FREE CROCHET TUTORIAL

Herringbone Half Double Crochet

How to crochet herringbone hdc, plus a striped cowl in 2 sizes · US terms

SKILL LEVEL	PRACTICE	YARN
Advanced beginner	**Striped cowl, 2 sizes**	**Worsted (#4), 3 colours**
HOOK	**STITCHES**	**TIME**
5.5 mm (US I-9)	**ch, sl st, hhdc**	**About 4 / 6 hours**

Materials

- Worsted (#4) yarn in oatmeal, rust and charcoal (amounts in the size table)
- 5.5 mm (US I-9) hook, tapestry needle

Abbreviations (US terms)

ch	chain	**hhdc**	herringbone half double crochet
sl st	slip stitch	**yo**	yarn over

Gauge: 15 sts and 11 rounds = 4 in (10 cm) in herringbone hdc, a typical worsted value.

Cowl, Neck cowl

Foundation	With oatmeal, ch 90. Join with a sl st to the first ch, taking care not to twist the chain.	**(90)**
Herringbone hdc (hhdc)	Yo, insert the hook in the stitch, yo and pull the loop through the stitch AND the first loop on the hook (2 loops left), yo, pull through both.	
Round 1	Ch 2 (doesn't count as a st), hhdc in each ch round (90 hhdc). Sl st to the first hhdc. Don't turn.	**(90)**
Round 2 onwards	Ch 2, hhdc in each st round, sl st to the first hhdc. Never turn: that keeps the slant going one way.	**(90)**
Stripes	Change colour at the sl st join: 4 rounds oatmeal, 2 rounds rust, 2 rounds charcoal. Repeat this 8-round stripe sequence 3 times (24 rounds, about 8.7 in or 22 cm).	
Finish	Fasten off. Weave in the ends at the joins, where they hide in the seam line.	

Cowl, Long loop

Foundation	With oatmeal, ch 188. Join with a sl st to the first ch, taking care not to twist the chain.	**(188)**
Herringbone hdc (hhdc)	Yo, insert the hook in the stitch, yo and pull the loop through the stitch AND the first loop on the hook (2 loops left), yo, pull through both.	
Round 1	Ch 2 (doesn't count as a st), hhdc in each ch round (188 hhdc). Sl st to the first hhdc. Don't turn.	**(188)**

Round 2 onwards	Ch 2, hhdc in each st round, sl st to the first hhdc. Never turn: that keeps the slant going one way.	**(188)**
Stripes	Change colour at the sl st join: 4 rounds oatmeal, 2 rounds rust, 2 rounds charcoal. Repeat this 8-round stripe sequence 2 times (16 rounds, about 5.8 in or 15 cm).	
Finish	Fasten off. Weave in the ends at the joins, where they hide in the seam line.	

What's exact, what's calculated

Exact	Count every round, never turned, whole stripe repeats.
Calculated	Stitches, rounds and yarn from the gauge.
Assumed	The gauge.

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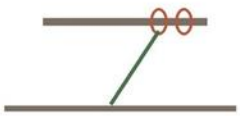
An hdc with one loop pulled straight through · slanted stitches like a herringbone weave

1 · Yarn over



Yarn over and insert the hook in the stitch, as for an hdc.

2 · Through 2 at once



Yarn over and pull the loop through the stitch AND the first loop on the hook.

3 · Finish



2 loops left: yarn over and pull through both.

4 · The slant



Each stitch leans; in rounds that are never turned, they all lean the same way.

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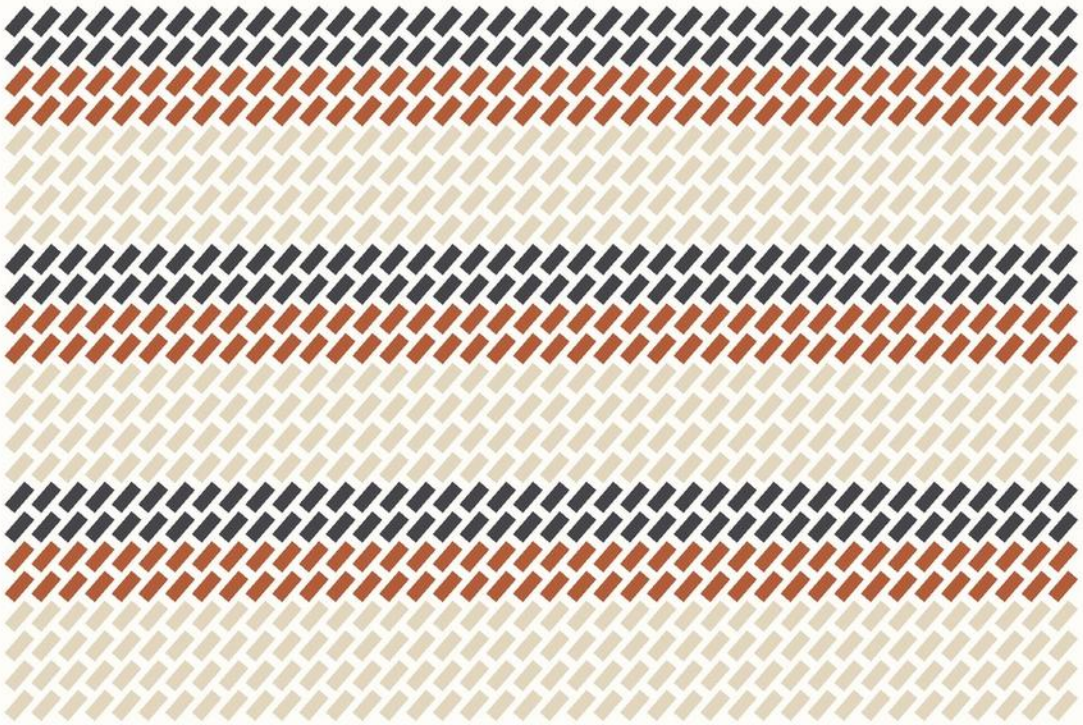
Herringbone hdc Cowl · Stripes (Neck cowl)

90 sts × 24 rounds · stripe repeat: 4 oatmeal + 2 rust + 2 charcoal



40 of the stitches shown · every stitch slants the same way because the rounds are never turned · change colour at the join.

Herringbone hdc Cowl · Sizes

Worsted (#4) yarn in 3 colours · 5.5 mm (US I-9) hook · gauge 15 sts × 11 rounds = 4 in in herringbone hdc

Size	Circumference × height	Start	Rounds	Worsted
Neck cowl	24 × 9 in (61 × 23 cm)	ch 90	24	oatmeal 95 yd, rust 50 yd, charcoal 50 yd
Long loop	50 × 6 in (127 × 15 cm)	ch 188	16	oatmeal 135 yd, rust 65 yd, charcoal 65 yd

The long loop wraps twice round the neck. Any length works: chain about 15 sts for every 4 in (10 cm).

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