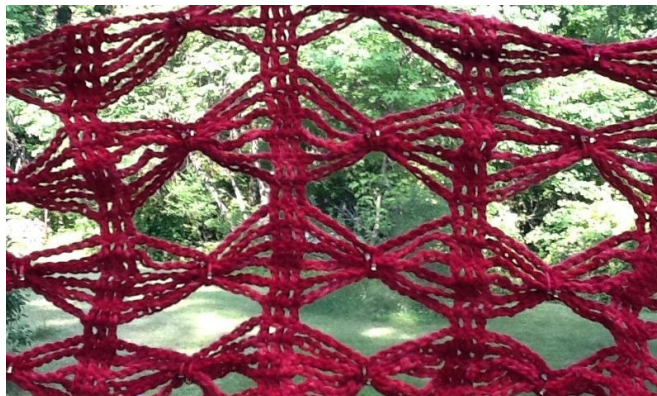


Mariposa Stole

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These lovely butterflies will wrap you in elegance. Beading is optional, but accents the delicate bodies of the butterflies. The pima cotton/silk yarn provides a touch of warmth on a cool evening, while still cool enough for summer nights. You can choose to crochet armholes into the stole to slip it over your shoulders.



You'll need:

- 2 skeins of Misti Alpaca Tonos Pima Silk, or about 630 yards of dk yarn (solid color recommended)
- Size G crochet hook
- Stitch markers
- 20 grams of 6/0 seed beads
- Beading needle
- Tapestry needle

Gauge

3dc + 1 butterfly = 3.5" long x 2.5" high

NB: The finished garment will stretch when worn. See finished measurements to make adjustments to size.

Finished Measurements

Stole is 20 butterflies long and 7 butterflies tall. With some stretch, this measures 18" wide x 82" long finished.

Pattern Notes

- The butterflies are created by a 6 row repeat. The first 5 rows repeat a 3 dc, chain 15 pattern. In the 6th row, you will chain half the row, then use a sc to bind the chains of the 5 previous rows together, then complete the chain. You'll crochet the beads in place on this single crochet.
- The optional armholes happen after the third row of butterflies. Make note before you plunge forward!
- A note on joining yarn balls. Be sure to join at a double crochet section, not along the chains. Also remember to restring enough beads on the new ball to finish the project.
- To change the size, add or subtract a multiple of 18 from starting chain.

Prepare the Beads

- String about 160 beads or 11 grams of beads onto the 1st ball of yarn

Crochet the Stole

R1: Chain 365, placing marker every 50 chains as you go to help count.

R2: Starting from 2nd chain from the hook, place marker every 18 chains until 3 chains left. Returning to the beginning of the row, dc in 2nd ch from hook, and in next 2 chains. *ch 15, dc in next 3 dc after the marker.* Repeat from * to * until end of row.

R3: Ch 2, turn. Dc in each of next 3 dc. *ch 15, skip 15 chains below, dc in next 3 dc.* Repeat from * to * until end of row.

R4-5: Same as row 2

R6: Ch 2, turn. Dc in each of next 3 dc. *Ch 7, slide a bead close to the hook. Gather the 5 rows of chains from below, insert your hook underneath them, and draw up a loop *underneath* the 5 chains. Slide the next bead up snugly against the working stitch. Yarn over and draw through both loops on the hook. (NB: Beads will appear on the opposite side of the work.) Ch 7, dc in each of next 3 dc.* Repeat from * to * until end of row.

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R7-11: Repeat row 2.

R12: Same as row 6.

Continue this 6 row repeat until you have 7 rows of complete butterflies (or 42 rows). Fasten off, and weave in ends.

This stole loves to be blocked, please do!

Optional Armholes

(inserted after you've completed the 3rd set of butterflies or 18 rows)

R19: Place a marker on the 1st dc after the 7th butterfly and the 1st dc after the 12th butterfly. Follow directions for row 2 until you reach the marker. Do not dc; chain 3 instead. Continue the pattern (ch 15, 3 dc) until you reach the next marker. Do not dc; ch 3 instead. Continue the pattern until the end of the row.

R20: Ch 2, turn. Dc in each of next 3 dc. *ch 15, skip 15 chains below, dc in next 3 dc.* Repeat from * to * 4 times.

Ch 15, skip 15 chains below, dc in next 3 chains. *ch 15, skip 15 chains below, dc in next 3 dc.* Repeat from * to * 4 times. Ch 15, skip 15 chains below, dc in next 3 chains. *ch 15, skip 15 chains below, dc in next 3 dc.* Repeat from * to * end of row.

R21-23: same as row 2.

R24: same as row 6.

Remaining rows worked the same as rows 7-12.