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Purple Hooded Cowl

A printable guide to a soft ribbed neck warmer with a roomy, textured hood.

The project at a glance

Make the ribbed neck strip sideways, join it into a ring, then work the hood back and forth around the back and sides. Fold and seam the hood at the crown. Finish the face opening with a simple crochet border.

Pattern status: This is an original crochet adaptation inspired by the supplied photos, not a recovered or test-crocheted source pattern. The reference contains knitting labels; this guide uses crochet only. Make and measure both swatches before starting.

Finished size • one relaxed adult size

Neck circumference: approximately 70 cm (27.6 in), unstretched.
Neck height: approximately 18 cm (7.1 in).
Hood height above neck: approximately 32 cm (12.6 in).
Flat hood width before folding: approximately 55 cm (21.7 in).
Folded hood depth: approximately 27.5 cm (10.8 in).
Total back height: approximately 50 cm (19.7 in), before edging.

Gather your materials

Worsted / medium-weight (#4) yarn in violet: allow approximately 650–850 m (710–930 yd). At 200 m per 100 g, buy about 400–500 g for swatches and a reserve. Actual use varies with fiber and tension.

Start with a 5.0 mm (H/8) crochet hook; use the size that gives the required gauge. Also prepare a tapestry needle, scissors, tape measure, 6 locking stitch markers and blocking towels or mats.

Before you begin

Choose a soft, resilient yarn that feels comfortable against your neck. Skill level: confident beginner with basic seaming. The cowl is deliberately loose; try the neck ring on before building the hood.

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PREPARATION

Gauge & crochet stitches

Counts are based on blocked, dry swatches measured without stretching.

1. Swatch the ribbing

Chain 25. Row 1: sc in the second chain from the hook and in each remaining chain (24 sc). Rows 2 onward: ch 1, turn, sc BLO in every stitch. Work at least 28 rows. Wash and dry as the yarn label directs.

Target: 16 sc and 20 rows = 10 × 10 cm (4 × 4 in). Measure the center of the swatch, away from its edges. Ribs run along the stitch direction.

2. Swatch the hood fabric

Chain 25. Row 1: hdc in the second chain from the hook and each remaining chain (24 hdc). Repeat: ch 1, turn, hdc BLO in each stitch. Work at least 16 rows, then wash and dry.

Target: 16 hdc and 10 rows = 10 × 10 cm (4 × 4 in). A different hook size for the hood is acceptable. If your sample has too many stitches per 10 cm, try a larger hook; too few, try a smaller hook.

US stitch key

ch = chain. st / sts = stitch / stitches. sl st = slip stitch.
sc = single crochet. Insert hook, yarn over and pull up a loop; yarn over and pull through both loops.
hdc = half double crochet. Yarn over, insert hook and pull up a loop; yarn over and pull through all 3 loops.
BLO = back loop only: work under the top loop farther from you, not the extra loop behind an hdc.
RS / WS = right side / wrong side.

How to keep your edges straight

Every turning ch 1 is for height only and does not count as a stitch. Work the first stitch into the first real stitch and the last stitch into the last real stitch. Mark the first and last stitches of each row, moving the markers upward as you go.

All stitches are worked through both top loops unless BLO is specified. Count after every row until the edges are easy to recognize. The written instructions and measurements govern this adaptation.

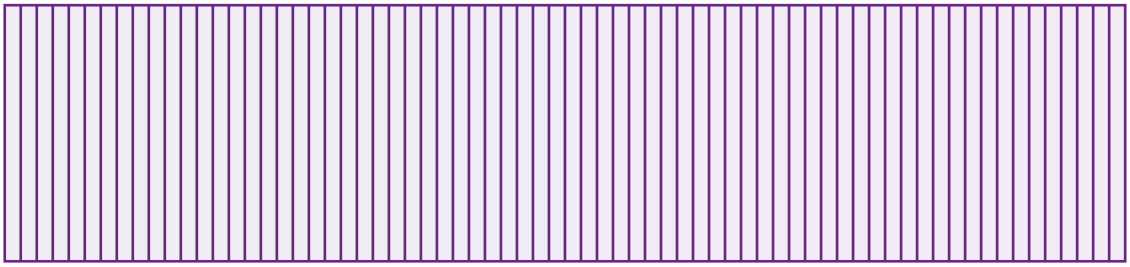
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STEP 01 • NECK RIBBING

Make the ribbed neck strip

Target before joining: approximately 70 cm long × 18 cm deep.

70 cm / 27.6 in • 140 rows



18 cm / 7.1 in deep • 28 stitches per row

Join these short ends to form the neck ring.

Foundation and first row

Leave a 35 cm (14 in) starting tail for seaming. Chain 29.
Row 1: sc in the second chain from the hook, then sc in every remaining chain. 28 sc. Check that the chain has not twisted.

Build the sideways ribbing

Rows 2–140: ch 1, turn; sc BLO in all 28 stitches. Keep the row count at 28 throughout. The strip length grows one row at a time; the 28-stitch edge determines the height of the cowl.

