

NURTURING FIBRES

Starling



Colour used: Forged

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SKILL LEVEL

Intermediate

MEASUREMENTS

Blocked measurements:

160 x 40

MATERIALS

Nurturing Fibres 210m/25g

KidSilk

3 balls in Forged (for a longer poncho, buy 4 balls)

Hook: 4.00mm

Tapestry Needle

Scissors

GAUGE

Blocked:

1 pattern repeat = 7cm x 5cm

ABBREVIATIONS

beg – beg/inning

ch/s – chain

chsp/s – chain space/s

dc – double crochet

htr – half treble

half-sh – half shell

rep - repeat

sk – skip

sh - shell

st/s – stitch/es

tr – treble

SPECIAL STITCHES

Shell – (tr, ch1) 5 times, 1tr; all in same st/sp as indicated in pattern

Half-sh – (tr, ch1) twice, 2tr; all in same st/sp as indicated in pattern

IMPORTANT! PATTERN NOTES

- Pattern is written in UK terminology
- Work ch1 at the beginning of dc & htr rows. This doesn't count as a stitch.
- Work ch3 at the beginning of tr rows. This count as a stitch.
- For a neater edge, try using a standing tr. See YouTube for great tutorials.



INSTRUCTIONS

The pattern is worked in multiples of 10 + 1.

With a 4.00mm hook ch 243.

Row 1: Insert hook in the 4th ch from hook and work 1tr in each ch across, turn. (241sts)

Row 2: Ch3, [(1tr, ch1) twice, 1tr] at the base of the ch3, *sk next 3 sts, 1dc in the next st, ch3, sk next st, 1dc in the next st, sk next 3 sts, 1sh in the next st*, rep from * to last 10 sts, sk next 3 sts, 1dc in next st, ch3, sk next st, 1dc in next st, sk next 3 sts, 1 half-sh in the last st, turn.

Row 3: Ch3, 1tr at the base of the ch3, ch3, 1dc in the first 1chsp (of the half-sh), ch2, *(1dc, ch3, 1dc) in the next 3chsp, ch2, sk next 1chsp (of the sh), 1dc in the next 1chsp, ch3, 3trtog in the next 1chsp, ch3, 1dc in the next 1chsp, ch2*, rep from * to the last sh, ch2, (1dc, ch3, 1dc) in the next 3chsp, ch2, 1dc in the last 1chsp of the half-sh, ch3, 2tr in the last st, turn.

Row 4: Ch1, 1htr at the base of the ch1, ch1, 1dc in the first 3chsp, *sk next 2chsp, 1sh in next 3chsp, sk next 2chsp, 1dc in next 3chsp, ch3, 1dc in next 3chsp*, rep from * to 2nd last 3chsp, 1sh in the 3chsp, sk next 2chsp, 1dc in last 3chsp, ch1, 1htr in last tr, turn.

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Row 5: Ch1, 1htr at the base of the ch1, ch1, 1dc in the 1chsp, ch2, *sk next 1chsp (of the sh), 1dc in the next 1chsp, ch3, 3trtog in the next 1chsp, ch3, 1dc in the next 1chsp, ch2, (1dc, ch3, 1dc) in the next 3chsp, ch2*, rep from * across to last sh, sk next 1chsp (of the sh), 1dc in the next 1chsp, ch3, 3trtog in the next 1chsp, ch3, 1dc in the next 1chsp, sk last 1chsp of sh, ch2, 1dc in the next 1chsp, ch1, 1htr in the last st, turn.

Row 6: Ch3, 1tr at the base of the ch3, (ch1, 1tr, ch1, 1tr) in the next 1chsp, *sk next 2chsp, 1dc in the next 3chsp, ch3, 1dc in the next 3chsp, sk next 2chsp, 1sh in the next 3chsp*, rep from * to the 3chsp before the last 3trtog, 1dc in the 3chsp before the last 3trtog, ch3, 1dc in the 3chsp after the last 3trtog, (1tr, ch1, 1tr, ch1) in the last 1chsp before the last st, 2tr in the last st, turn.

Next rows: Rep row 3 – 6 another 8 times for a shorter (40cm length) poncho, or another 9 times for a longer (50cm length) poncho.

FINISH UP



It is essential to block the finished crochet:

Pin the piece to measurement, spray with water and leave to dry.

Fold in half widthwise, and sew the top seam together, leaving a 30cm neck opening (or as per personal preference.)

ABOUT THE YARNS

Kid Silk is a luxurious, silky yarn that will keep you warm. It is 70% premium Kid Mohair and 30% Silk. It has 210m to a ball and is lovingly hand-dyed in South Africa.

Stockists are listed on the webpage:
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