

Wicked Witch

Having made the snowflake collar for the Snow Queen outfit on page 38, the next thing to pop into my head was a cobweb collar, so this costume actually started at the neck and worked its way up to the hat. The geek in me wanted a perfect cone for the hat, so while there are other more traditional ways to crochet a cone, this one takes a little more concentration but the outcome is really good and worth the extra effort.



Complete the Look

Well really you should have hobnail boots, a cape made of the night sky, and a dress woven from pure darkness, but if you don't have those around the house then some stripy tights and old black clothes will do nicely!



Hat

SKILL LEVEL ★★

Every witch needs a hat, under which she can hide frogs, newts, and anything else she needs to keep handy for her cauldron.

You will need

Yarn

Chunky weight:
3½oz (100g) of Black

Hooks & Notions

US I/9 (5.5mm) crochet hook
Removable stitch marker
Tapestry needle

Gauge

Gauge is not critical but adjust the hook size to produce a firm fabric.

Size

One size: To fit 4-7 years
19½in (50cm) circumference
(excluding brim);
11½in (29cm) tall

Abbreviations

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Pattern Notes

The rounds of double crochet toward the base of the hat provide a bit more stretch, making the hat comfier and more secure to wear.

For the Hat

Make 3ch, ss in first ch to make a ring.

Working in spirals, moving the marker up as you work, continue as follows:

Round 1: 4sc into the ring, pm. (4 sts)

Round 2: *2sc in next st, 1sc in next st; rep from * around. (6 sts)

Round 3: *2sc in next st, 1sc in next 2 sts; rep from * around. (8 sts)

Round 4: 1sc in next 2 sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 3 sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next st. (10 sts)

Round 5: 1sc in next st, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 4 sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 3 sts. (12 sts)

Round 6: 1sc in next 4 sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 5 sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next st. (14 sts)

Round 7: 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 6 sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 6 sts. (16 sts)

Round 8: 1sc in next 4 sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 7 sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 3 sts. (18 sts)

Round 9: 1sc in next 8 sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 8 sts, 2sc in next st. (20 sts)

Round 10: 1sc in next 2 sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 9 sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 7 sts. (22 sts)

Round 11: 1sc in next 6 sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 10 sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 4 sts. (24 sts)

Round 12: 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 11 sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 11 sts. (26 sts)

Round 13: 1sc in next 5 sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 12 sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 7 sts. (28 sts)

Round 14: 1sc in next 11 sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 13 sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 2 sts. (30 sts)

Round 15: 1sc in next 4 sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 14 sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 10 sts. (32 sts)

Round 16: 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 15 sts, 2sc in next st,

1sc in next 15 sts. (34 sts)

Round 17: 1sc in next 10 sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 16 sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 6 sts. (36 sts)

Round 18: 1sc in next 3 sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 17 sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 14 sts. (38 sts)

Round 19: 1sc in next 15 sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 18 sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 14 sts. (40 sts)

Round 20: 1sc in next 9 sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 19 sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 10 sts. (42 sts)

Round 21: 1sc in next st, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 20 sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 19 sts. (44 sts)

Round 22: 1sc in next 16 sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 21 sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 5 sts. (46 sts)

Round 23: 1sc in next 8 sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 22 sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 14 sts. (48 sts)

Round 24: 1sc in next 23 sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 23 sts, 2sc in next st. (50 sts)

Round 25: 1sc in next 16 sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 24 sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 8 sts. (52 sts)

Round 26: 1sc in next 8 sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 25 sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 17 sts. (54 sts)

Round 27: 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 26 sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 26 sts. (56 sts)

Round 28: 1sc in next 17 sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 27 sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 10 sts. (58 sts)

Round 29: 1sc in next 7 sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 28 sts, 2sc in next

st, 1sc in next 21 sts. (60 sts)

Working in rounds, continue as follows:

Rounds 30-34: 3ch (counts as 1dc), 1dc in each st around. (60 sts)

Working in spirals again, continue as follows for the brim:

Round 35: For this round only, working into the front loop of each st as follows: *1sc in next 9 sts, 2sc in next st; rep from * a further five times. (66 sts)

Round 36: *1sc in next 10 sts, 2sc in next st; rep from * a further five times. (72 sts)

Round 37: *1sc in next 11 sts, 2sc in next st; rep from * a further five times. (78 sts)

Round 38: *1sc in next 12 sts, 2sc in next st; rep from * a further five times. (84 sts)

Round 39: *1sc in next 13 sts, 2sc in next st; rep from * a further five times. (90 sts)

Round 40: *1sc in next 14 sts, 2sc in next st; rep from * a further five times. (96 sts)

Fasten off.

