

THE AGAVE CROCHET COWL

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She is courageous and bold! The Agave is a mighty cowl to top your favorite layers on a cold winter's day. The Agave's striking good looks are made simple with strategically placed single and treble crochet stitches suitable for advanced beginners*.

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Finished size: approximately 24" circumference by 10" tall.

TOOL & MATERIALS

- 2 balls at least 125 yards each of worsted weight (#4) yarn (You will hold two strands of yarn together in the pattern to add extra bulk. I used Lion Brand Heartland yarn in Grand Canyon for the taupe cowl and Heartland Tweed in Everglades for the green version in the blog article at 10gables.com. To substitute, I recommend a plied yarn with scrumptiously soft drape such as Madeline Tosh Vintage (merino wool) or Caron's Simply Soft (acrylic).)
- Size N Hook
- Yarn Needle

ABBREVIATIONS

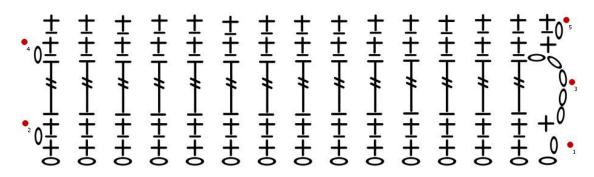
- CH = chain
- SC = single crochet
- SC BLO = single crochet in back loop only
- TR BLO = treble crochet in back loop only

- <u>Naztazia on YouTube</u>(two part video series for beginners by Naztazia for allfreecrochet.com)
- <u>crochetmagazine.com/stitch_guide/</u> (stitch guide with drawings by Crochet Magazine)

^{*}If you are new to crochet, the following resources may be helpful to you.

INSTRUCTIONS

The Agave uses simple stitches with a big impact by crocheting in the back loop only to form texture. The secret is placing two rows at the height of a single crochet in between each tall row of treble crochet stitches. By crocheting all three of these rows into the back loop only, the tall rows will have a ribbed effect. I hope you enjoy this pattern as much as I enjoyed creating it for you ©





Hold 2 strands of yarn together for this pattern to make your Agave nice and bulky.

CH 26 stitches.

R1: SC in 2nd CH from hook, SC to end; turn. (25 sts including beginning turning ch)

R2: CH 1, SC BLO to turning ch, SC in beginning turning ch; turn. (25 sts)

R3: CH 5 (counts as one TR), skip 1 stitch then TR BLO to end; turn. (25 sts)

R4: CH 1, SC BLO to last tr, SC in top of turning ch; turn. (25 sts)

R5: CH 1, SC BLO to end; turn. (25 sts)

Repeat rows 3-5 until piece reaches 24" ending with Row 4. Fasten off leaving a 24" tail. If you like your cowls snugger, make this pattern a little shorter. Or, to make a chunky infinity scarf to double-wrap, make it 60".

Fold lengthwise with right sides together to form the cowl, then sew ends together by weaving tail ends through back loops with the yarn needle. Finish off and weave in ends.

Turn right side out and get ready to seize the day!



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