



EASY



## “Braided Cowl” By Merri Purdy

### Materials List:

1 - Skein (207 yards) Lang Mille Colori Big (50% wool/50% acrylic) or other super bulky weight fiber

Size K crochet hook

Size H crochet hook

2 - 3 straight pins or closing stitch markers

2 - 1” buttons

Sewing needle/matching thread

### Stitches/Abbreviations Used:

(ch) chain

(sc) single crochet

(fsc) foundation single  
crochet

(Sl st) slip stitch

**Gauge:** 12 stitches = 4 inches

### Pattern Notes:

- This project is made in one piece
- Pattern directions are written with the understanding that purchaser of this pattern has knowledge of the three stranded braid technique
- Alternate foundation: [chain 101, turn, sc in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook and in each st across to the end-100 sc] may be substituted for the foundation sc, but you may wish to go up a size in hook to prevent curling along the outer edge
- All rows of each strand will start and end with a sc
- Each strand is connected with 2 chs at the top edge of your work

### Directions - First Strand:

**Row 1:** With size K hook, fsc 100 stitches.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, turn. Sc in first st, [ch 1, skip 1 one st, sc in next st] across to the second to last st, sc in last st.

**Row 3:** Ch 1, turn. Sc in first st, [ch 1, skip next sc st of previous row, sc in ch-1 space made from previous row] across to the second to last st, sc in last st.

**Rows 4 – 6:** Repeat Row 3 (3 times). Ch 2. Do not fasten off. Go on to strands 2 and 3.

**Second and Third Strand:**

Repeat pattern directions for First Strand two times. There should be 2 chains in between each of the strands. This will allow the strands to remain connected at the top of the piece.

At the end of the third strand, pull up a loop and remove hook. Do NOT fasten off.

**Finishing – Top Edge:**

Straighten strands out so that they are laying flat, side-by-side. Be careful not to twist the 2 chains between the strands. Determine how wide you want your cowl to be and pin the connected end in place where it looks good to you. *I overlapped the upper end of the three strands and pinned them in place so that the width of the top of my work measured 3 ½ inches wide.*

Return to your dropped loop. Insert hook, ch 1. *(If you are looking at the top edge of your piece, the loop and ch 1 that you just made will be in the upper right hand corner of your fabric.)*

**Row 1:** Evenly crochet 10 sc stitches along the top edge of your work, going through all layers of fabric where the strands overlap.

**Change to size H crochet hook here....**

**Row 2:** Using H hook, ch 1, turn. Sc in first st and in each stitch across to the end. (10 sc)

**Row 3 – 5:** Repeat row 2 (3 times)

**Row 6:** Sl st in each st across to the end. Fasten off, weave in tail.

Using the three stranded braid technique, braid your strands. Be careful not to pull or stretch any one strand so that it is longer than the others. This is the tricky part. You want to make sure that the tension is consistent throughout the braid. This may take a couple of tries until you are satisfied with how it looks. Once you are satisfied with how your braid looks, pin the lower end of each strand in place, overlapping them where necessary to give it the same look as your upper edge.

**Finishing – Lower Edge:**

**Row 1:** Using your K hook, attach yarn with a sl st at lower right hand edge of work, ch 1. Sc in the same st. Evenly place 9 additional sc stitches along this edge, working through all layers of the fabric where strands are overlapping.

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**Row 2:** Ch 1, turn. Sc in first st and in each st across to the end. (10 sc)

**Row 3:** Ch 1, turn. Sc in first two sts, [ch 2, skip 2 sts, sc in next two sts] repeat one time. (2 button holes made)

**Row 4:** Ch 1, turn. Sc in first two sts, [2 sc in ch-2 sp, sc in next 2 sts] repeat one time. (10 sc)

**Row 5:** Ch 1, turn. Sc in each st across to the end. (10 sc)

**Row 6:** Sl st in each st across to the end. Fasten off, weave in tail.

Sew on buttons and “tah dah...” you are done. Enjoy!



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