‘Totally’ Hairpin Lace
Red Heart Unforgettable
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YARN: 2 balls

HOOK SIZE: U.S. I (5.5 mm) crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge. Stitch marker.

MEASUREMENTS: 74” long without fringe. Fringe is 7” for a total of 81 inches.

Special stitch:
Bean st = Insert hook in next st, Yo and pull up a loop (2 loops on hook), Yo in the same st and pull up a loop (4 loops on hook), Yo in same st once more (6 loops on hook), Yo and pull through all 6 loops on hook, ch 1 to complete st.

Hairpin Lace strips:
Crochet two standard hairpin lace strips with 375 loops on each side.

Use guides or stitch markers to group loops in sets of 25. Stitch markers are a great way to keep your counts. Fasten off, keeping your stitch markers on.

Braiding:
Place your 2 hairpin lace strips side-by-side. Straighten out strips and have it looking all neat and tidy. Place 5 loops from the right strip on your hook.

Gather 5 loops from the left side and pull the loops through the previous 5 loops from the right side. Basically you are “braiding” the 2 strips together, 5 loops at a time. Continue to the last 5 loops. When you reach the end, secure the last 5 loops with a stitch marker to prevent unbraiding.

Abbreviations
Beg = Beginning
Ch = Chain
Rep = Repeat
Yo = Yarn Over
Sc = Single Crochet
Sk = Skip
Sp(s) = Space(s)
St(s) = Stitch(es)

Continue with scarf:

Row 1: Using the unbraided side of one strip. Group the first 3 loops on your hook, twist and fasten on new yarn. Make 3 sc in the first group of loops. *Group next 3 loops and make 2 sc. Rep from * to last group of 3 loops. 3 sc and last group.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in first st, *sk next st, bean st in next st; rep from * until 2 sts remain, sk next st, sc in last st. Turn.


Row 4: Ch 1, sc across. Fasten off and weave in ends.

Fringe:
Cut 16” [40.5 cm] lengths of yarn. Taking 3 strands together, fold strands in half and knot into 9 fringes evenly spaced across scarf. Trim fringe evenly.
Braiding your Strips

Gather 5 loops from the right side and then gather 5 loops from the left side.

Pull all 5 loops from the left side through the 5 loops from the right side.

Continue gathering 5 loops at a time and pull through alternating from both sides.
Setting up your Hairpin Loom

Your First Loom Stitch

Pinch working yarn to the left rod.

Flip over loom as if it was a page-turning in a book as the working yarn wraps around the rod.

Adjust your hand to the left rod extending more yarn from the yarn ball. Ensure to keep the slip knot in the centre of the loom.

Once threaded, attach the bottom bar and then with the 2 scrap yarn pieces tied a knot at the bottom ends.

Insert hook from the bottom through the slip knot. Hook onto the working yarn.

Pull working yarn through loom loop.

Yarn over working yarn and pull through the hook loop. This is considered the first ‘chain’ stitch.
Continuing with your First Single Crochet and Beyond

Flip hook handle upwards and push to the back between the rods.

Let hook fall to the opposite side behind the rods.

Position hook handle in its proper upright position. The hook is now on the back of the stitch.

Flip over loom as if it was a page-turning in a book as the working yarn wraps around the rod. This puts the hook onto the front side again.

Adjust your hand to the left rod, extending more yarn. Insert hook through first loop. Yarn over grabbing working yarn and pull through.

With two loops on hook, yarn over working yarn and pull through both loops. Single crochet stitch made.

Repeat the above 6 steps again till you have 375 loops. Use stitch markers for every 25 loops. Release bottom bar to slide off loops as loom fills. Attach bottom bar to continue crocheting.

Common Noticeable Mistake that can Happen

If one strand is longer than the rest. It is caused by inserting the hook into the loop but the bottom strand of the loop is mistaken for the top. Remove hook and take out stitches going back to correct. Leaving this mistake in will cause issues for braiding and making work look inconsistent.