Fantail Cowl

Requirements:

- Approx 200 metres (218 yards) of DK/sport weight yarn such as Perran Yarns DK Falkland Merino or Lorna's Laces Shepherd Sport
- 4mm (US G/6) crochet hook

Finished measurements:

To fit teen through to adult

Tension/Gauge:

Don't worry about it! Just use the stated yarn weight and hook size.

Abbreviations – UK notation (US notation in brackets):

Ch: Chain
tr: Double crochet (= US Dc – Double)
Sl St: Slip Stitch
Prev: Previous

Notes:

A block of (4tr, 3ch, 1tr) is referred to as a fantail in the pattern.

The pattern is worked back and forth in rows which are joined as you go so no seaming is required.

You will start at the base of the cowl and decrease 2 fantail blocks on every 4th round to give a more fitted cowl shape.

Instructions:

Foundation row: Ch122 sts loosely

Round 1: Skip 6 ch, (4tr, 3ch, 1tr) into next ch, [skip 4ch, (4tr, 3ch, 1tr) into next ch] 22 times, skip 4ch, (4tr, 3ch) into next ch, sl st to top of 1st tr of row to join (ensuring the work is not twisted), turn – 24 fantails

Round 2: Sl st to ch3 of last fantail worked in prev round, ch3 (stands as first tr of fantail), (3tr, 3ch, 1tr) into same ch3 space, [(4tr, 3ch, 1tr) into ch3 space of next fantail] 23 times, sl sl to top of first 3ch to join, turn – 24 fantails

Round 3: As round 2

Round 4 (decrease round): Sl st to ch3 of last fantail worked in prev round, ch3 (stands as first tr of fantail), (3tr, 3ch, 1tr) into same ch3 space, 2tr into ch3 space of next fantail, (2tr, 3ch, 1tr) into ch3 space of next fantail, [(4tr, 3ch, 1tr) into ch3 space of next fantail] 10 times, 2tr into ch3 space of next fantail, (2tr, 3ch, 1tr) into ch3 space of next fantail, [(4tr, 3ch, 1tr) into ch3 space of next fantail] 9 times, ending with sl sl to top of first 3ch to join, turn – 22 fantails

Rounds 5-7: Sl st to ch3 of last fantail worked in prev round, ch3 (stands as first tr of fantail), (3tr, 3ch, 1tr) into same ch3 space, [(4tr, 3ch, 1tr) into ch3 space of next fantail] 21 times, sl sl to top of first 3ch to join, turn – 22 fantails

Round 8 (decrease round): Sl st to ch3 of last fantail worked in prev round, ch3 (stands as first tr of fantail), (3tr, 3ch, 1tr) into same ch3 space, [(4tr, 3ch, 1tr) into ch3 space of next fantail] 2 times, 2tr into ch3 space of next fantail, (2tr, 3ch, 1tr) into ch3 space of next fantail, [(4tr, 3ch, 1tr) into ch3 space of next fantail] 9 times, 2tr into ch3 space of next fantail, (2tr, 3ch, 1tr) into ch3 space of next fantail, [(4tr, 3ch, 1tr) into ch3 space of next fantail] 6 times, ending with sl sl to top of first 3ch to join, turn – 20 fantails

Rounds 9-11: Sl st to ch3 of last fantail worked in prev round, ch3 (stands as first tr of fantail), (3tr, 3ch, 1tr) into same ch3 space, [(4tr, 3ch, 1tr) into ch3 space of next fantail] 19 times, sl sl to top of first 3ch to join, turn – 20 fantails

Round 12 (decrease round): Sl st to ch3 of last fantail worked in prev round, ch3 (stands as first tr of fantail), (3tr, 3ch, 1tr) into same ch3 space, [(4tr, 3ch, 1tr) into ch3 space of next fantail] 4 times, 2tr into ch3 space of next fantail, (2tr, 3ch, 1tr) into ch3 space of next fantail, [(4tr, 3ch, 1tr) into ch3 space of next fantail] 8 times, 2tr into ch3 space of next fantail, (2tr, 3ch, 1tr) into ch3 space of next fantail, [(4tr, 3ch, 1tr) into ch3 space of next fantail] 3 times, ending with sl sl to top of first 3ch to join, turn – 18 fantails

Rounds 13-20: Sl st to ch3 of last fantail worked in prev round, ch3 (stands as first tr of fantail), (3tr, 3ch, 1tr) into same ch3 space, [(4tr, 3ch, 1tr) into ch3 space of next fantail] 17 times, sl sl to top of first 3ch to join, turn – 18 fantails

Thread yarn through loop on hook to finish off and cut yarn. Sew in yarn ends.

Wear and stay cosy!