



2016 Oscar Mystery Cowl

PRE-SHOW

Hi, Crocheter! Thanks for participating in the Crochet Spot Oscar Mystery CAL! We'll be crocheting a cowl. Since this is a Mystery CAL, even the author of the pattern won't know *exactly* how each one should look until after the Oscar ceremony! Please keep the following **RULES** in mind:

1. **This is not about perfection**, this is about fun! If you have a different number of starting stitches, don't worry. Use common sense about how the cowl will look when it's wrapped around your neck.
2. If a certain stitch intimidates you, even after you read the tutorial, you may substitute it with a different, more comfortable stitch. I would really like everyone to try the different stitches, so please give them a go, but if you're tearing your hair out, substitute and move on!
3. You must finish the cowl and send Rachel a picture to rachel@crochetspot.com by March 13, 2016 in order to be entered into the contest.
4. Above all, **HAVE FUN!**



MATERIALS

To complete the cowl as written, you will need to use **200-300 yards** of a worsted weight (size 4) yarn and a matching hook. I'll be using a size J (6.0 mm) hook. Optional: stitch marker to mark beginnings of rows, yarn needle to weave in ends.

*Have **50-80 yards** of contrasting color yarn on hand in case you have to do the spike stitches!

Pattern is written for working in the round. If you choose to work flat, remember to turn your work at the beginning of a row. Also all "rounds" are considered "rows" if you're working flat.

RED CARPET (SECTION 1)

Foundation (2 options): *Option A:* Ch 82. Turn. Dc into 4th ch from hook (3 skipped ch count as dc) and into each ch across. (80 dc)

Option B: make 79 fdc. (79 dc)

At this point, your piece should measure approx. 28 inches (unstretched) If it is shorter, make sure it can fit over your head!

To begin working in the round— *Option A:* being careful not to twist your stitches, join the final dc to the top of the ch 3 with a slst. Later, use the tail to join the bottoms of the stitches together and create a loop. (80 dc)

Option B: Being careful not to twist your stitches, use Candace's tutorial (linked in techniques) to join fdc in the round. (80 dc)

Round 1: ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next dc, and each dc in round. At end, join round with slst to the top of the beginning ch 3. (80 dc)



ABBREVIATIONS (CLICK FOR TUTORIAL)

- [Chain](#).....ch
- [Slip Stitch](#).....slst
- [Single Crochet](#).....sc
- [Extended Single Crochet](#).....exsc
- [Half Double Crochet](#)..... hdc
- [Foundation Double Crochet](#)..... fdc
- [Double Crochet](#).....dc
- [Treble Crochet](#).....tr
- [Double Treble Crochet](#).....dtr

SPECIAL STITCHES (CLICK FOR TUTORIAL)

- [Spike Stitches](#)
- [Spike Cluster Stitches](#)
- [Camel Stitch](#)
- [V-Stitch](#)
- [Front Crossed Stitches](#)

TECHNIQUES (CLICK FOR TUTORIAL)

- Crocheting a Tube (search crochetspot.com)
- [Whip Stitch](#)
- [Joining Foundation dc in the round](#)



Oscar Ceremony

(a-d)

SECTION 1 - BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS

- If Jennifer Jason Leigh of *The Hateful Eight* wins, crochet 2 rounds V-Stitch
- If Rooney Mara of *Carol* wins, crochet 1 round single crochet, then 1 round treble crochet
- If Rachel McAdams of *Spotlight* wins, crochet 1 round double treble crochet
- If Alicia Vikander of *The Danish Girl* wins, crochet 3 rounds hdc in the third loop (camel stitch)
- If Kate Winslet of *Steve Jobs* wins, crochet 4 rounds single crochet then 1 round spike stitch (in contrasting color)

SECTION 2 - BEST ACTRESS IN A LEADING ROLE

- If Cate Blanchett of *Carol* wins, crochet 2 rounds of front-crossed triple crochets
- If Brie Larson of *Room* wins, crochet 4 rounds of extended sc
- If Jennifer Lawrence of *Joy* wins, crochet 4 rounds of sc, then 1 round of cluster spike stitch in contrasting color.
- If Charlotte Rampling of *45 Years* wins, crochet 2 rounds of dc
- If Saoirse Ronan of *Brooklyn* wins, crochet 1 round single crochet then 1 round treble crochet

SECTION 3 - BEST ACTOR IN A LEADING ROLE

- If Bryan Cranston of *Trumbo* wins, crochet 1 round double treble crochet
- If Matt Damon of *The Martian* wins, crochet 1 round single crochet, 1 round treble crochet
- If Leonardo DiCaprio of *The Revenant* wins, crochet 2 rounds V-Stitch
- If Michael Fassbender of *Steve Jobs* wins, crochet 2 rounds of front-crossed triple crochets
- If Eddie Redmayne of *The Danish Girl* wins, crochet 5 rounds of sc

SECTION 4 - BEST PICTURE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> If <i>The Big Short</i> wins, crochet 4 rounds single crochet, 1 round spike stitch (in contrasting color) | <input type="checkbox"/> If <i>The Martian</i> wins, crochet 4 rounds of extended sc |
| <input type="checkbox"/> If <i>Bridge of Spies</i> wins, crochet 2 rounds V-Stitch | <input type="checkbox"/> If <i>The Revenant</i> wins, crochet 1 round double treble crochet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> If <i>Brooklyn</i> wins, crochet 3 rounds hdc in the third loop (camel stitch) | <input type="checkbox"/> If <i>Room</i> wins, crochet 5 rounds of sc |
| <input type="checkbox"/> If <i>Mad Max: Fury Road</i> wins, crochet 2 rounds of front-crossed triple crochets | <input type="checkbox"/> If <i>Spotlight</i> wins, crochet 4 rounds of sc, 1 round of cluster spike stitch in contrasting color. |

Directions

As the winners are revealed, place a check mark by their names, then complete the stitches associated with each winner!

SECTION 6 AFTER PARTY

Starting from the end of section 5, ch 3 (counts as dc). Double crochet into the next stitch and into each stitch around. Join with a slst to the top of the beginning ch 3. (80 dc)

Final Row - ch 3 (counts as dc). Double crochet into the next stitch and into each stitch around. Join with a slst to the top of the beginning ch 3. (80 dc)

Finishing – Break yarn. Weave in all ends. If working flat, seam the two short ends together using a whip stitch and yarn needle to make a loop.

Launder and block your crochet as desired.

TO WIN

Take a picture of your creation and send it to Rachel@crochetspot.com by March 13, 2016!