



Taïga hood

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Materials:

- 4 balls of Noro "Kureyon" yarn, color 157 (Aran weight - 100% Wool - 100 meters / 50 grams): I used 156g/312m for the smaller size & 191g/382m for the larger size.
- 5.5 mm (I) hook **OR** size needed to get gauge: I am a tight crocheter, don't be surprised if you have to go down a size or two ;-)
- [Stitch markers](#) and a tapestry needle

Size: This pattern is explained in 2 sizes: Small / Large hood. If only 1 number is given in instructions, it applies to both sizes.



=> Both sizes can fit adults, but the smaller size will also probably fit children 8-12 years old, making a large hood for them (I'd love to see photos if you ever try it!). See photos of BOTH SIZES on last page.

Finished dimensions: + See very last page for photos ;-)

Referring to photo at right, here are the measurements for both sizes:

A = 32-36,5 cm // 12½-14¼ in

B = 58-61 cm // 22¾ -24 in (= final measurement with curled tip of hood)

C = 32-35 cm // 12½-13¾ in

Gauge: 16 sts and 8 rows = 10 cm/4" over double crochet in front loop (dcfl) Take the time to **CHECK GAUGE:** the final fit of your hood depends on it !

Abbreviations - American crochet terminology: [British terminology]

st(s) = stitch(es)

ch = chain

sl st = slip stitch

sc = single crochet [dc]

hdc = half double crochet [htr]

dc3tog = 3 dc closed together (decrease) [3 tr closed tog]

dc = double crochet [tr]

dcfl = dc in front loop [tr in front loop]

FO = fasten off

Puff stitch: (yo, insert hook in desired st, pull through and elongate loop to height of a dc) x 3, yo and pull through all 7 loops on hook, yo and pull through last loop on hook. Puff stitch is complete.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Hood is started with thinner end of hood till brim of hood. Then you add a panel in Puff sts, create a fold line, and lining for Puff section. Finally, sides are joined and long ties added.

- All dc/dcfl rows start with ch3, which counts as first stitch.

- For better drape, most of hood is worked only in **FRONT loop**, referred to as **dcfl** (dc in front loop).

Step 1 - Start hood:

Start hood at thinner end. You are working flat and turning at the end of each row.

=> **Reminder:** **dcfl** = double crochet in **FRONT** loop (online [tutorial here](#))

Row 1: ch4, 3 dc in 4th ch, turn. [4 sts]

Row 2: ch3, (2 dcfl in next dc) x2, dcfl 1, turn. [6]

Rows 3 to 5: ch3, dcfl 5, turn. [6]

Row 6: ch3, dcfl 1, (2 dcfl in next st) x2, dcfl 2, turn. [8]

Rows 7 to 9: ch3, dcfl 7, turn. [8]

Row 10: ch3, dcfl 1, 2 dcfl in next st, dcfl 2, 2 dcfl in next st, dcfl 2, turn. [10]

Rows 11 to 14: ch3, dcfl 9, turn. [10] => For the larger size you may work only 2 rows here for better balance of the hood, as it will have added length anyway.

Row 15: ch3, dcfl 2, 2 dcfl in next st, dcfl 2, 2 dcfl in next st, dcfl 3, turn. [12]

Row 16 & 17: ch3, dcfl 11, turn. [12]

Row 18: ch3, dcfl 2, 2 dcfl in next st, dcfl 4, 2 dcfl in next st, dcfl 3, turn. [14]

Row 19: ch3, dcfl 13, turn. [14]

Row 20: ch3, dcfl 3, 2 dcfl in next st, dcfl 4, 2 dcfl in next st, dcfl 4, turn. [16]

Row 21: ch3, dcfl 15, turn. [16]

