

# Neck Warmer

# **SKILL LEVEL**

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INTERMEDIATE

#### **FINISHED SIZE**

6 inches wide x 22 inches long

# **MATERIALS**

- Corny Woolness light (DK) weight yarn (3<sup>1</sup>/2 oz/240 yds/IOOg per skein):
  - 1 skein daylily orange
- Size G/6/4mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle
- Size Summ/z-tnch toggle button

#### **GAUGE**

3 V-sts = 2 inches; 4 V-st rows = 2 inches

#### **PATTERN NOTES**

In short, the crocodile stitch is formed by a tworow repeat: a row of V-stitches followed by a row of scales (or shells). This is a fairly easy pattern to execute and is fast to memorize. The only novelty about this design is that the scales are crocheted in front of the V-stitches with clusters of front post double crochets from top to bottom, then from bottom to top, as opposed to working them on top of the row, like in most shell patterns.

Photos used are worked with larger hook and yarn in order to show more detail.

Chain-3 at beginning of row or round counts as first double crochet unless otherwise stated.

## **SPECIAL STITCH**

V-stitch (V-st): (Dc, ch I, de) as indicated in instructions.

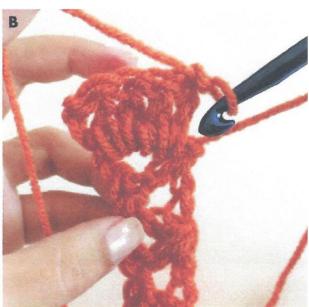


## **NECK WARMER**

Row 1 (W5): Ch 29, de in Sth ch from hook (first 4 chs and de count as first V-st of row), "sk next 2 chs, V-st (see Special Stitch) in next ch, rep from \* across, turn. (9 V-sts)

Row 2 (RS): Ch 3 (see Pattern Notes), working from top to bottom around post of first de of first V-st, work 4 fpdc (see Special Stitches and photo A), ch 1, turn work so V-st is sideways and post of 2nd de of V-st is upside down (V point of V-st will be facing right, see photo B), working from bottom to top around post of 2nd dc of V-st, work 5 fpdc (see photo C), "sk next V-st, working from top to bottom around post offirst dc of next V-st, work 5 fpdc, ch I, turn work so V-st is sideways, working from bottom to top around post of 2nd de of V-st, work 5 fpdc, rep from \* across (see photo D), turn. (5 scales)









Row 3: Ch 3, V-st in next ch-I sp, "yo, insert hook in next ch-I sp and in sp between scales directly behind ch-I sp (see photo E), complete as V-st, V-st in next ch-I sp, rep from \* across to last de, de in last st (see photo F), turn. (9 V-sts)





Row 4: SI st in each of first 2 sts, sI st in next ch-I sp, working from top to bottom around post of first dc of next V-st, work S fpdc, ch 1, turn work so V-st is sideways and post of 2nd de of V-st is upside down, working from bottom to top around post of 2nd de of V-st, work S fpdc, "sk next V-st, working from top to bottom around post of first de of next V-st, work S fpdc, ch 1, turn work so V-st is sideways, working from bottom to top around post of 2nd de of V-st, work S fpdc, rep from" across to last V-st, sI st in next ch-I sp, sI st in each of next 2 sts (see photo G), turn. (4 scales)



Row 5: Ch 3, V:st in ch-I sp of first V-st, ""V-st in next ch-I sp, yo, insert hook in next ch-I sp and in sp between scales directly behind ch-I sp, complete as V-st, V-st in next ch-I sp, rep from "across to last ch-I sp, V-st in last ch-I sp, de in last st, turn. (9 *V-sts*)

Row 6: Ch 1, working from top to bottom around post of first de of first V-st, work S fpdc, ch 1, turn work so V-st is sideways and post of 2nd de of V-st is upside down, working from bottom to top around post of 2nd de of V-st, work S fpdc "sk next V-st, working from top to bottom around post of first de of next V-st, work 5 fpdc, eh 1, turn work so V-st is sideways, working from bottom to top around post of 2nd de of V-st, work S fpdc, rep from" across to last dc, sl st in last de, turn. (5 scales)

**Next rows:** [Rep rows 3-6 consecutively] 16 times or until length of your preference.

Last row (WS): Ch 1 (counts as first sc), "sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next ch-I sp, sc in each of next 2 sts, insert hook in next ch-I sp and in sp between scales directly behind ch-I SP, yo, pull lp through and complete as sc, rep from "across to last 4 sts, sc in each of the last 4 sts. Fasten off: (29 sc)

## **FINISHING**

Block Neck Warmer by soaking it in cool water until thoroughly wet. Gently squeeze out excess water and pin it on a flat surface. Remove it only when completely dry.

Measure about 4 inches from the top end of Neck Warmer and sew button in center scale. -