

Mutabilis

It's just a tube – and can be used as a cowl, a hat, a gaiter, a headband or ear warmer, a balaclava, or a hood. The linen stitch makes it look the same on both sides, while being very elastic. Additionally, the linen stitch is my go-to stitch pattern for all those 1-skein wonders that we all have lying around: too beautiful in the skein to resist, but slightly over-enthusiastic colourful when worked up, and too precious to just be stashed away.

I personally prefer fingering weight, because this weight is more pliable and easier to fold as a balaclava or twist as a hat, but you can use any weight yarn. The hook should be a size or two bigger than usual for the yarn weight. Don't crochet too tightly, the Mutabilis is more pleasurable to wear if it drapes nicely and conforms to how you want to wear it.



Materials:

- 1 skein fingering (sock weight) yarn, about 400 yards (*in this case Malabrigo Sock yarn, col. Indiecita*);
- 4.5mm hook;
- darning needle for weaving in yarn tails;
- stitch marker



Terminology (US notation):

SC single crochet stitch

CH chain

FSC Foundation Single Crochet

CHSP space that is formed because of the chain of the row below, chain space

SLST Slip stitch as a join

Measurements:

It should be a tube of approximately 27 x 41 cm (11 x 16 inches) measured flat (circumference about 54cm/22 inches), but you can adapt to your specifications by making it wider/narrower or longer/shorter.

Instructions:

In fingering weight, cast on ca. 120 stitches: you can chain those stitches, or cast-on over a knitting needle, or Foundation Single Crochet (fsc).

[Worsted Weight probably 86 sts (6mm hook), DK 100 sts (5mm hook)]

If you chained, or cast-on over needle, turn and crochet 1 row in single crochet. If you FSC-ed, you already have a row of SC waiting.

Sl1 to join, make sure not to twist, and put in a marker to show the beginning of the round. Then ch 2 sts, *skip 1 stitch, sc in next stitch*. Repeat until you come to the marker.

After that round, the pattern is very easy: *sc in the next chsp, ch 1*.

Note: for the first few rounds, the loop looks much too big. Do not despair – linen stitch pulls in. A lot. Don't start crocheting tighter, or switch to a smaller hook. If the loop still looks too big, after half of the yarn, you still can change the hook size – then the wider portion will be the portion around your neck on the shoulder side.

Repeat until you have the length you require, or you run out of yarn.

End by sc, ch1, slst into next chsp, pull yarn through and weave in the ends.

Soak, lay flat to dry, enjoy.

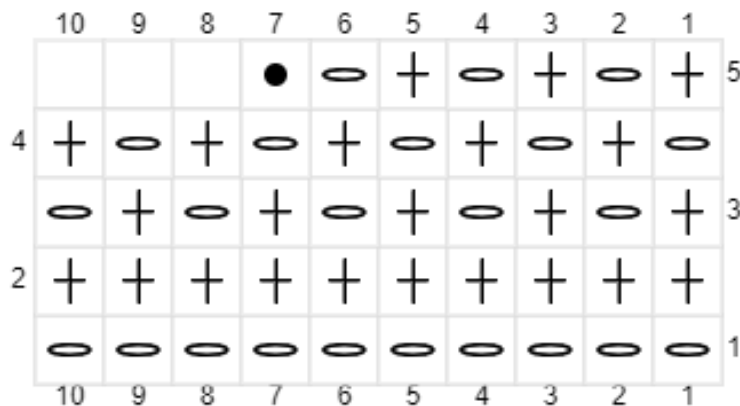


Chart created at [StitchFiddle](https://www.stitchfiddle.com/): Thank you!



I always enjoy looking at what other people create with my patterns. If you are willing to share your projects on Ravelry, I would appreciate it.

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