Crochet Neck Warmer Pattern

Free Step-by-Step Tutorial



Beginner-friendly | ~1 evening | Fits most adults (56 cm around)

Materials

- Bulky-weight (#5) yarn in mustard yellow, approx. 150 g / 170 m
- Bulky-weight (#5) yarn in cream, approx. 30 g
- 6.5 mm (US K-10.5) crochet hook
- One large wooden button, about 3 cm (1.25 in) across
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Tape measure
- 2 stitch markers

Abbreviations

- ch = chain
- sc = single crochet
- hdc = half double crochet
- BLO = back loop only
- sl st = slip stitch
- st(s) = stitch(es)
- rep = repeat

Step 1: Chain the Foundation and Start the Ribbing



- With mustard yarn, ch 21.
- Row 1: Hdc in the 3rd ch from the hook and in each ch across. [19 hdc - the ch-2 counts as the first st]
- Rows 2-3: Ch 2 (counts as a st), turn, hdc in the back loop only of each st across. [19 sts]
- Working in the back loop only is what makes the ribs: each row leaves a raised ridge, and the ridges stack into a stretchy, knit-like fabric.

Step 2: Work the Ribbed Body



- Rows 4-50: Ch 2, turn, hdc in the back loop only of each st across. [19 sts in every row]
- You now have 50 rows in total. The rectangle measures about 56 cm (22 in) long and 16 cm (6.25 in) tall.
- Lay the rectangle around your neck as you go: it should wrap once around with about 4 cm (1.5 in) of overlap for the button.
- Fasten off the mustard yarn, leaving a 15 cm (6 in) tail to weave in later.

Step 3: Add the Cream Edge



- Join cream yarn at one corner of a long edge.
- Row 1: Ch 1, sc evenly along the whole long edge - 1 sc into each row-end. [50 sc]
- Row 2: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across. [50 sc]
- Fasten off. Repeat Rows 1-2 along the other long edge, so both edges have a neat two-row cream border about 2 cm deep.

Step 4: Make the Button Loop



- With the right side of the rectangle facing you, join mustard yarn at the top corner of one short end.
- Ch 12, then sl st into the same corner stitch to form a loop.
- Test the loop against your 3 cm wooden button: it should slip over snugly. Add or remove a chain or two until it fits.
- Fasten off, leaving a 20 cm (8 in) tail. Weave the tail back along the chain loop and into the corner to anchor it firmly.

Step 5: Sew on the Wooden Button



- Overlap the two short ends by about 4 cm (1.5 in), with the loop end on top.
- Mark the spot on the lower end where the loop falls - that is where the button belongs.
- Thread cream yarn onto the yarn needle and sew the wooden button firmly to that spot, passing through the buttonholes at least four times.
- Finish with a few small stitches on the back to lock the thread. Give the button a firm tug: it should not wobble at all.

Step 6: Button It Up and Style Your Neck Warmer



- Slip the button through the loop and fold the warmer so the ribs sit evenly.
- Weave in every remaining end with the yarn needle.
- Try it on: the ribs should stretch gently around your neck, the cream edges should sit flat, and the wooden button should sit neatly at the side or the front.
- Your handmade neck warmer is ready to wear!

Tips

- Count the ribs, not the rows: each rib is one row, so counting ribs tells you exactly where you are. Aim for 50 ribs before you stop.

- Test the loop against the real button. Chain loops stretch with wear, so make the loop snug on day one; if it slips over the button too easily, remove two chains and try again.

- Block it lightly for a professional finish: lay the finished warmer flat, mist it with water, smooth the ribs straight, and leave it to dry.