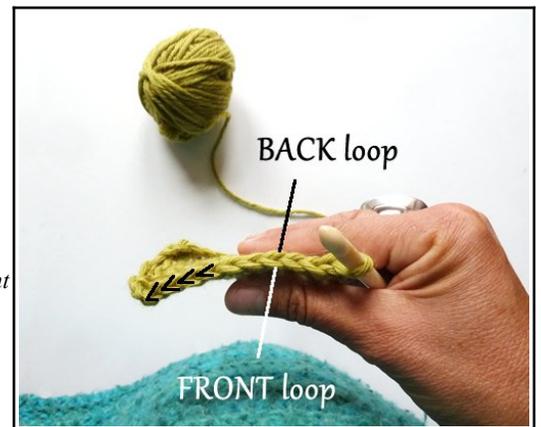
=> Take the time to check gauge at this stage: work should measure approx 10 cm (4 in) wide. If work is much smaller/bigger than that, it's still time to frog and start again with a larger/smaller hook to achieve a hood of desired size.

Row 22: ch3, [2 dcfl in next st, dcfl 2] x5, turn. [21]

Rows 23 & 24: ch3, dcfl 20, turn. [21]

Row 25: ch3, [2 dcfl in next st, dcfl 3] x5, turn. [26]

Row 26: ch3, dcfl 25, turn. [26]



Row 27: ch3, [2 dcfl in next st, dcfl 4] x5, turn. [31]
Row 28: ch3, dcfl 30, turn. [31]
Row 29: ch3, [2 dcfl in next st, dcfl 5] x5, turn. [36]
Row 30: ch3, dcfl 35, turn. [36]
Row 31: ch3, [2 dcfl in next st, dcfl 6] x5, turn. [41]
Row 32: ch3, dcfl 40, turn. [41]
Row 33: ch3, [2 dcfl in next st, dcfl 7] x5, turn. [46]
Row 34: ch3, dcfl 45, turn. [46]
Row 35: ch3, [2 dcfl in next st, dcfl 8] x5, turn. [51]
Row 36: ch3, [2 dcfl in next st, dcfl 9] x5, turn. [56]
Row 37: ch3, [2 dcfl in next st, dcfl 10] x5, turn. [61]
Row 38: ch3, [2 dcfl in next st, dcfl 11] x5, turn. [66]

Next change the increase pattern as follows:

Row 39: ch3, dcfl 16, 2 dcfl in next st, dcfl 15, (3 dcfl in next st), dcfl 15, (3 dcfl in next st), dcfl 16, turn. [71]
Row 40: ch3, dcfl 16, (3 dcfl in next st), dcfl 17, (3 dcfl in next st), dcfl 17, (3 dcfl in next st), dcfl 17, turn. [77]
Row 41: ch3, dcfl 17, (3 dcfl in next st), dcfl 19, (3 dcfl in next st), dcfl 19, (3 dcfl in next st), dcfl 18, turn. [83]
Row 42: ch3, dcfl 18, (3 dcfl in next st), dcfl 21, (3 dcfl in next st), dcfl 21, (3 dcfl in next st), dcfl 19, turn. [89]
Row 43: ch3, dcfl 19, (3 dcfl in next st), dcfl 23, (3 dcfl in next st), dcfl 23, (3 dcfl in next st), dcfl 20, turn. [95]
Row 44: ch3, dcfl 20, (3 dcfl in next st), dcfl 25, (3 dcfl in next st), dcfl 25, (3 dcfl in next st), dcfl 21, turn. [101]
Row 45: ch3, dcfl 21, (3 dcfl in next st), dcfl 27, (3 dcfl in next st), dcfl 27, (3 dcfl in next st), dcfl 22, turn. [107]
Row 46: ch3, dcfl 22, (3 dcfl in next st), dcfl 29, (3 dcfl in next st), dcfl 29, (3 dcfl in next st), dcfl 23, turn. [113]
Row 47: ch3, dcfl 23, (3 dcfl in next st, and for smaller size only mark the 1st of those 3 sts), dcfl 31, (3 dcfl in next st), dcfl 31, (3 dcfl in next st and, for smaller size only mark the 3rd of those 3 sts), dcfl 24, turn. [119]

If making **smaller size**, stop here and go directly to Step 2.

