st where you joined the round, again not pulling the last loop through. Make another puff in the next sc. ***Note: try to keep all of these puffs at a similar height by holding them taut while you work. When not held taut, they won't look even (as seen in the picture below), but they will once you complete the stitch.

Holding on to your working yarn, yo & pull through all 19 loops on hook. Insert hook from front to back in the working yarn loop like you did in the previous single puffs, yo & draw up a loop, yo & draw through remaining 2 loops, making the sc on top of the cluster of 3 puff sts. This is the essential stitch for this pattern.



*Ch 1, make incomplete puff in the sc you just made, make incomplete puff in the same st as the last puff from the previous cluster, make incomplete puff in next sc. Keeping a loop on your working yarn again, yo and pull through all 19 loops on hook, insert hook from front to back in the loop you held, pull up a loop, yo, pull through both loops. Now you've made 2 of the clusters of 3 puffs (as seen to the right). Rep from * to end, but stop at the last st (as seen below), do not work it in the same way.



Make a cluster of 2 puffs instead of 3, but before closing, insert hook in the sc on top of the very first puff of the row (as seen in the photo below) yo, pull through all loops.



Again put the hook in the first sc of the row, yo, pull through 1 loop, yo, pull through 2 remaining loops (as seen in the photo below). To finish off the row, insert hook in the last sc of the row, then the first sc of the previous row, yo, pull through all loops (making a ss through both sc sts, which is difficult but it helps tighten up the join a bit).



This completes the first row, and you'll find that the second row is similar, you're just not working into the foundation row anymore. You'll see the first flowers completely formed in row 2.

Row 2: ch 1. make puff in first sc of 1st row. closing as you did in the foundation w/ a sc on top (as seen to the right). Make a cluster of 3 puffs as you did at the beginning of row 1 (like the top of the row is the foundation row, as seen below).



Continue making clusters of 3 dc as you did in row 1 all the way around (as seen below).



Close the round in the same way as you did in the first round (make a cluster of 2 puffs and secure to the beginning of the row exactly as you did in row 1).

Repeat row 2 until you run out of yarn. tie off. When you have to change balls of yarn, just tie the new end to the old end and hide the tails by weaving them in when you're done with your cowl. To keep it nice and fluffy, do not block – your cowl will stretch out some anyway due to the heaviness of the fabric.



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