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Poncho, halter, capelet, shrug, shawl... Only your imagination limits how this garment can be worn. The convertible wrap is not only a fun and easy introduction to hairpin lace, it is a great accessory for summer and evening wear. Create this simple, striking fabric using a hairpin lace loom and simple crochet stitches. Finish the wrap with 2 oversized buttons sewn to two corners - the open weave of the fabric provides a limitless possibility for buttonholes so that you can configure this wrap any way you like.

MATERIALS

- 316 yards bulky weight ribbon yarn (Gauge = Approx. 11 sts = 4"). Featured Yarn: (2) Balls Colinette Giotto (158 yards, 3.5 oz/ 100g, 50% Cotton, 40% Rayon, 10% Nylon)
- K/6.5 mm crochet hook OR SIZE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN GAUGE
- Hairpin Lace Loom set to 5.25"
- Tapestry Needle
- 2 Buttons of 1.25" diameter or more.

GAUGE: 18 Loops = 4"

FINISHED DIMENSIONS

One size fits most: wrap is infinitely adjustable and multi-configurable. Approx. 53" L x 16" W

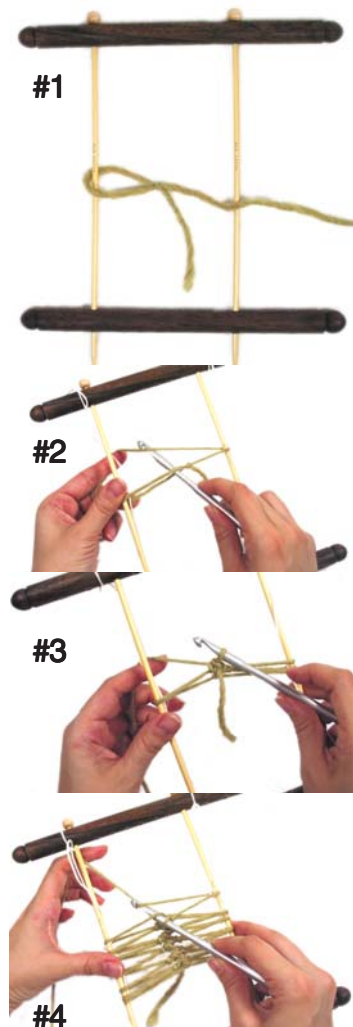
SKILL LEVEL: Easy

STITCH NOTES

- The wrap is created by joining 4 basic hairpin lace strips using single crochet.
- When working a hairpin lace strip, be sure to mark the starting edge of the strip. When joining strips, be sure to join them at the starting edges, working to the tie-off edge. In this way, you will be easily able to "even out" your strips by unraveling the longer ones at the end of the joining process.
- Measuring hairpin lace gauge is easy: simply create a strip of 4" or more, take the strip off of the loom and lay the strip down without stretching. Measure how many loops have been created (on each side) in a 4" length.

HAIRPIN LACE MINI-TUTORIAL

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The Basic Strip

1. Secure yarn with a slip knot to one prong of the hairpin lace loom. Wrap yarn from front to back over opposite prong and bring yarn to back of loom.
2. Insert hook from bottom to top through the front thread of the loop on the loom and pull through a loop. Ch 1.
3. Prepare to turn the loom by twisting hook so that handle side faces up and insert the handle end of the hook through the loom above the work. Grab hook from opposite side of loom and flip loom towards the side of the loop just worked, allow yarn to wrap around loom as you turn. (Photo shows flipped loom.) Insert hook under thread of topmost loop, pull through a loop, then pull through another loop (sc).
4. Flip loom. Continue doing sc in the uppermost loop, flipping the loom, then sc again until loom is full. When strip reaches desired length, tie off.

Joining Strips with Sc

1. *Note: For clarity, a different color yarn is used for joining strips in this tutorial.* Always join strips starting from "starting side" of strip. Start by laying 2 strips side-by-side lengthwise with marked starting ends facing the same direction. Overlap the strips by bringing the bottom strip over the top one as pictured.
2. Attach yarn by inserting hook first through first loop on lower strip, then through first loop on upper strip. Ch 1.
3. Insert hook through next lower loop then through next upper loop, keeping yarn behind strips. Sc through these loops. Repeat until all loops are worked then tie off.



INSTRUCTIONS

Hairpin Lace Strips (Make 4): Set loom to 5.25". Work hairpin lace strip until it measures approx. 54", having approx. 243 loops. Tie off.

Join Strips: Join all 4 strips using sc as shown in tutorial - the join side will be the WS of the work. With WS still facing, sc through each loop at the top and bottom edges of the wrap to define the edges of the fabric, alternatively, leave loops loose for a fringe effect.

Finishing: Weave in all ends. Attach buttons at upper edges of wrap.

ABBREVIATIONS & TERMS:

ch - chain

sc - single crochet

WS - wrong side



Photo: Our Hairpin Lace Cardi-Wrap

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