At the target gauge, 140 rows measure about 70 cm. Measure the strip relaxed on a flat surface. Do not stretch it to reach the measurement.

Join the ring

Fasten off with a 35 cm tail. Bring the first and last 28-stitch rows together, without twisting the strip. With the tapestry needle, whipstitch corresponding stitches together, taking small, even bites along the entire 28-stitch edge.

Keep the seam flexible. Turn the seam to the inside and place it at center back. Try the ring over your head; it should pass comfortably and rest loosely around the neck.

Checkpoint: 28 stitches per row; 140 rows total; one untwisted ring. If the height or circumference differs significantly, correct the gauge or use the measured adjustments on page 7 before proceeding.

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Mark & build the hood

The hood is worked in open rows. Do not join the hood rows into rounds.

Prepare the upper edge

With RS facing, join yarn at the center-back seam on one long edge of the ring. Ch 1. Work 112 sc evenly around the 140 row ends: repeat “1 sc in each of the next 4 row ends, skip the next row end” 28 times. Sl st to the first sc. Fasten off. This preparation round is not part of the hood row count.

Reserve the front opening

Lay the neck ring flat with the seam centered at the back. Find the center front, directly opposite the seam. Mark the 24 front stitches centered there (12 on either side of center front). These stitches remain unworked while making the hood.

The remaining 88 sc run from one front-side marker, around the back, to the other front-side marker. Place extra markers at the first and last stitches of this 88-stitch section.

Work the hood panel

With RS facing, join yarn in the first of the 88 hood stitches beside the reserved front section.
Hood row 1: ch 1; hdc through both loops in each of the 88 stitches around the sides and back. Stop before the reserved front stitches. 88 hdc.
Hood rows 2–32: ch 1, turn; hdc BLO in every stitch. 88 hdc per row. Keep both front edges straight. No increases or decreases are required for this rectangular hood.

Measure before cutting the yarn

Measure from the preparation round to the top edge: approximately 32 cm. The panel measures about 55 cm across before folding. Put the cowl on, lift the panel over your head and bring the top corners together; check that your head has comfortable room.

Checkpoint: 112 sc around the neck = 24 reserved front stitches + 88 hood stitches. After 32 hood rows, leave approximately 70 cm (28 in) of yarn for the top seam.

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Seam, edge & finish

A straight top seam gives the hood a gentle point at the crown.

Close the top of the hood

Turn the hood WS out. Fold the 88-stitch final row in half, with the two face-edge corners together and RS touching. Match stitch 1 with stitch 88, stitch 2 with stitch 87, and so on: 44 matched pairs.

Whipstitch each pair through both top loops, working from the front corners toward the center-back fold. Keep the seam secure but soft. Fasten off and turn RS out. The crown seam should run from the forehead toward the back of the head.

Border round 1 • face opening

With RS facing, join yarn at one corner where the hood meets the reserved front neck section. Ch 1. Work up the first hood edge, over the crown seam, down the second edge, then across the 24 reserved front sc.

As a starting distribution, alternate 1 sc and 2 sc in successive row ends along each 32-row hood edge: 48 sc per side. Work 1 sc in each of the 24 front neck stitches. Sl st to the first sc. About 120 sc. Do not add a stitch into the crown seam itself.

Border round 2 • clean finish

Ch 1; sc in every stitch around the face opening, working through both loops. Sl st to the first sc and fasten off. The border should lie flat. If round 1 ripples, reduce the pickup count evenly; if it draws the opening inward, add pickups evenly. Rework round 1 before adding round 2.

Lower cowl edge

Join yarn at the lower center-back seam. Ch 1; work 112 sc around the remaining 140 row ends, using the same 4-worked / 1-skipped distribution as the upper edge. Sl st to the first sc. Ch 1, work 1 sc in each stitch around, then sl st and fasten off. Keep both rounds loose enough to preserve stretch.

Weave each tail through several stitches on the inside, reverse direction, then trim. Gently wash and shape to the target measurements. Dry flat; do not stretch the ribbing or press it flat with a hot iron.

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VISUAL WORKSHOP

Six stages in 3D

Original illustrations • follow the written counts for stitch placement and sizing.



1 → 2 | Strip to neck ring

Crochet the sideways ribbed strip, then sew its short ends together. Place the seam at center back.

3 → 4 | Build an open hood

Reserve the front neck stitches. Grow the hood around the back and sides in turned rows, keeping the front and top open.

5 → 6 | Close and finish

Fold the final row in half and seam its 44 matched pairs. Add the face and lower borders, then weave in and block.

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Adjustments & final checks

Use measurements to personalize the fit before completing the crown seam.

Change the neck height or circumference

At the stated ribbing gauge, choose approximately 1.6 stitches per cm of desired height, then add 1 chain for the foundation. For an 18 cm neck, 28 stitches give about 17.5 cm before edging.

