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How to crochet an easy, rectangle shawl worked in the classic granny stitch pattern. 3 sizes included, but it's so easy to customize the size!

Here is the video tutorial.

Materials:
- 750 (1100, 1615) Yards of Worsted Weight Yarn – I used Red Heart Super Saver in the Shocking Pink colorway
- H8/5mm Crochet Hook
- Tapestry Needle
- Optional: G6/4.25mm Hook (for Border), Locking Stitch Markers & Soft Tape Measure

Material Notes:
I worked the smallest size, and 2 skeins worked a total of 116 rows, which is equal to 58 1/2". I stopped here because I did not want to have to take such a small amount of yardage for the remaining rows (about 25) from another skein of yarn, but if you want to do the full length, you'll need 2 full skeins plus a small amount.

Similar Yarns: Bernat's Super Value, Lion Brand's Heartland, WeCrochet Brava
Cozier Yarns (Wool Blends): Lion Brand Wool Ease, WeCrochet Swish
Warmer Weather Yarns: Lion Brand The Cottony One, WeCrochet Comfy Cotton

Why switch to a smaller crochet hook for the border? In my experience, a change in tension causes ruffles in the border, especially seen on the sides. My quick fix is to simply go down a hook size. You can also continue with the same hook you've been working with, and just block the finished shawl.

I like to use locking stitch markers to help me keep track of the number of rows I've worked. I place them every 30 rows.

Gauge is not essential so you do not need to take it if you don't want to, but I still think a soft tape measure is great to have on hand to measure as you go.

Time Spent: I worked up the 15" by 60" size in just under 6 hours.

Measurements - Width by Length:
-15 1/2" by 60"   -18 1/4" by 75 1/8"   -20" by 100 3/8"

These sizes are average adult sizes. It really all depends on your preferences, like if you like to wear it more like a scarf or wrap around your shoulders and arms, and how much overhang you like on your shawl.

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Gauge (not essential) with H8/5mm Hook:
In pattern, 5 clusters + it's respective space = 4 1/2" wide; 6 rows = 3" tall

A really easy way to check your shawl is to measure after about 6 rows. This will be the finished width of your shawl (unless you add a border). It's so easy to work up until you reach the length that you like, and you don't even need to count your rows - you can measure as you go with a tape measure.

Abbreviations (US Terms):
- DC - Double Crochet (Photo Tutorial)   - SC - Single Crochet (Photo Tutorial)

Pattern Notes:
To alter the width of this pattern, the chain multiple is 3 + 1. That means the total number of chains minus one equals a number that is divisible by 3. An easier way is to take away or add by 3 chains at a time to the chains I've provided. Lengthwise, you can stop at any point, or add more repeats of Row 2.

Beginning chain 2 counts as a double crochet, as does the first four chains of the foundation row.

I worked my shawl up in one solid color, but feel free to experiment with what you have in your stash. Projects like these are great for working striping patterns (or using striping yarns), stripes or color blocks, like my Grace Tinley Scarf. Just plan accordingly for changing colors.

I designed this to not have a border added because I think the edges look nice, but you can absolutely add one. A single crochet border will add 1/2" to the width and length.

With turning each round, any side can be the right side/wrong side. When adding a border, I consider the side I'm working the first round on to be the right side (or front) as the stitches look prettier and more defined from this side. Regardless of whether you add a border or not, I do recommend bringing your tail ends all to one side so they're all woven in on the same side.

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15 ½" by 60":
Chain 55. Work 2 DC into the 4th chain from the hook, skip the next two chains, (3 DC into the next chain, skip the next two chains) 16x, 1 DC into the last chain. [17 Clusters + 1 DC]

R2 - 119: Chain 2, turn. 2 DC into the 1st space, skip the next cluster, (3 DC into the next space, skip the next cluster) 16x, 1 DC into the top of beginning chain 2.

Fasten off, and weave in ends. Proceed to **Border** if desired.

18 1/4" by 75 1/8":
Chain 61. Work 2 DC into the 4th chain from the hook, skip the next two chains, (3 DC into the next chain, skip the next two chains) 19x, 1 DC into the last chain. [20 Clusters + 1 DC]

R2 - 149: Chain 2, turn. 2 DC into the 1st space, skip the next cluster, (3 DC into the next space, skip the next cluster) 19x, 1 DC into the top of beginning chain 2.

Fasten off, and weave in ends. Proceed to **Border** if desired.

20" by 100 3/8":
Chain 67. Work 2 DC into the 4th chain from the hook, skip the next two chains, (3 DC into the next chain, skip the next two chains) 21x, 1 DC into the last chain. [22 Clusters + 1 DC]

R2 - 199: Chain 2, turn. 2 DC into the 1st space, skip the next cluster, (3 DC into the next space, skip the next cluster) 21x, 1 DC into the top of beginning chain 2.

Fasten off, and weave in ends. Proceed to **Border** if desired.

