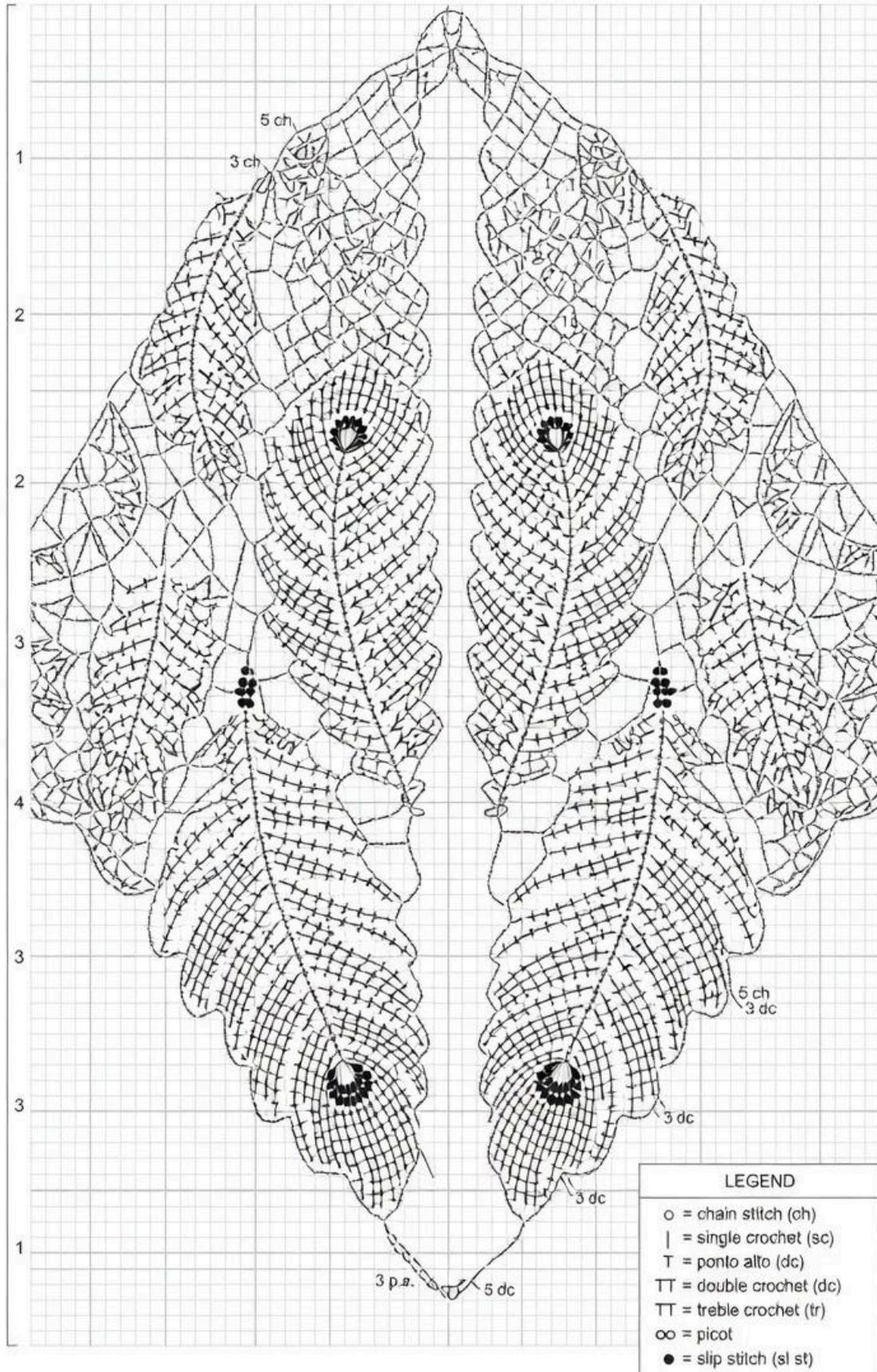


# Feather Neck Warmer Chart



The **Feather Neck Warmer** is a delicate crochet piece inspired by the elegant shape of peacock feathers. This accessory works as a decorative neck warmer or small shawl, perfect for adding a handmade touch to an outfit while also providing light warmth.

