



HIS cheche

By Mrs Purple

A very easy, large crochet cheche for men.

Wool: Alpaca, from la Droguerie, « Avec la Mer du Nord » color

Requirement: a 4,5 hook and about 11oz or 1,150yd (300 g) alpaca

Size (after blocking): about 52x52in

Abbreviations: - **st:**stitch - **rd:** round - **tc:** triple or treble crochet
- **ch:** chain - **sc:** single crochet

The Cheche:

Cast on a 289 sts chain. Work 4 ch more (= equivalent of a tc), then another 3 ch (to create the « hole ») Make 1 tc in the 289th ST (7 sts ahead) and 3ch. Carry on making 1 tc every 4 ch, alternating 1 tc and 3 ch. You'll end up with a 72 squares /holes « ladder ».

At the end of the 1st rd, make 7 ch and turn your work the other way round.

Make 72 rds.

All around the cheche, work 3 rds of sc. Distribute the sc as you wish, but remember that the cheche will be much slackened after blocking it. Work a slip st into the next st and fasten off, leaving a tail end.

Block the cheche (= soak it, roll and handspin it carefully in a big towel, pin it minutely on a mattress or other, allow it to dry for 3 days)

The Tassels:

- Cut 2 pieces of card to wrap the yarn around (about 1,7in wide)
- Wrap the yarn 13 times around the cards and cut the thread.
- Thread another piece of yarn under the top end of the tassel, between the yarn and the card. Tie to gather the 13 wraps of yarn.
- Cut the yarn at the bottom edge, between the 2 cards.
- Fold the threads into 2, the knot being in the middle, at the top.. With a sewing needle, push the long end down through the center of the tassel.
- Wrap this yarn 4 times around the threads so as to form the head of the tassel. Make sure it is very tight.
- Thread the end (that is still on the needle) upward, to the top of the tassel and make a knot with the other thread that has been left.
- With the needle again, push the 2 ends towards the center.
- Trim the bottom to neaten, try and make it round.

Make 72 tassels

With a thin sewing cord, fasten a tassel at each corner and the 1 every 4 tc.

I think sewing the tassel with the alpaca is a bad idea because it isn't resistant enough and the yarn remains stiff, it's difficult to tie it down.

So, proud of yourself?

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