



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

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SECTION 1 - BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS

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

SECTION 2 - BEST ACTRESS IN A LEADING ROLE

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

SECTION 3 - BEST ACTOR IN A LEADING ROLE

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

SECTION 4 - BEST PICTURE

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

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!