Choose approximately 2 ribbing rows per cm of circumference. Keep the circumference large enough to pass over your head without forcing it. For example, a 65 cm cowl uses about 130 ribbing rows; the upper and lower edging then use 104 sc with the same pickup distribution.

Recalculate the hood when resizing

For the 65 cm example, reserve 22 front stitches and work the hood on the remaining 82 stitches. At 16 hdc per 10 cm, the hood panel is about 51 cm wide and folds to about 25.5 cm deep. Keep the hood count even so the top seam pairs evenly.

For the original size, keep 88 hdc. To make the hood taller, add rows until it fits comfortably; at the target gauge, each extra hood row adds approximately 1 cm. Recalculate the face-border pickup count to suit the new number of row ends.

Troubleshooting

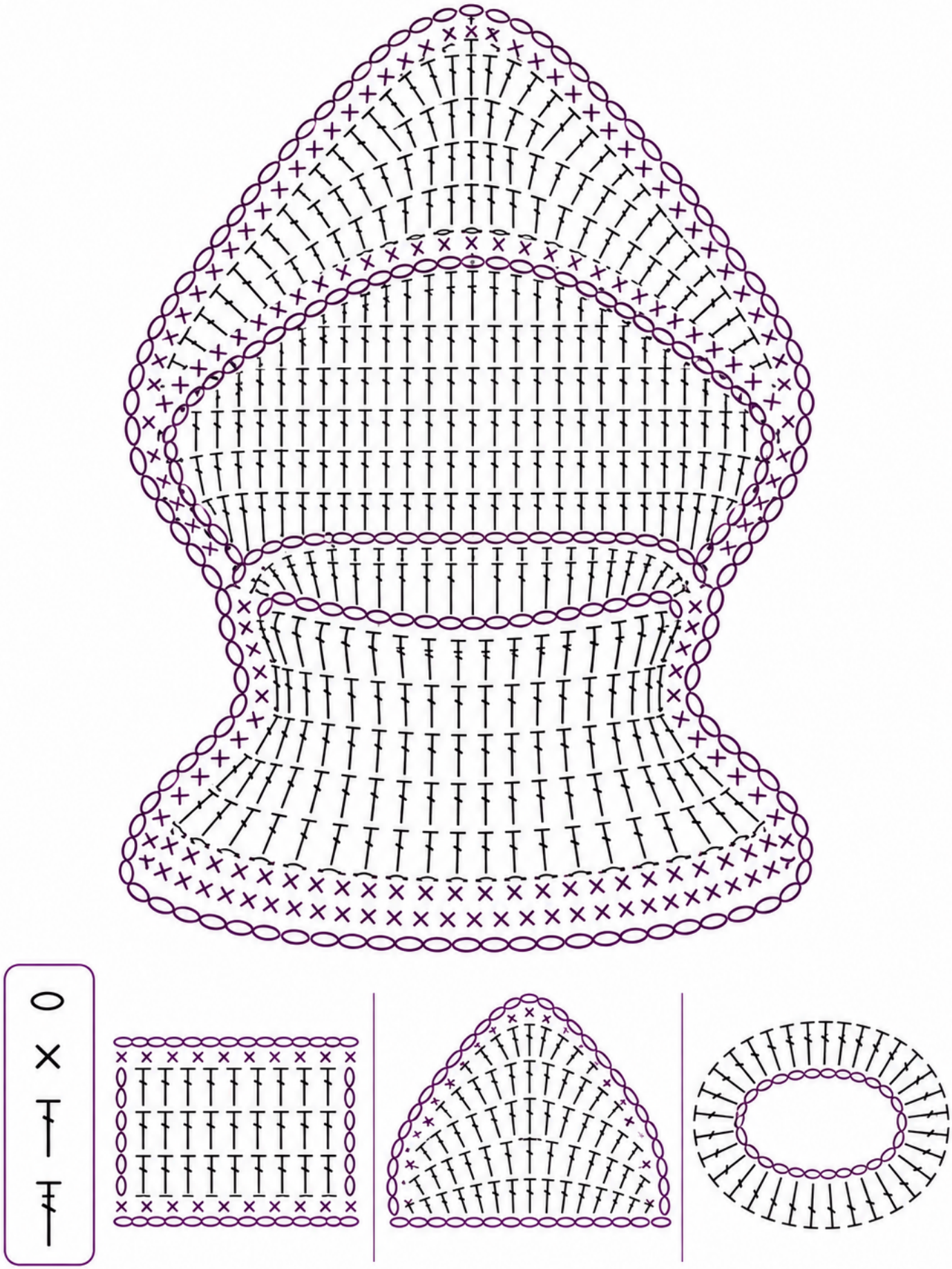
Neck feels stiff: use a softer yarn or a larger hook, then recalculate from your swatch.
Hood feels shallow: increase the hood panel width before seaming; do not try to fix depth only by adding height.
Edges slope: check for missed first or last stitches. Each original-size hood row must contain 88 hdc.
Border flares or puckers: adjust pickup density until it lies flat.

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