Optional Single Crochet Border - switch to G6/4.25mm Crochet Hook:
For more rounded corners, work as instructed, or work 3 single crochet. For more square corners, work a chain 2 instead of chain 1, or work (SC, HDC, SC).

Feel free to add additional rounds to the border if desired. I think working a few rounds of single crochet in the back loop only really adds a nice touch. Just make sure to continue to increase in the corner chain space as you go.

Chain 1, turn. SC into the first stitch, and each stitch across, (SC, chain 2, SC) into the last stitch to form a corner, evenly SC (that's 3 stitches per 2 rows) down the side of the shawl to the last stitch, (SC, chain 2, SC) into the last stitch to form a corner, SC across the opposite side of the foundation chain over to the last stitch, (SC, chain 2, SC) into the last stitch to form a corner, evenly SC (that's 3 stitches per 2 rows) up the side of the shawl to the first stitch. SC into the same stitch as the first, chain 2, then slip stitch join to the 1st SC. Fasten off, and weave in ends.

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FAQs:

What is the difference between a Shawl, a Stole and a Wrap?
A Shawl, Stole and Wrap all describe a rectangular, square or triangular accessory that is draped over the shoulders or wrapped around the body.

A shawl is more casual, and is either worn to accent an outfit, to provide warmth or for religious purposes.

A stole is a more formal shawl used to accent an outfit, and is usually more narrow than a shawl, and made of more expensive materials like silk and cashmere.

A wrap encompasses both a shawl and stole. It's a more casual, modern term that simply describes any accessory that can be draped over the shoulders or wrapped around the body.

Are Shawls and Scarves the same thing?
Shawls and Scarves both describe an accessory that can be draped over the shoulders, or wrapped around the neck and body, depending on the size.

Typically, a scarf is often more narrow than a shawl by at least half or more, and solely wrapped around the neck, rather than the body, either to accent an outfit or to provide warmth, but there are several different types of scarves, like super scarves and blanket scarves, that are much wider and can definitely be used to cover the shoulders or wrapped around the body.

I'll get into a little more detail when I get into the sizing, but one thing I love about making my own shawls and scarves is being able to customize the width and length to fit the exact way I like to wear them.

What is the best yarn to use to crochet a shawl?
I picked Red Heart Super Saver because I wanted to use yarn that I had in my stash already, and after the first wash, it gets softer and cozier. Some of my other favorite worsted weight yarns for shawls are Lion Brand Wool Ease (wool and acrylic blend) and WeCrochet Swish (100% superwash merino wool). They're soft, squishy, warm and hold up so well to wear and tear and machine washing and drying.

If you want to make the shawl with yarns better for warmer weather, living in Florida, one of my favorites is Berroco Modern Cotton.

You can use any worsted weight yarn from your stash – pick your favorite! If the finished size is essential to you, then check your gauge, but if not, then just start crocheting – you can even go up to a #5 chunky weight yarn for a cozier, oversized shawl, or down to a #3 weight yarn for something a bit more lightweight.

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What size should a rectangle shawl be?

The average sizes of rectangle shawls are 15" wide by 60" long, 18" wide by 72"-75" long, and 20" wide by 80"-100" long. It really all depends on your preferences, like if you like to wear it more like a scarf or wrap around your shoulders and arms, and how much overhang you like on your shawl.

Personally, I try to keep the overhang to a minimum as the shawl can get heavy with worsted weight yarns, so I opt for 15" by 60" for a shawl I will wrap around my shoulders and pin. For reference, I have a 42" bust and wear a ladies size L / juniors size XL top - the fit is a little different based on bust and arm circumference measurements, which may affect your choice of length.

When you think of the circumference of your bust and arms together, it's roughly 10" larger than your bust. In my case, that would be 52" in circumference. With a 60" length, that leaves 8" to overlap and drape. If you were a size Extra Small with a 28" in bust, plus the 10" extra for the arms, that would bring you to 38". Perhaps you'd want to adjust to say a 45" shawl to wrap around your shoulders.

For a shawl that I will wear more like a scarf, I opt for 15" by 70". For reference, I like to make my regular scarves 60" in length, and I always feel like (I think due to the extra fabric/bulkiness) rectangle shawls worn the same way need just a little extra length to wrap around the neck once, and have a nice amount of fabric hanging on either side. I am 5'6". If you're shorter, you may want a shorter shawl length, and if you're taller, you may want a longer shawl length.

Do I need to add a border around my shawl?

I was happy with the shape and edging of my rectangle shawl so I did not add a border, but for a more finished edging you absolutely can add one! If you opt to work a border, keep in mind, a simple single crochet border will add about 1/2" to width and height, and any other stitch patterns or additional rounds will add more. The finished size is not essential so you do not have to adjust the stitch count if you don't want to, or you can omit a few stitches from the shawl to account for the additional width - completely up to you!

Why is my border wavy or ruffled? How do you fix a wavy or ruffled border?

In my experience, a change in tension causes ruffles in the border, especially seen on the sides. My quick fix is to simply go down a hook size. You can also continue with the same hook you've been working with, and just block the finished shawl.

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