

Crochet Shawl Shapes



Yarn

10x10g (gradient pack) of WCY Miniballs – approx. 500m of 4ply yarn in assorted colours OR 7x20g Kinross 4ply Miniskein gradient braid (approx. 580m of 4ply yarn)

Equipment

4mm Hook

8 removable markers or scraps of yarn for Semi Circle, darning needle to weave in ends

Size

Approx 1.6m-2m length but can be easily adjusted.

Tension

16 sts to 10cm – Trebles on 4mm hook

Miniballs are a great way of playing with colour. Pick 10 of your favourite colours and make up a striking shawl very simply! This yarn is very sticky, it will easily spit-splice or Russian join. Often I will just hold the old and new strands together and work with both for a few stitches. This means there are almost no ends to weave in! Miniballs and Kinross have come directly from the cone so should be washed twice with detergent once you are finished.

Turning chains do not count as first stitch. Written in UK crochet terms.

Top-down Triangle

Set up:

Ch 4

Skip 1st Ch from hook, 1 DC (SC in US terms) in next 3 ch, turn

Ch1, 1 DC in next 3 DC, turn

Repeat this row twice more (4 rows of DC in total)

Ch1, 1 DC in next 3 DC, do not turn, work 4 DC along side of work, then work 3 DC into foundation chain. Turn (10sts).

Ch3, 1 Tr (DC in US terms) in next 3 DC, 2 Tr into next DC, 2 Tr into next DC, Ch1, 2 Tr into next DC, 2 Tr into next DC, 1 Tr in 3 DC to end. Turn. (14 sts)

Ch3, 1 Tr in next 3 Tr, 2 Tr in next Tr, 1 Tr into next Tr to ch sp, 2 Tr, ch1, 2 Tr into ch sp, 1 Tr into next Tr to 4th Tr from end, 2 Tr into 4th Tr from end, 1 Tr into each of next 3 Tr. Turn (6 sts increased)

Repeat this row until shawl is desired size or you have run out of yarn. Fasten off.

Semi-circle

Set up:

Ch 4

Skip 1st Ch from hook, 1 DC (SC in US terms) in next 3 ch, turn.

Ch1, 3 DC in next 3 DC, turn.

Repeat this row twice more (4 rows of DC in total)

Ch1, 1 DC in next 3 DC, do not turn, work 4 DC along side of work, then work 3 DC into foundation chain. Turn. (10sts)

Row 1: Ch2, 1 tr into next 3 DC, 2 tr into each of next 4 DC, 1 tr into next 3 DC, turn (14 sts)

Row 2: Ch2, 1 tr into next 3 tr, 2 tr into each of next 8 tr, 1 tr into next 3 tr, turn (22 sts)

Row 3: Ch2, 1 tr into next 3 tr, 2 tr into next tr, 1 tr across to fourth stitch from end, 2 tr in next tr, 1 tr into next 3 tr, turn (2 sts increased - 24 sts)

Row 4: Ch2, 1 tr into next 3 tr, 2 tr into next tr, 1 tr into next 2 tr, [2 tr into next tr, 1 tr into next tr] x3, [1 tr into next tr, 2 tr into next tr] x3, 1 tr into next 2 tr, 2 tr into next tr, 1 tr into next 3 tr, turn (8 sts increased)

Row 5: as row 3

Row 6: Ch2, 1 tr into next 3 tr, 2 tr into next tr, 1 tr into

next 4 tr, [2 tr into next tr, 1 tr into next 2 tr] x3, [1 tr into next 2 tr, 2 tr into next tr] x3, 1 tr into next 4 tr, 2 tr into next tr, 1 tr into next 3 tr, turn (8 sts increased) – Place removable markers to mark increases in this row.

Row 7: as row 3

Row 8: Ch2, 1 tr into next 3 tr, 2 tr into next tr, 1 tr into next 6 tr, [2 tr into next tr, 1 tr into next 3 tr] x3, [1 tr into next 3 tr, 2 tr into next tr] x3, 1 tr into next 6 tr, 2 tr into next tr, 1 tr into next 3 tr, turn (8 sts increased at markers on previous row)

Continue increasing as set by repeating rows 7 and 8, working more stitches between the increases on each row. Move the increase markers after each even row. Continue until you have run out of yarn or the shawl is the desired size, fasten off.

Sideways Triangle

Ch 4

Row 1: Tr in 4th Ch from hook. Turn.

Row 2: Ch3 1tr in tr at base of ch, 1 tr in turning ch. Turn. (2 sts)

Row 3: Ch3, 2 tr in 1st tr, 1 tr in last tr. Turn. (3 sts)

Row 4: Ch3, 1 tr in next 3 tr. Turn.

Row 5: Ch3, 2 tr in 1st tr, 1 tr in each tr to end. Turn.

Row 6: Ch3, 1 tr in each tr to end. Turn.

Repeat rows 5 and 6 until approx. half your yarn has been used.

Decrease side:

After a plain (even number) row:

Ch3, miss 1st tr, 1 tr into each tr to end. Turn.

Ch3, 1 tr in each tr to end. Turn.

Repeat these two rows until you have two sts left.

Fasten off.

Finishing

Weave in any remaining ends and wash the shawl with warm, soapy water twice, allowing to soak for a few minutes each time. Pin out to dry.

Abbreviations

Ch – Chain

DC – double crochet (UK terms, SC in US terms)

Sts – Stitches

Tr – Treble crochet (UK terms, DC in US terms)