

Proud Little Victorian Lizard Cowl

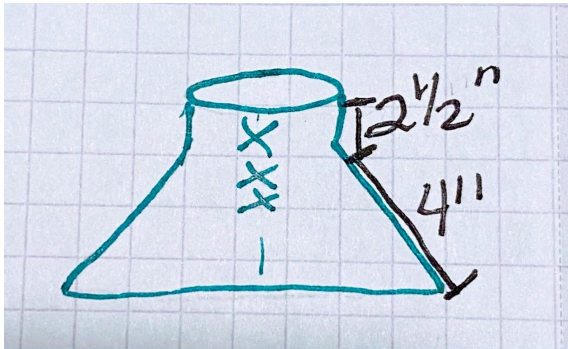


Yarn: 1 hank fingering weight (I used Malabrigo Mechita)

Hook: 3.75 mm

Special stitch: 3 double crochet cluster (Yarn over, insert hook, yarn over, pull through, yarn over, pull through again. With two loops on the hook, yarn over, insert hook, yarn over, pull through, yarn over pull through again.

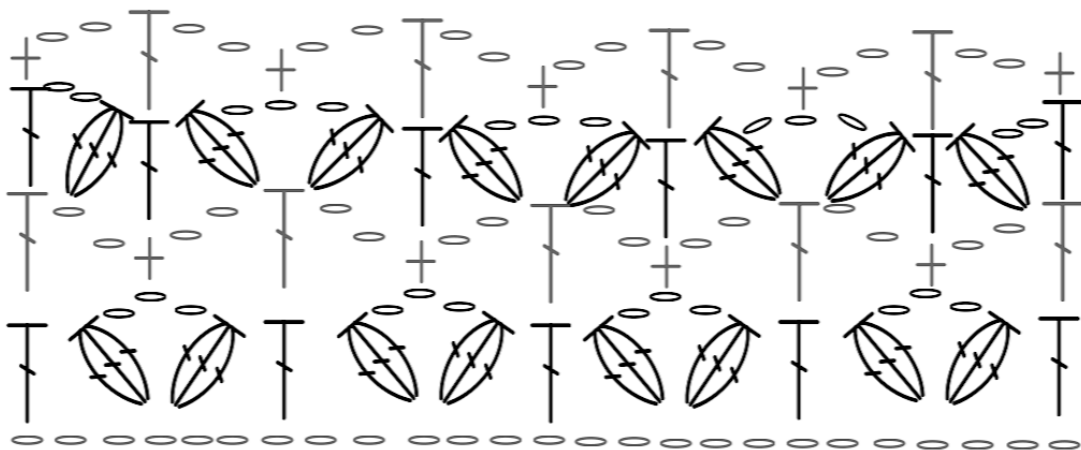
Three loops on the hook. Yarn over, insert hook, yarn over, pull through, yarn over, pull through again, yarn over, pull through all loops on the hook.)



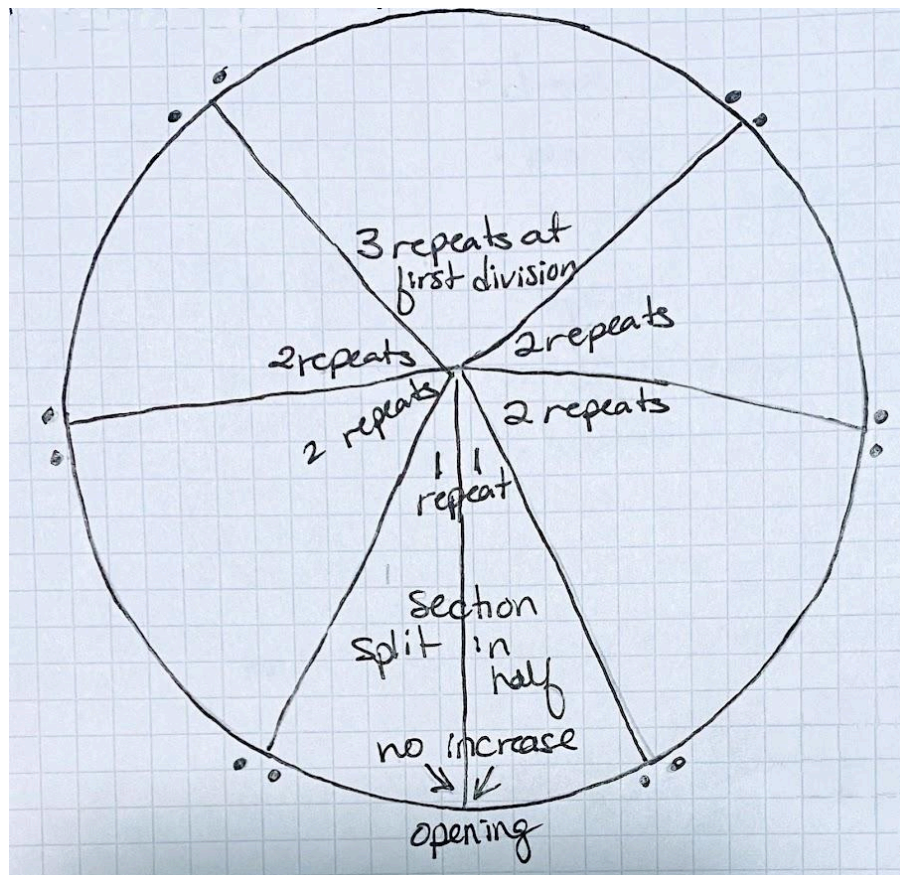
To make the stand up collar, begin with 92 chains (size up or down by adding or subtracting chains in groups of six, six stitches is a pattern repeat).