The chart shows two symmetrical feathers that meet at the top of the neck. At first glance the design may look complicated, but it is actually made using simple combinations of chains and crochet stitches that create a beautiful lace effect.

In this tutorial, you will learn how to understand the chart and follow each section step by step, making it possible even for beginners to complete the project successfully.

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## Materials Needed

Before starting your project, prepare the following materials:

- Crochet thread or lightweight yarn
- Crochet hook suitable for the yarn (usually 2.5 mm – 3.5 mm)
- Scissors
- Tapestry needle for weaving in ends
- Stitch markers (optional but helpful)

Using cotton or mercerized thread helps highlight the details of the feather design.

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## Understanding the Chart Symbols

The pattern uses standard crochet chart symbols. Each symbol represents a specific stitch.

### Chart Legend

- **O** = chain stitch (ch)
- **|** = single crochet (sc)
- **T** = double crochet (dc)
- **TT** = treble crochet (tr)
- **∞** = picot stitch
- **•** = slip stitch (sl st)

The grid behind the chart helps maintain the correct alignment and proportions of the design.

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## How to Read the Chart

The project begins **at the bottom center of the design**, where the two feathers start.

From this starting point:

1. The work grows from bottom to top.
2. First, one side of the feather is crocheted.
3. After completing that side, the same steps are repeated on the opposite side.
4. Chain spaces create the open lace sections between stitches.

Following the visual flow of the chart will help you understand how the feather shape develops.

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## Starting the Project

Begin by creating the central base of the piece.

1. Make **5 chain stitches**.
2. Join with a **slip stitch** to form a small ring.
3. Work **double crochet stitches** into this ring to begin forming the base of the feather.

This ring becomes the starting point for the entire design.

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## Building the Center of the Feather

In the following rows, the feather structure begins to appear.

- Start each new row with chain stitches for height.
- Work double crochet stitches according to the chart.
- Gradually increase stitches to create the expanding feather shape.

At this stage you will begin to see chain arches forming the open lace areas.

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## Creating the Feather Curves

The feather structure is formed using **combinations of double crochet stitches and chain spaces**.

These combinations create:

- the inner veins of the feather
- the decorative openwork spaces
- the rounded feather edges

Carefully follow the chart symbols to maintain the correct shape.

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## Decorative Feather Details

In the middle sections of the feather you will see small decorative elements.

These include:

- groups of double crochet stitches
- chain spaces
- picot stitches

To make a **picot stitch**:

1. Chain **3 stitches**
2. Insert the hook into the base stitch
3. Join with a slip stitch

This creates a small decorative bump that adds texture to the design.

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## Lengthening the Feather Sections

Some parts of the chart use **treble crochet stitches**.

These taller stitches help:

- elongate the feather structure
- create a more elegant flowing shape
- form the curved feather edges

Work these stitches carefully to keep your tension even.

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## Repeating the Opposite Side

Once the first feather side is complete:

1. Return to the starting center point.
2. Begin working the **opposite side**.
3. Repeat the same stitches following the mirrored chart pattern.

This repetition creates the two symmetrical feathers that form the neck warmer.

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## Finishing the Top Section

After both feathers are complete:

- Use chain stitches to connect the upper sections.
- Add double crochet stitches where indicated in the chart.
- Adjust the width so it comfortably fits around the neck.

This section forms the part that sits across the shoulders and neck.

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## Finishing the Edges

To complete the project:

1. Crochet a round of **single crochet stitches** around the entire piece.
2. Weave in all loose yarn ends using a tapestry needle.
3. Gently shape the piece with your hands.

If desired, you can **block the finished piece** by lightly dampening it and letting it dry flat to enhance the lace details.

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## Tips for Beginners

If you are new to crochet, these tips will help make the project easier:

- ✓ Count your stitches at the end of each row
- ✓ Use stitch markers to keep track of important points
- ✓ Work slowly and follow the chart carefully
- ✓ If a mistake happens, undo a few stitches and try again

Crochet improves with practice, and each project builds your confidence.

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# Conclusion

The Feather Neck Warmer is a beautiful crochet project that combines simple stitches with an elegant lace design. Even though the chart may look complex at first, following it step by step allows beginners to successfully complete the pattern.

This piece is not only stylish but also a great way to practice reading crochet charts and working decorative stitches.

With patience and attention to detail, you will be able to create a stunning handmade accessory.