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# Dragon Belly Shawl

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The Dragon Belly shawl is slightly asymmetric and is crocheted from one side to the other, back and forth in the direction the arrow shows in the picture below to the right.

I call the shawl Dragon Belly because its texture reminds me how dragon bellies often look like in children's stories, don't you agree?

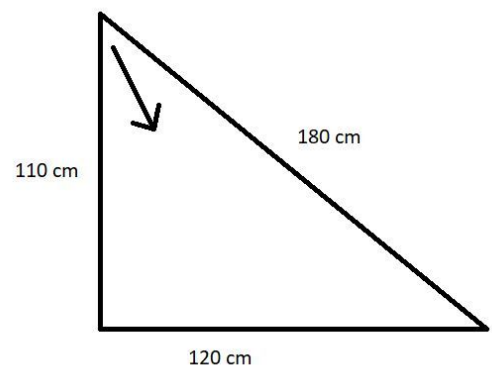
**Yarn:** ~~Scheepjes Spirit 50 g, 3 skeins from Favoritgarner.se. I used colour 304.~~ BRAVA SPORT - 5 SKEINS

OR

**Hook:** 4.5 mm. COTTON SUPREME WAVES - 3 SKEINS



**Size:** If you use the same yarn, and hook as indicated in the pattern, the shawl will have the approximate measurements as shown in the picture to the right. Note that this is the size after blocking. Additional rows can be added before making the border if you like a bigger shawl. If you make it bigger you might need more yarn.



## Stitches used in this pattern (US terms):

Ch - chain

Sl st - slip stitch

Sc - single crochet

Dc - double crochet

Fp dc - front post double crochet

You can find a tutorial how to make front post double crochet on my blog, [mijocrochet.wordpress.com](http://mijocrochet.wordpress.com).

**Turn your work after each row.**

**Row 1:**

Ch 4, 2 dc in 1:st ch.



**Row 2:**

Ch 4, 1 dc in the same dc. Ch 1, skip 1 dc, 1 dc in 4:th ch of the previous row.



**Row 3:**

Ch 2, 1 dc in next 1-ch-space, 1 dc in next dc. 4 dc in next 4-ch-space.



**Row 4:**

Ch 4, 1 dc in the same dc. (ch 1, skip 1 dc, 1 fp dc in next dc) 2 times. Ch 1, skip 1 dc, 1 dc in the 2:nd ch of previous row.



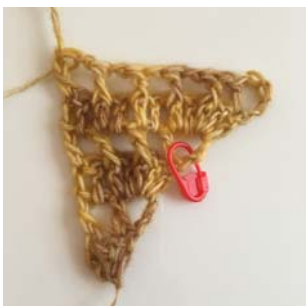
**Row 5:**

Ch 2, (1 dc in next 1-ch-space, 1 dc in next dc) up to the last dc of the row. 4 dc in next 4-ch-space.



**Row 6:**

Ch 4, 1 dc in the same dc. (ch 1, skip 1 dc, 1 fp dc in next dc) up to the 3:rd last dc on the row. Ch 1, skip 1 dc, 1 dc in 2:nd ch of previous row.



The marker shows the long side (upper side) of your shawl. This is the side where all the increases are made.

**Repeat row 5 and 6 until your shawl has the size you need. I made a total of 88 rows. The last row should be a row 6 (mesh row). Then you make the border.**

### **The border:**

Cut the yarn.

The border starts in the corner that is shown with a pink needle in the picture below. The long side / upper edge of your shawl will be to your right and you will work from the back side.

Note that following pictures are showing a miniature shawl and the edge is crocheted with another colour to make it more clear.

The edge is crocheted in rows including both short sides of the shawl (not the upper edge).



### **Row A:**

Connect your yarn with a sl st in the 3:rd ch of previous row. Ch 2, 1 sc in next 1-ch-space. (ch 1, 1 sc in next 1-ch-space) up to the last 1-ch-space of the side.

1 sc in next dc, ch 2, 1 sc in the same dc (= corner made).



You will now crochet in the side of the rows already made. 1 sc in next row. (ch 1, 1 sc in next row) up to the last row of the side. Ch 1, 1 sc in the 1:st ch of row 1. Turn your work!



**Row B:**

Ch 1, skip 1 sc. 1 sl st in each sc and 1:ch-space until end of row. In the corner you make 1 sl st in each ch. The last sl st is made in the 1:st ch of previous row.

**Note your tension when making the slip stitches so your work doesn't get curly. If you need to, use a 0,5 mm bigger hook for the slip stitches.**



**Row C: Optional row.**

You will now crochet slip stitches on top of the last row made before the edge (the mesh row).

Ch 1, 1 sl st in the same ch as you started row A in, see pictures on next side.  
(1 sl st in next 1-ch-space, 1 sl st in next dc) up to the last dc on the side.





On the next side you make the first sl st in the first empty space, and then next sl st in the dc in next row. Continue up to the last empty space on the side.

In the pictures the pink needle shows where to make your slip stitches.



Make the last st st in the 1:st ch of row 1. Finish of with ch 1 and an “Invisible join” in the 1:st ch of previous row.



Fasten you ends and block your shawl.

Make tassels if you like. There is a [minitutorial](#) on my blog how to make beaded tassels, and also how to make an invisible join.

