

Ruthie's Sunshine

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I get a little sad each year around Mother's Day. I had a wonderful mother and I miss her terribly. So this year, I decided to design a shawl in her honor and offer it for free as my Mother's Day gift to everyone.

I wanted this rectangular stole to be an easy, watch-TV-while-you-crochet type, or pack-and-go project. Even though this pattern has an easy-to-remember one row repeat, the combination of stitches gives an interesting design with lots of texture. The first half of the shawl is crocheted completely, and then the yarn is joined and the second half is worked. There is no sewing involved, and each half is a mirror image of the other. The length of the shawl is easily adjusted. There are written instructions and helpful charts.

You will need to know how to read instructions or charts, join yarn, chain, double crochet, half double crochet, and work into a starting chain.

Rated—Advanced Beginner

US terminology used



Materials:

Sample shawl was made with 656 yds of sport weight yarn sock yarn using a (J) 6mm hook.

Size: unblocked 52" x 16"

Lightly blocked without pins 64" x 17"

Length is easily adjusted by number of repeats completed. Width will be determined by yarn weight and hook size. This shawl will grow in length and width when blocked.

Gauge: Gauge is not important for this shawl, and any weight yarn will work. Adjust your hook size accordingly.

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Crochet Abbreviations

st—stitch	sc—single crochet
ch-sp—chain space	sp—space
dc—double crochet	ch—chain
sl-st—slip stitch	sk—skip
hdc—half double crochet	V-st—2dc in same stitch or space
Shell—5dc in same stitch	

Side 1 (See chart 1)

Chain 2 at beginning of rows does not count as stitch.

Chain 67

1. 2dc in 3rd ch from hook. [Sk ch, v-st in next ch] 2 times. [Sk ch, dc in next ch, ch1] 5 times. Sk ch, dc in next dc. Ch2, sk 4ch, shell in next ch, sk 2ch, dc in next ch. [Ch1, sk ch, dc in next ch] 2 times. [Sk ch, v-st in next ch] 3 times. [Sk ch, dc in next dc, ch1] 2 times. Sk ch, dc in next ch. Ch2, sk 4ch, shell in next ch, sk 2ch, dc in next ch. [Ch1, sk ch, dc in next ch] 5 times. [Sk ch, v-st in next ch] 3 times. Turn. (18 dc, 9 v-st, and 2 shells)
2. **In this row, you will skip ch-sp(s) and place stitches in the top of dc(s) or between dc(s) in v-st. When pattern says to dc in next dc, skip to next dc that is NOT part of a v-st. See chart 1 for more detail.** Ch2, [v-st in middle of next v-st] 3 times. Dc in next dc. [Ch1, dc in next dc] 5 times. Ch2, sk 4dc of shell, shell in next dc. [Dc in next dc, ch1] 2 times. Dc in next dc. [v-st in middle of next v-st] 3 times. [Dc in next dc, ch1] 2 times. Dc in next dc. Ch2, sk 4dc of shell, shell in next dc. Dc in next dc, [Ch1, dc in next dc] 5 times. [V-st in middle of next v-st] 3 times. Turn. (18 dc, 9 v-st, and 2 shells)
3. Repeat row 2 until shawl is half the size you desire.

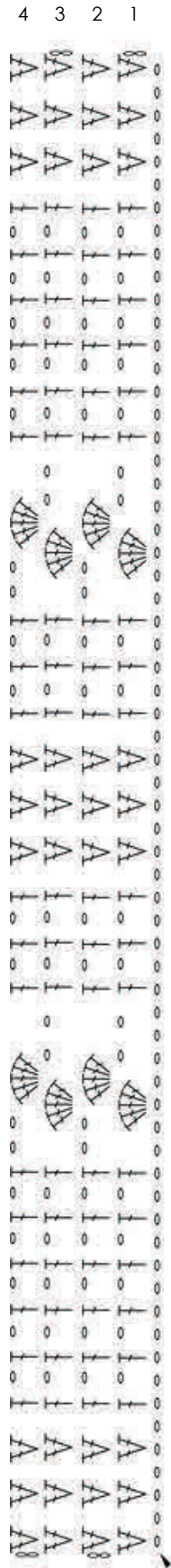
Final row: (See chart 3) Ch2, hdc in each stitch across. Break yarn and finish off

Side 2 (See Chart 2)

Turn the shawl around. Join the yarn in the very first chain of the foundation chain, and ch2. Working into the foundation chain, begin at row 1 and repeat side 1 instructions.

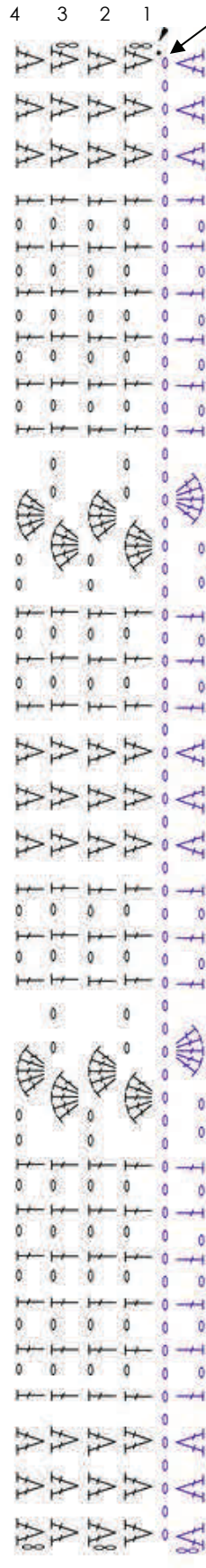
Chart 1—side 1

Repeat row 2 until desired length



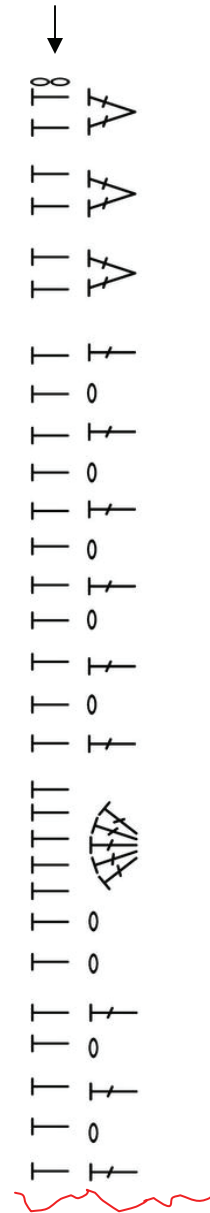
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Chart 2—side 2



Join yarn for
2nd side
here.

Chart 3—Final row edging



Start

Slip stitch

Single crochet

Double crochet

Chain

shell

V-stitch

Half double crochet