

Week Seven

# Broomstick Crochet Scarf

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Broomstick crochet is easier than you think! This lovely scarf will keep you entertained as you go from broomstick crochet, to regular crochet, and back again. It works up very quickly and makes a great last-minute gift. Broomstick Lace crochet is also known as Peruvian stitch, Peacock stitch and Jiffy Lace. Look for the youtube video "How to Crochet - Broomstick Lace Scarf" at https://naztazia.com/ broomstick-lace-scarf/ for very helpful instructions.

### **Materials:**

Scarf: 4 or 5 x 50g balls 8 ply yarn

4 mm crochet hook and 20 mm knitting needle (for the "broomstick")

# Abbreviations:

ch: chain

dc: double crochet

# Scarf Pattern:

Chain 31.

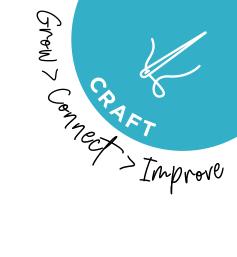
Foundation Row A: Dc in 2nd chain from hook and in each remaining chain (30 dc).

Foundation Row B: Ch 1, turn. Dc in each dc across (30 dc). Do not turn work.

# **Begin pattern:**

Row 1 (first broomstick pattern): Pull loop that is on hook up and slip loop onto knitting needle. Insert hook in back loop only of next dc, pull up a loop and slide loop onto knitting needle. Repeat for each stitch until there are 30 loops on the knitting needle.







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<u>Row 2:</u> Slide 5 loops off the needle. Insert crochet hook in these 5 loops, pull yarn through, ch 1. Make 5 dc in the centre of the 5 loops, being careful not to twist the loops as you dc (it helps if after you make the first dc, you pull the stitch to the right a little and un-twist the loops if they have rotated, and then pinch them in place tightly as you make the remaining 4 dc). Repeat until all loops are off the knitting needle (6 "eyes" made). Do not repeat the ch.1 you did on the first "eye" – it is only needed at the beginning of the row.

Row 3: Ch 1, turn. Dc in each dc across (30 dc).

<u>Row 4:</u> Ch 1, turn. Dc in each dc across (30 dc). Do not turn work.

### Repeat rows 1-4.

<u>Row 9:</u> (second broomstick pattern): Pull loop that is on hook up and slip loop onto knitting needle. Insert hook in both loops of next dc, pull up a loop and slide loop onto knitting needle. Repeat for each stitch until there are 30 loops on the knitting needle.

<u>Row 10:</u> Slide 3 loops off the needle. Insert crochet hook in these 3 loops, pull yarn through, ch 1. Make 3 dc in the centre of the 3 loops, being careful not to twist the loops as you dc. Repeat until all loops are off the knitting needle (10 "eyes" made). Do not repeat the ch.1 you did on the first "eye" – it is only needed at the beginning of the row.

#### Repeat Rows 3, 4, 9, 10, 3, 4.

These 16 rows form pattern, with alternating 2 rows of 6 "eyes" and 2 rows of 10 "eyes". Repeat as many times as needed for desired length of scarf. Repeat Rows 3 and 4. Finish off and weave in ends. Broomstick crochet looks best when blocked, so don't forget this step!









### Warning: Australian vs. American Crochet Terms

There are good youtube videos showing exactly how broomstick crochet is done, but be warned: they all use American crochet terms, not UK/Australian ones. So when they say 'single crochet' do an Australian double crochet stitch. This pattern has been written with Australian crochet terms.