Spider and web scarf

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Some may shrink from the idea of a spider web wrapped round their neck but not my little boy. He can't think of anything more fun to chase away the autumn chills, and as Halloween approaches perhaps it can help chase away a few ghosts and googlies as well.

He loves Spiderman so it had to be red for my son, but this scarf would work equally well in any colour, perhaps orange and black ready for Halloween?

Materials

- 2x100g main colour (MC) DK yarn

- 1x100g contrast colour (CC) DK yarn

In this example I used the Women's Institute premium acrylic DK yarn in shades red and black. (100g / 250m).

- 4 mm crochet hook (4.5mm for foundation chain, to prevent it from being too tight)

Exact tension is not important to the pattern but you should pick a big enough hook that the resulting fabric is soft. 40 st and 40 rows give a swatch of 9.5 by 9.5inches using this yarn and a 4mm hook, resulting in a scarf which measures 66 inches long and 9.5 inches wide.

- Darning needle, for weaving in ends.

Pattern

With MC and the 4.5mm hook chain 41. Turn the piece, swap to a 4mm hook and work one dc (US sc) into the second chain from the hook, continue to work one dc (US sc) into each chain stitch. The colour changes are defined in the pattern chart on the next page with one dc (US sc) stitch to each square in the chart.

To complete the scarf you must work the chart twice. Once from bottom to top (edge of scarf to centre) and once from top to bottom (centre to edge of scarf).

Key

Grey square = CC

White square = MC

Middle of scarf

The full scarf is 260 rows long.

Work the chart once in this direction to produce the first half of the scarf.

Then turn the chart and work back the other way to complete the scarf.

edge of scarf