Larger size only, continue and add 3 more increase rows:

Row 48: ch3, dcfl 24, (3 dcfl in next st), dcfl 33, (3 dcfl in next st), dcfl 33, (3 dcfl in next st), dcfl 25, turn. [125]
Row 49: ch3, dcfl 25, (3 dcfl in next st), dcfl 35, (3 dcfl in next st), dcfl 35, (3 dcfl in next st), dcfl 26, turn. [131]
Row 50: ch3, dcfl 26, (3 dcfl in next st and mark the 1st of those 3 sts), dcfl 37, (3 dcfl in next st), dcfl 37, (3 dcfl in next st and mark the 3rd of those 3 sts), dcfl 27, turn. [137]

Step 2 – Front and sides of hood in Puff stitch:

Now, let's create the front Puff panel:

- work in alternated Puff stitch (= *after 1st row, Puff sts are worked in space between 2 Puffs from row below*), worked in **both loops** of sts
 - and increase 2 sts at each end of panel for side shaping (*3 dc in same st = 2 increases*).

=> *In this section, you'll find directions for both sizes:*
 "34-40 times" = 34 times for smaller size // 40 times for larger size.

Puff row 1: sl st to 1st marked st, sl st in marked st then (ch3 and 2dc) in that same marked st, continue in Puff st (*see Abbreviations sections*) as follows: (skip 1 st, 1 Puff st in next st) x 34-40 times, end with skip 1 st and 3 dc in next (marked) st. Turn. You have 34-40 Puff sts.

Remove markers. From now on, the space between 2 Puff sts counts as 1 st.
 => *See also photo tutorials at the end for beginning of Puff rows 2 & 3.*

Puff row 2: ch3, 3 dc in next st, skip 1 dc, work 1st Puff in space between the group of 3dc and 1st Puff of row below, skip 1 st (*the 1st Puff from row below*), then continue with (1 Puff st in space between 2 Puffs from previous row, skip 1 st) x 33-39 times, end with one more Puff st in last available space between last Puff st and group of 3dc, skip 1 st, 3 dc in last-but-one stitch, 1 dc in last st. Turn. You have now 1 more Puff st than in previous row = 35-41 Puff sts.



Puff row 3: ch3 and work 2 dc in the same initial st, skip 1 st, * 1 Puff in next st, skip 1 st *, repeat from * to * across and end with 3 dc in last st. Turn. You have now 3 more Puff sts than in previous row = 38-44 Puff sts.

Now continue to work alternated Puff rows and increase 2 sts at each end, repeating twice more the same 2 rows detailed below, until you have a total of 7 Puff rows:

Row A: ch3, 3 dc in next st, continue in Puff sts as set and end with 3 dc in last-but-one st and 1 dc in last st. [+1 Puff st]

Row B: ch3 and 2 dc in the same initial st, continue in Puff st as set and end with 3 dc in last st. [+3 Puff sts]

You have now 46-52 Puff sts.



Step 3 – Back “lining” of Puff stitches:

Now let's add a plain “lining” to this panel of Puff stitches, working in dcfl again and decreasing 2 sts at each end. First row will be worked in the back loop for a nice folding edge.

REMINDER (see photo on previous page): 1 Puff stitch = 1 st // 1 space in between 2 Puff sts = 1 st

First decrease row for fold: ch3, dc3tog in the BACK loop, dc in the BACK loop of every st across to last 3 sts, end with dc3tog in the BACK loop. Turn.

=> *Tip: when finishing a decrease row, place a marker in the last st worked before the final dc3tog. It will make it easier at the beginning of next row to locate the st AFTER initial ch3.*

Now let's continue likewise, but working only in the front loop of every st:

Basic decrease row: ch3, dcfl3tog, dcfl to last 3 sts, end with dcfl3tog. Turn.

=> *Make sure you do crochet in the FRONT loop here as it influences the actual final size of this panel.*

Repeat this basic decrease row 6 times more until you have made **7 rows total**: once folded, both the outside Puff panel and inside dcfl panel should match exactly along the sides. (fold with visible ridge on the outside)

FO and cut yarn, leaving a very long tail (about twice the width of folded lining panel) to sew lining in place. But before sewing it, make sure to weave in any remaining ends before they are no longer accessible...



