

# Corkscrew Ruffle Scarf

## MATERIALS:

- One skein hand-painted yarn, 80% Pima cotton/20% merino wool. Skein weight: 3.5 ounces (100 gms), length is 215 yards (197 m). Substitute at will.

- Size F (3.75mm) crochet hook. Especially if you work tightly, you may wish to use a size G (4.25 mm) for the foundation row. A blunt yarn/tapestry needle.

**ABBREVIATIONS:** CH: chain, SC: single crochet, ST: stitch, INC: increase, (—)\*54 means repeat sequence between parentheses 54 times

**GAUGE:** About 4 ST and 4 rows per inch. But it really doesn't matter very much.

Worked in SC, in back-and-forth rows, on a foundation row of CH-STs. Each row has the same number of INCs (54), and the INCs are always worked into the second ST of the two that formed an INC in the previous row. (It is laid out ST by ST for you, below.)

**Foundation row:** Make a slipknot, pull it snug, and chain 167, not too tightly. If you are a tight crocheter, a size G hook may make the next row easier.

**Row 1:** Make one more CH, which counts as the first ST of the row. The second ST must be worked into the second-to-last CH of the foundation row.

CH 1, SC 1, (INC, 2 SC)\*53, INC, 2 SC

After this row, you may make the first ST of each row directly into the the last ST of the one before, or CH-1 (counts as first ST), and SC into the second ST of the row below. I prefer the first method, which is how the instructions below are written. If you prefer the second, substitute one CH-ST for the first SC of each row.

**Row 2** 3 SC, (INC, 3 SC)\*53, INC, 2 SC

**Row 3** 3 SC, (INC, 4 SC)\*53, INC, 3 SC

**Row 4** 4 SC, (INC, 5 SC)\*53, INC, 3 SC

**Row 5** 4 SC, (INC, 6 SC)\*53, INC, 4 SC

**Row 6** 5 SC, (INC, 7 SC)\*53, INC, 4 SC

**Row 7** 5 SC, (INC, 8 SC)\*53, INC, 5 SC

**Row 8** 6 SC, (INC, 9 SC)\*53, INC, 5 SC

Bind off, work in ends.

Each INC is worked into the second ST of the two that formed the INC in the previous row. Since you change direction as you change rows, it is the first ST made when that row was worked.

If you like, you can attach beads to some of the points at either end.

Hand wash. This scarf will stack like pancakes (see above), but would take about forever to dry this way. Drape it in several loops from a plastic hanger (so that it is well supported and won't stretch out). Once it's dry, you can stack it.

Should you wonder what determines the number of discs, which is the same as the number of turns the corkscrew makes, you'll be glad to hear that it turns out to be quite simple. If you were working in SC in the round, it would take six INCs per round to make the piece lie flat. If the INCs line up, as they do in this pattern, you will have a soft-pointed hexagon. Starting from a foundation chain, and making the same number of INCs each row (one more SC between INCs each row), you will have one "soft hexagon" for every six INCs. (If the INCs are not lined up, the hexagon points will not be clear.) In this pattern, 54 INCs make 9 discs, plus the little bit outside of the INCs.

You don't need this information to make this exact scarf, but you can use it to plan your own corkscrew, with any yarn. The length will be the length of the foundation chain. The number of INCs per row, divided by six, will be the number of turns. If the INCs line up, you will have soft hexagons. If they don't, the points will not be clear.



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*stacked*