

Golden Harvest Cowl

A chunky, ribbed autumn cowl in warm rust, mustard and cream, worked in the round with a simple front/back post stitch texture. Quick enough for a weekend, cozy enough for every crisp walk after.



Original Loop Patterns illustration — finished cowl shown in rust, mustard and cream with autumn leaf accents.

CRAFT Crochet	SKILL LEVEL Easy	SIZE One size, adjustable
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MATERIALS

Bulky (chunky) weight yarn, approx. 200g / 250yds total. Sample uses 3 colours: Rust (main, 120g), Mustard (60g), Cream (20g, optional contrast band).

6mm (US J/10) crochet hook, or size needed to obtain gauge.

Yarn needle. 3–4 small crochet or felt leaf appliqués (optional trim).

SIZE & MEASUREMENTS

One size, easily adjustable. Sample cowl measures approximately 11" (28cm) tall and 26" (66cm) around — a relaxed loop that can be worn snug at the neck or draped long over one shoulder.

GAUGE

10 sts and 8 rounds = 4" (10cm) in Harvest Rib pattern, unstretched.

ABBREVIATIONS

Ch = Chain**Dc** = Double crochet**FPdc** = Front post dc**BPdc** = Back post dc**Rep** = Repeat**Rnd(s)** = Round(s)**St(s)** = Stitch(es)**Sl st** = Slip stitch

Worked in joined, turned rounds (turn after joining each round, so the right side of the ribbing alternates — this keeps the post stitches easy to read throughout).

HARVEST RIB PATTERN (multiple of 2 sts)

Set-up rnd: Dc in each st around.

Patt rnd: Ch 2 (counts as first dc throughout), FPdc around next st, *BPdc around next st, FPdc around next st; rep from * around, join with a sl st to top of beg ch-2. Turn.

Rep Patt rnd for pattern, alternating which stitches are FPdc/BPdc is not needed — simply work a post stitch of the same type as the stitch below it every round to build continuous ribs.

COWL

With Rust, ch 60, join with a sl st to first ch, being careful not to twist the chain.

Rnd 1 (RS): Ch 2 (counts as first dc), dc in each ch around. Join with a sl st to top of beg ch-2. (60 sts) Turn.

Rnds 2–4: Work Patt rnd of Harvest Rib. (60 sts) Turn after each round.

Rnd 5 (change to Mustard): Work Patt rnd. Turn.

Rnds 6–9: Work Patt rnd. Turn.

Rnd 10 (change to Cream): Work Patt rnd. Turn.

Rnd 11: Work Patt rnd. Turn.

Rnd 12 (change to Rust): Work Patt rnd. Turn.

Rnds 13–16: Work Patt rnd. Turn.

Fasten off. (16 rounds total; cowl measures approximately 11" / 28cm tall.)

SIZING NOTE

For a shorter neck-warmer, stop after round 10 (approx. 7" / 18cm tall). For a longer, double-wrap cowl, repeat the full colour sequence (rounds 1–16) twice before fastening off. To change the circumference, start with a multiple of 2 chains — every 10 extra chains adds roughly 4" (10cm) around.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends. Block lightly by steaming (avoid direct heat on the yarn) to relax the ribbing and even out the stitches — avoid over-stretching, as the post stitch texture is part of the design.

Optional leaf trim: Sew 3–4 small crochet or felt leaf appliqués along one edge of the cowl, clustered slightly off-centre, for a finishing autumn touch.

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