Finishing

Weave in all loose ends and let the brim curl up slightly.

Stand back and admire the beautiful cone!



Cobweb Collar

SKILL LEVEL ★★

This cute little collar would look just as good on an adult, as part of a Halloween costume.

You will need

Yarn

Light Worsted (DK) weight:
Small quantity of Black

Hooks & Notions

US G/6 (4mm) crochet hook
30in (75cm) black ribbon
Tapestry needle

Gauge

Gauge is not critical but adjust your hook to produce a firm fabric.

Size

One size:
Each Cobweb Motif measures
3in (7.5cm) across

Abbreviations

See page 8.

Pattern Notes

Adjust the size of the collar by adding more or fewer cobwebs and altering the length of the ribbon.

Hold a strand of silver metallic embroidery thread together with the yarn as you work to make sparkly cobwebs.

For the Cobweb Motif (make 5)

Round 1: Make a magic ring and secure with ss. Work 5sc into ring, ss in first sc to join, pm. (5 sts)

Round 2: *Make 11ch, ss in second ch from hook and each ch back to sc, ss in next st; rep from * a further four times. Five “spokes” created. Fasten off.

Round 3: Starting from the center circle, count up 2 sts on one of your previous 11ch spokes, rejoin yarn, *3ch, and then ss into second stitch up of the next 11ch spoke; rep from * a further four times.

Round 4: Starting from the center circle, count up 6 sts on one of your previous 11ch spokes, rejoin yarn, *6ch, and then ss into sixth st up of your next 11ch spoke; rep from * a further four times. Fasten off.

Round 5: Starting from the center circle, count up 8 sts on one of your previous 11ch spokes, rejoin yarn, *11ch, and then ss into eighth st up of your next 11ch spoke; rep from * a further four times. Fasten off leaving a long tail.

Finishing

Lay the five motifs out so one side from each is touching the next one and sew them together. Weave in all loose ends.

Thread the ribbon through either side of the cobweb panel and tie in a bow around your witch’s neck.



Spider

SKILL LEVEL ★★

An amigurumi spider completes the costume—a vital ingredient for casting spells.

You will need

Yarn

Light Worsted (DK) weight:
Small quantity of Black

Hooks & Notions

US G/6 (4mm) crochet hook
Removable stitch marker
Toy stuffing
Silver embroidery floss
Embroidery needle
Tapestry needle

Gauge

Gauge is not critical but adjust the hook size to produce a firm fabric.

Size

One size: 1¼in (3cm) excluding legs

Abbreviations

See page 8.

For the Body

Round 1: Make a magic ring and secure with ss. Work 6sc into ring, ss in first sc to join, pm. (6 sts)

Working in spirals and using a stitch marker to indicate beginning of the round, continue as follows:

Round 2: 2sc in each st around. (12 sts)

Round 3: *2sc in next st, 1sc in next st; rep from * a further five times. (18 sts)

Round 4: 1sc in each st around.

Round 5: *Sc2tog, 1sc in next st; rep from * a further five times. (12 sts)

Stuff the spider and continue as follows:

Round 5: *Sc2tog; rep from * a further five times. (6 sts)
Fasten off and close the end.

For the Legs (make 8)

Make 8ch.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Finishing

Sew the legs to the body. Weave in all loose ends.

Use the silver embroidery floss to stitch a little face on and pull the floss up through the top of his body to make a long thread to dangle it from. He can either be attached to the tip or brim of the hat, hung from the collar, or just be sat on a shoulder to give people a fright!