Begin working into the 5th chain from the beginning of the chain.

Work in pattern for 2 1/2 inches unblocked.

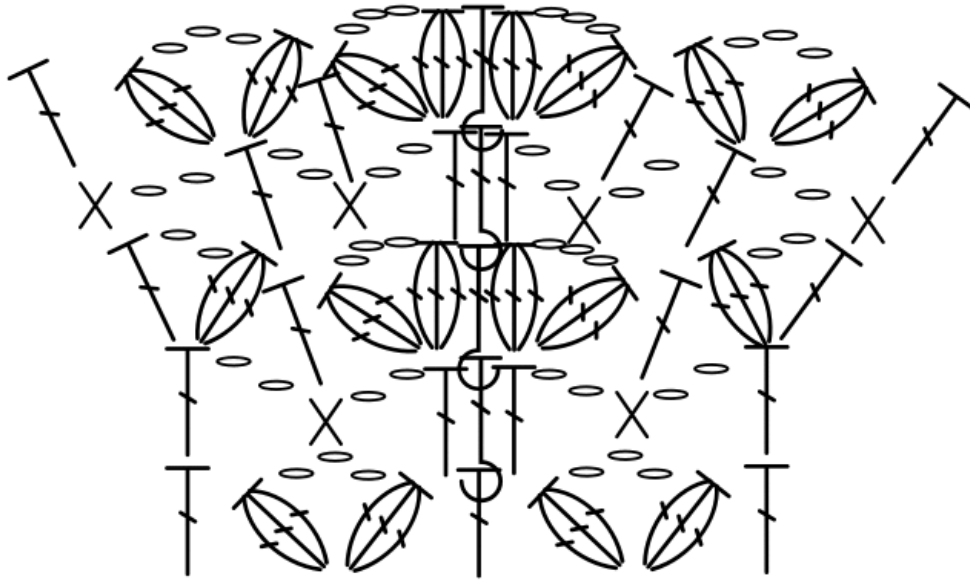


Divide the collar section into six sections as desired. Mark each division point with a stitch marker, these will be your increase points. See diagram for my divisions. You can split the division over the neck opening or not.

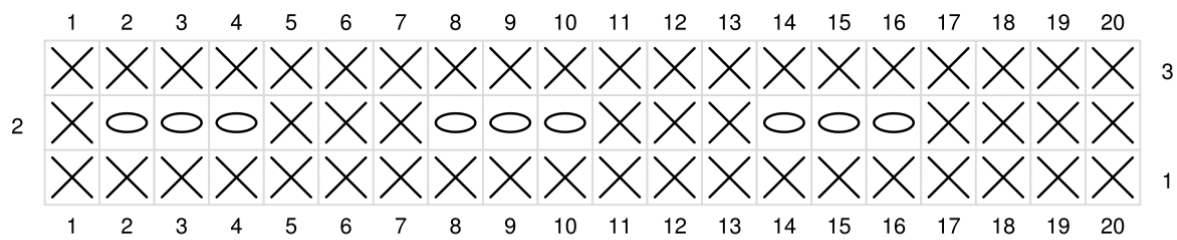


As you work each row, remember that on the increase set up rows you work three double crochets at the marked stitch from above. In the following crochet cluster stitch rows, you work a full 3 double crochet cluster v stitch into the double crochet on either side of the middle double crochet. To keep the line on one side, switch the post stitches from front to back every row. I worked the increase doubles into the space between stitches just before and

after the post stitches to keep the post stitch sharp. Keep moving the stitch marker along with each row and work the increases at those points.



To work the front edge opening, I worked single crochets evenly on both sides of the opening as a set up row, then worked four more rows of single crochet. On the sixth row, I worked chain stitches for loopholes. On the seventh row, I finished off the loopholes with singles over the chains and took that row of single crochets around the entire piece. On the bottom edge, I worked a single into each double, chained 3 to go over the puffs, and then worked three singles into the chain 3 space.



Loop hole diagram

I used a nice ribbon to lace the opening closed, passing criss crossed through the loops.