Then place the hood on a flat surface, fold the lining with the Puff side facing down and lining facing up, pin it in place at regular intervals or use [stitch markers](#) to hold it in place. Sew along the longer edge of lining, leaving the sides open (*we'll close that later in Step 5*).

Join both layers, sewing small invisible stitches: I sewed only every 2nd st, and only through one surface loop of the bottom layer (see photo at right on previous page).

Once you're done, weave in the remaining end.

=> For an even firmer brim, you can cut out a piece of thin flexible plastic of foam just slightly smaller than the lining, with the same general shape. Then insert it between the scales panel and lining before sewing the edges.

=> Give it a try BEFORE sewing all edges, and make sure you like the result.

=> I didn't add one on my hood, nor did Lauren Lewis on her gorgeous red hood (beautiful cover photos). Depending on yarn used, gauge and how dense your crochet fabric is, you probably won't need it. This is just in case...

Step 4 – Join sides of hood:

Fold hood in 2 as pictured with WS together (*Puffs visible on the outside*) so that both sides match.

Pin both layers together. **Starting with skinny end A** and with the right side facing out, join sides of hood with a **single crochet seam** through both layers as follows:



Start by working only 1 sc along each row of dcfl/ch3 for the first 17 rows to get a curly end,

Then continue and work 2 sc along each dcfl /ch3 for the rest of hood until you reach B.
FO and cut yarn.

=> OR for a straight end of hood, work directly 2 sc along each row of dcfl/ch3 right from the start.

Step 5 – Finishing: back edging and ties

Join yarn to one corner of Puff panel (*star on photo below*) and work as follows:

- ch1, 2 sc along each of the first 6 rows of the Puff panel, working through BOTH layers
- 1 sc along the 7th row of Puff panel
- then continue in hdc worked BETWEEN each dcfl, both before and after center sc seam
- finally, work your way up the 2nd side of Puff panel as previously.

Finally, cut 18 strands of yarn measuring each twice the total length of hood (*approx 110 cm /43 inches*).
Separate those in 2 sets of 9 strands.



Pull one group of 9 strands through one corner of Puff panel, using your crochet hook if needed.

Fold in 2 so that ends match up.
Secure in place with a loose overhand loop knot.

Then separate your 18 half-stands in 3 sets of 6 strands and braid loosely along half of total length.

Finish off with another overhand loop knot.
=> *My ties measure approx 43 cm /17 in.*

Weave in any remaining ends. Block if desired.

Yay, your hood is finished !!



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PHOTO -TUTORIALS:

1/ Making a Puff stitch:



To make next Puff st, skip 1 st and work in next st
(as shown by arrow)



*yo, insert hook in designated st, pull through and
elongate it to height of a dc * (= 3 loops on hook),



Repeat from * to * twice more – you have 7 loops on hook.



Yo and draw it through all loops on hook.



End with yo and pull it through to close the Puff st.



And continue likewise as advised.

2/ How to START Puff rows 2 & 3:

Let's start this tutorial once you've made the first row of Puff sts =>



Puff row 2:



Start with ch3 (counts as 1st dc) and get ready for increases in next st shown by arrow,



work 3 dc in next st (= 2 sts increased)



skip 1 dc, work 1st Puff in space between the group of 3dc and 1st Puff of row below,



skip 1 st (the 1st Puff from row below), then continue with (1 Puff st in space between 2 Puffs, skip 1 st) x 33-39 times

Here's what it looks like once crocheted:

=> Go back to pattern instructions for full instructions and how to end Puff row 2 !



Now you're ready to start Puff row 3.

Here's what your work should look like =>

Puff row 3:



ch3 and work 2 dc in the same initial st,



skip 1 st, * 1 Puff in next st, skip 1 st *,



repeat from * to * across to continue the alternated Puffs....



And here's what it looks like once crocheted !

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