



Twirly Girl Scarf

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Pattern Introduction

The simple crochet spiral we learned to make as kids, becomes a beautiful scarf when four different yarns are combined. Make it short or long to suit your fashion sense. This pattern will even help you choose colors to make winning combinations.



What you need

4 different yarns; approximately 50 yds each depending on length chosen for scarf.

Size G or H hook; or size needed for gauge of yarn.

Yarn Needle

Stitches you need to know

Chain

Single crochet

Double crochet

Techniques you need to know

Crochet in rows (not rounds)

Gauge is not important for this project. However, I do think it is good to choose four yarns that are in the same general weight range. So, for example, choose all four from the worsted weight range, or the chunky weight range. And then choose a hook which corresponds to that weight or to your desired look for the stitches, either tight or loose. I like my stitches a bit loose to give the scarf a drapey look. For me, H works great with worsted weight yarns, G for DK weights, and I or J for chunky weight yarn.

Abbreviations you need to know

Beg = beginning

Ch = chain

Dc = double crochet

Lp = loop

Sc = single crochet

Sl st = slip stitch

Sp = space

Rem = remaining

Rep = repeat

Memory Refreshers

“Fasten off” means to draw your yarn through the loop you have on your hook, then cut or break your yarn 3-4 inches away from loop. Now pull the yarn out of the securing loop you made. Give the end on your work a tug for good measure.

Tips & Tricks

Working into the foundation chain can be confusing. **Which loop do I work into?** In many cases, it does not matter, as long as you are consistent with which loop you are working into. For example: If you look at the chain you have made, you will see a series of V's that are stacked one on top of the other. If you turn this over, you will see a “bump” on the underside of the chain. You can work your first row of doubles or singles (whatever the pattern calls for) into the “bump” on the underside of the chain, **OR** turn the chain over and work into either the top loop of the V, **OR** under the entire V (both loops of the V). The first way is my favorite because I can see the “bump” more easily, and it gives you the same finished edge as the tops of stitches, or as a knitted bind-off would look. Having said that, I've known many people who find it much easier to work into the top loop of each V. Working under both loops of the V seems to be the most frustrating, as I've found in teaching newbies to crochet. But you choose whichever seems easiest to you AND whichever gives you the look you want.

Walkthrough

*You'll be making 4 spiral twirls. Use a different yarn for each one. Here are a few simple guides to help you choose:

Multi-Texture: same color, different textures (mine is an example of this!)

Value Combo: same color, different values/shades of that color (for example: one dark purple, the others light purples)

Build on a Multi: one variegated yarn, other three that coordinate with colors in that skein

Anything Goes: whatever you have in your stash or whatever strikes your fancy!

** For a more IN-DEPTH discussion and examples on choosing yarns, there is a free, downloadable article in the Freebies for You section on my website, www.yarnworksbyjennifer.com ☺.

Foundation Chain: Using any of the four yarns and a corresponding hook (see **Gauge** section), chain however many will give you 25”(for short scarf) or 38”(for longer scarf). Really, you can choose ANY length you so desire!! Just measure the first chain length and make all the other foundation chains this length. **IMPORTANT NOTE!!:** Do NOT stretch or pull on the chain when you measure it. Just let it be loose as you measure, or else you will have a teeny-tiny scarf that might not wrap around your neck. Yikes!)

Row 1: Work 2 dc in 4th chain from hook, 3 dc in next and every chain to the end.

Fasten off, weave in ends. This will curl up on you, so shape it into a spiral.

Repeat the foundation chain and Row 1 for each of the other three yarns you have chosen.

*Laying all 4 spirals end to end, twist them together to form twirly scarf. With any of the four yarns, and a yarn needle, sew the 4 spirals together in a few places along the scarf, and especially near the ends of the scarf. I wanted my ends to be free of each other so I tacked the 4 together four inches or so from each end. I usually have to re-twist the scarf from time to time, but it stays put pretty well.

Variations on a Theme

*Use other gauge yarns...sport weight, worsted or chunky. This will significantly change the look of your scarf without changing the stitch pattern. You will need to adjust your hook size and the amount of yarn you use. Have fun!

*Secure the scarf with an artsy pin! If you make the longer version, you won't need a pin, just loop it and wear as you'd like.

*Use my **Rosettes à Trois** clasp pattern (found at www.yarnworksbyjennifer.com) to add an embellishment for securing the scarf. This will give you another look and is especially fetching with the shorter scarf.