### **CROCHETED CAPELET**



This capelet is made from the neck down. It is worked in the round (the right side of the capelet is always facing you) with the last stitch of each round joined to the first stitch of the round with a slip stitch. The scalloped edge may be omitted and the capelet can be made shorter or longer as you desire. The beads in the scalloped edge are not pre-strung onto the yarn. They are slipped over the loop on the crochet hook as they are needed.

**Yarn:** Berroco Suede (100% nylon; worsted weight, 1 ¾ oz balls (120 yds), 4-5 balls depending on the desired finished length. Other yarns that match the gauge specified below may be substituted.

Hook: Size I or size needed to obtain gauge

**Beads:** 26 beads, size 2 with a hole big enough to get a loop (2 strands) of the yarn through

**Gauge:** 13 dc and 8 rnds = 4"

NOTE: Take time to save time and make a gauge swatch!

### **Abbreviations:**

 $\mathbf{ch} = \mathbf{chain}$ 

dc = double crochet

rep = repeat

 $\mathbf{sc} = \text{single crochet}$ 

 $\mathbf{sk} = \mathbf{skip}$ 

 $\mathbf{sl} \ \mathbf{st} = \mathbf{slip} \ \mathbf{stitch}$ 

sp(s) = space(s)

sts = stitch(es)

**Double-base Chain**—This chain is two-sided, sturdy, and very elastic.

Make a slipknot, put on hook, and ch 2. Working loosely, work 1 sc in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook, \*insert hook into stem of previous sc (under the forward 2 loops) as follows: Insert hook under 2 strands at left-hand side of previou sc, draw up 1 loop, yo, and draw through 2 loops to form the next sc. Rep from \* for desired length.

# **Upper Portion of Capelet:**

Using a double-base chain, ch 72, and join with a sl st to first ch being careful not to twist the chain. Place a safety pin, locking stitch marker, or piece of yarn in the first stitch to designate it as the beginning of the round. Once you get to Round 2 and have completed the beginning ch 3, the beginning of the round will be obvious and you can remove the marker.

### **NOTES:**

- 1. The double base chain is not necessary but makes a more sturdy neck edge. You can create a regular crocheted chain instead of a double base chain. See instructions (above) for making the double-base chain.
- 2. Ch 3 at the beginning of each round counts as 1 dc.

**Round 1:** Ch 1, sc in same st as ch 1 and in each ch across; join with a sl st to the first sc, being careful not to twist the chain. (72 sc)

**Round 2:** Ch 3, dc in each sc around; join with sl st in the 3<sup>rd</sup> ch of the beginning ch 3. (72 dc)

**Round 3:** Ch 3, dc in next 4 dc, \*2 dc in next dc, dc in next 5 dc;\* repeat from \* to \* around, ending with 2 dc in last dc. Join with sl st in the 3<sup>rd</sup> ch of the beginning ch 3. (84 dce)

**Round 4:** Ch 3, dc in next 12 dc; \*2 dc in next dc, dc in next 13 dc; \* repeat from \* to \* around ending with 2 dc in last dc. Join with sl st in the 3<sup>rd</sup> ch of the beginning ch 3. (90 dc)

**Round 5**: Ch 3, dc in next 16 dc, \*2 dc in next dc, dc in next 17 dc;\* repeat from \* to \* around ending with 2 dc in last dc. Join with sl st in the 3<sup>rd</sup> ch of the beginning ch 3. (95 dc)

**Round 6:** Ch 3, dc in next 17 dc, \*2 dc in next dc, dc in next 18 dc;\* repeat from \* to \* around ending with 2 dc in last dc. Join with sl st in the 3<sup>rd</sup> ch of the beginning ch 3. (100 dc)

**Round 7:** Ch 3, dc in next 11 dc, \*(dc, ch1, dc) in next dc, dc in next 24 dc;\* repeat from \* to \* around until 13 sts remain. In next dc, work (dc, ch1, dc); work 1 dc in last 12 dc. Join with sl st in the 3<sup>rd</sup> ch of the beginning ch 3. (104 dc)

**Round 8:** Ch 3, dc in each dc to the first ch-1 sp; \*(dc, ch 1, dc) in ch-1 sp; dc in each dc to next ch-1 sp;\* repeat from \* to \* around; end with dc in each dc to the end of the round. Join with sl st in the 3<sup>rd</sup> ch of the beginning ch 3. (112 dc)

**Rounds 9-13:** Rep Round 8. At the end of Round 13, there should be 152 dc plus 4 ch-1 sps for a total of 156 sts total.

After Round 9, there are 120 dc.

After Round 10, there are 128 dc.

After Round 11, there are 136 dc.

After Round 12, there are 144 dc.

After Round 13, there are 152 dc.

## **Lower Portion of Capelet:**

Note: Ch-1 space counts as a stitch in each of the rounds that follow.

After joining in Round 13 above, sl st in next st, ch 3, 2 dc n same st as ch 3 (shell made), sk next st, dc in next st, \*sk next dc, 3 dc in next st, sk next sc, dc in next;\* repeat from \* to \* around. Join with sl st in the 3<sup>rd</sup> ch of the beginning ch 3.

**Round 1:** SI st in next st (center dc of the first shell made), ch 3, sk next st, 3 dc in next st, \*sk next st, dc in next st, sk next st, 3 dc in next st; \* repeat from \* to \* around. Join with sI st in the 3<sup>rd</sup> ch of the beginning ch 3. (156 sts—39 shells made and 39 single dc made)

**Round 2:** Ch 3, 2 dc in same st as ch 3, sk next st, dc in next st, \*sk next st, 3 dc in next st, sk next st, dc in next st;\* repeat from \* to \* around. Join with sl st in the 3<sup>rd</sup> ch of the beginning ch 3.

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 8 more times or until capelet is one round short of the desired length from the beginning.

- If you want to omit the scalloped edging, fasten off once you reach the desired length and weave in ends. The capelet is finished!
- If you want the scalloped edging, complete the next round.

You should have 156 sts when you begin the Beaded Scalloped round.

**Beaded Scalloped Round:** Ch 1, work sc in same st as ch 1, slip bead, sk next st, sl st in next st, sk next st, 5 dc in next st, \*sk next st; sl st in next st; slip bead, sk next st, sl st in next st; sk next st, 5 dc in next st\* repeat from \* to \* 25 more times. Join with a sl st in the first sc at the beginning of the round. Fasten off.

Weave in ends.