

# *Frost Flower Cowl*

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Frost flowers form outside when the weather is freezing and when the ground has not yet frozen. Water in the stems of certain plants expands and extrudes out of the stem, freezing and forming beautiful crystalline flowers as it oozes out. Most times, frost flowers melt as the sun peeks out, or they hide elusively in shaded areas. The chunkiness of this cowl will keep the chill off your neck on those cold mornings when it's freezing outside and you need an extra layer of warmth. The cowl is crocheted in the round and is an easy, fast and fun project, making it perfect for gifting.

## YARN & HOOKS

US N (10.0 mm) hook

tapestry needle

La Brebis Fluffy Wool

100% Peruvian Highland Wool

60 yds (55 m) / 100 g

2 skeins used for this project.

Colorway shown is Storm.

## FINISHED SIZE

13" (33 cm) wide, 9" (22.86 cm) tall

Palm Circumference: 6 (6.5, 7, 7.5, 8, 8.5, 9, 9.5)" / 15.24 (16.41, 17.78, 19, 20.3, 21.59, 22.86, 24.13) cm

## GAUGE

Not critical, although medium tension is recommended.

## SKILL LEVEL

Beginner

## ABBREVIATIONS

CH - chain

SC - single crochet

HDC - half double crochet

DC - double crochet

SL ST - slip stitch

ST - stitch

FSC - foundation single crochet

SDC - standing double crochet

## NOTES

The starting edge is made by crocheting a row of foundation single crochet (fsc). I recommend the fsc to start the cowl. If you are unfamiliar with this stitch you can search YouTube or Pinterest for "foundation single crochet" to view tutorials. If you choose not to crochet the fsc, you can start by making a chain and then crocheting one row of single crochet.

The rows begin with a standing double crochet stitch (sdc). If you need help with this stitch search YouTube or Pinterest with "standing double crochet" to view tutorials. It makes a very neat row transition when crocheting in the round. But, if you prefer, you can substitute a ch 3 for the sdc at the beginning of the rows.

I suggest that you mark the sdc (or ch 3) at the beginning of the row with a removable stitch marker so that you can recognize this stitch when you return back around to the sdc (or ch 3). It will lean over a bit because of the nature of the stitch pattern and could be hard to recognize.

## INSTRUCTIONS

The Frost Flower Cowl is crocheted in the round with an easy stitch repeat, and an easy one-row repeat. As you crochet through the stitch pattern, the eyelet holes move to the left to form diagonals around the cowl. The ending is made by crocheting a row of half double crochet stitches so that it resembles the starting fsc edge.

### SET UP

The starting chain is a multiple of 3.

Fsc 48 stitches and connect in the round with a sl st,

OR,

ch 48 stitches and join in the round with a sl st being careful not to twist your chain and crochet one row of sc for 48 stitches.

Round 1: sdc (or ch 3 if you prefer to substitute for all sdc), sc in next st, ch 2, skip 1 st,

\*dc in the next st, sc in the next st, ch 2, skip 1 st\*,

repeat (\*...\*) across the row, ending with a sl st in the top of the sdc after your last ch 2.

Round 2: sdc, sc in the next ch 2 space, ch 2,

\*dc in the next sc (skip over the dc stitch), sc in the next ch 2 space, ch 2\*,

repeat (\*...\*) across the row, ending with a sl st in the top of the sdc after your last ch 2.

Round 3 - 12: repeat Round 2 ten more times.

Final Round: ch 2, hdc in the next sc, hdc in the next ch 2 sp, \*hdc in the next dc, hdc in the next sc, hdc in the next ch 2 sp\*,

repeat (\*...\*) across the row. After the sc in the last ch 2 sp, skip over the ch 2 you made at the beginning of the row and sl st in the first hdc that you made in this row.

Break the yarn.

### FINISHING

Sew off loose ends.

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