

Shawl in a Ball: Basic Shawl Pattern

This shawl is a simple design, made from the bottom point of the shawl upwards. This pattern is suitable for a beginner as it uses only trebles and chain stitches.

Increases are made at the beginning and end of each row. Instructions for this are included in the pattern. If you need more help with increases and decreases, you will find a video tutorial for this on the blog and on our YouTube channel.

If you wish to add a little extra detail in the shawl you can add clusters. It is up to you if you place them randomly or evenly or not at all! The shawl is finished off with a tassel.



To make this project you will need:

One ball of Lion Brand Shawl in a Ball Yarn
Scissors
A 6 mm crochet hook (you can use a larger hook to make bigger gaps in your shawl, or a small hook to make a tighter shawl)

Darning needle
A piece of card for making a tassel
Tension is not important for this project

A cluster is formed as follows:

- A video tutorial is available on our blog and on the George Crafts YouTube channel, to show you how to make clusters.
- Begin to make one treble crochet into a single stitch. Do not close the final two loops.
- Begin a second treble crochet in the same stitch. Again do not close the last two loops of the stitch. (You should have 3 loops on your hook at this point).
- Begin a third treble crochet in the same stitch. Close the first two loops of the third treble. You now have 4 loops on your hook.
- Bring all four loops closed in one movement. The cluster is now complete.

A tassel is formed as follows:

- A video tutorial for making tassels is available on the blog and our YouTube channel
- Wind the remaining yarn lengthways around a piece of card roughly the same size as a bank card. Leave a long tail
- Cut the tail off. Divide this piece of yarn into two
- With one of the pieces of yarn, secure the tassel by passing it between the card and the loops of yarn you wound around the card.
- Slide the piece of yarn that you cut from the tail up to one end of your tassel and tie a knot.
- Pass the blade of a pair of scissors between the card and the loops of yarn in your tassel. Bring the scissors down to the opposite end of the tassel to the knot you just tied. Cut the loops of yarn.
- Use the second piece of yarn cut from the tail to tie a knot around all the strands of the tassel
- Use a darning needle to pass the loose ends from the knot inside the tassel and out of the top of the tassel.
- Use your scissors to neatly trim the stands of your tassel.
- Attach the tassel to the bottom point of your shawl with the tails of yarn at the top of the tassel.

Notes on the pattern:

- This pattern does not tell you where to place clusters. If you have chosen to make a shawl with clusters you have the choice of how many you put in and where you place them. It is worth remembering that the more clusters you put in the quicker you will use up your yarn!

To Begin:

Make a foundation chain of four stitches.

Turn your work.

Row 1: Skip three chains and place 2 treble crochets into the final chain stitch. (3 stitches)

Row 2: Make a turning chain of three stitches. (This counts as the first treble in row 2.) Make one treble crochet into the final treble of row one. Make one treble into the next stitch. Make 2 trebles into the final stitch. (5 stitches)

Row 3: Make a turning chain of three stitches. (This counts as the first treble in row 2.) Make one treble crochet into the final treble of row 2. Make three treble crochets (one into each of the next three stitches). In the final stitch make 2 treble crochets. (7 stitches)

Row 4: Make a turning chain of three stitches. (This counts as the first treble in row 2.) Make one treble crochet into the final treble of row 3. Make five treble crochets (one into each of the next five stitches). In the final stitch make 2 treble crochets. (9 stitches)

Continue making the shawl in the same way as you have done so far, making an increase in the beginning and the end of each row. Stop when the shawl reaches the desired length. If you run out of yarn half way through the final row of the shawl don't worry. Simply unpick the part row until you get to the last completed row. Use the yarn you unpicked to make the tassel.



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