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**Skill Level:** Intermediate

**Yarn:** 2 skeins of Fairy Tale Knits Shining Armor (92% Superwash Merino, 8 % Lurex, 4 oz, 409 yds) in “Vader’s Underwear” color, or your choice of fingering weight yarn. This yarn & pattern is available as a kit from <https://fairytaleknits.com/product/magical-creatures-yarn-club/>. Contact your LYS for availability near you.

**Hooks:** G (or 6/4.00 mm)

**Notions:** Yarn needle for hiding loose ends

**Finished Dimensions:** (model shown) approximately 58” (interior side) x 58” (braided side) x 26” (shortest side)

**Gauge:** Using Half Double Crochet V-Stitch [(hdc, ch 1, hdc) worked in center ch-1 sp], 11 v-stitches = 5”, 18 rows = 5”. However, gauge is not so important for this design.





**Complete Video Tutorial Link**

*Right-handed:* <https://youtu.be/j-RXvlh0V40>

*Left-Handed:* <https://youtu.be/gS494AgStcE>

**Special Stitches:** Big Braided Cable (9 st braid), V-Stitch (hdc, ch 1, hdc)

**Pattern Notes:** Odd numbered rows worked with the front side facing. Starting with Row 3, every other row will add a new V-Stitch (hdc, ch 1, hdc) to the stitch count. At the beginning of each new braid (on repeat of Row 8), the stitch count will be 2 V-Stitches less than the previous row where the indentation is made in braided pattern.



## **LET'S BEGIN...**

Ch 4

**Row 1:** Work 4 dc in 4th ch from hook, turn.

**Row 2:** Ch 3, 2 dc in each st, and in turning ch space, turn. (10 sts, not including turning ch)

**Row 3:** Ch 3, sk first 4 sts, fptr in next 3 sts, working in front of last 3 sts, fptr in last 3 skipped sts (do not work in first skipped st), fptr in next 3 sts, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in turning ch space, turn. (1 V-st)

**Row 4:** Ch 3, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in ch-1 sp, sk next 3 sts, bptr in next 3 sts, working in front of last 3 sts (as seen from the front side), bptr in 3 skipped sts, bptr in next 3 sts, hdc in turning ch, turn,

**Row 5:** Ch 3, sk first 4 sts, fptr in next 3 sts, working in front of last 3 sts, fptr in last 3 skipped sts (do not work in first skipped st), fptr in next 3 sts, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next ch-1 (in the V-Stitch), (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in turning ch, turn. (2 V-sts)

**Row 6:** Ch 3, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in each ch-1 sp (in the V-Stitches), sk next 3 sts, bptr in next 3 sts, working in front of last 3 sts (as seen from the front side), bptr in 3 skipped sts, bptr in next 3 sts, hdc in turning ch, turn.

**Row 7:** Ch 3, sk first 4 sts, fptr in next 3 sts, working in front of last 3 sts, fptr in last 3 skipped sts (do not work in first skipped st), fptr in next 3 sts, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in each ch-1 (in the V-Stitch), (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in turning ch, turn. (3 V-sts)

**Row 8:** Ch 3, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in each ch-1 sp (in the V-Stitches), braid: sk next 3 sts, bptr in next 3 sts, working in front of last 3 sts (as seen from the front side), bptr in 3 skipped sts, bptr in next 3 sts, hdc in turning ch, turn.

**Rows 9 - 15:** Repeat [Rows 7 & 8] 3 times more, then repeat Row 7 once more. (7 V-sts at the end of Row 15)

**Row 16:** Ch 3, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in each ch-1 sp (in the V-Stitches), braid: bpdcc in next 9 sts, hdc in turning ch, turn.

\*\*\***Row 17 (Begin New Braid):** Ch 1, sc in first st and next 9 sts of braid (10 sc total), sk next hdc, [work 2 dc in ch-1 sp, 1 dc in next hdc] 3 times, [hdc, ch 1, hdc] in next and each ch-1 sp (in the V-Stitches) across and in turning ch, turn. (5 V-sts)

**Row 18:** Ch 3, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in each ch-1 sp (in the V-Stitches), braid: sk next 3 sts, bptr in next 3 sts, working in front of last 3 sts (as seen from the front side), bptr in 3 skipped sts, bptr in next 3 sts, hdc in between last st and next sc, turn. (Do not work the remaining 10 sts.)

**Row 19 - 29:** Repeat [Row 7 & Row 8] 5 times, then repeat Row 7 once more.

**Row 30:** Repeat Row 16.

**Rows 31 - 142:** Repeat [Rows 17 - 30] 8 times more. (May be repeated more or less



depending upon preference of garment size.)

**Row 143:** Ch 1, sc in first st and next 9 sts of braid (10 sc total), [hdc, ch 1, hdc] in next and each ch-1 sp (in the V-Stitches) across, do not turn but continue on to the Perimeter Round.

**Perimeter Round:** Continuing from the end of Row 143, 4 sc in turning ch, work 2 sc in each row end (along V-Stitch side: 288 sc), 4 sc in beginning ch-4 space, turn to work along braided edge, \* work 2 sc in each row end along side of braid, 1 sc in sc row, turn to work in sc at top of braid, starting in same place as last sc, work [(sc, ch 3, dc) in first sc, sk next sc] across top of braid (5 repeats across top of each braid), 1 sc along dc of next braid, repeat from \* along braided side. End last braid edging by working (sc, ch 3, dc) in each ch-1 (in the V-Stitches) across last edge, join with a slip st to first st of rnd. Fasten off, hide loose ends.





#### V-Stitch Count:

Row	V-Sts
19 (2nd braid)	5
21	6
23	7
25	8
27	9
29	10
31	11
33 (3rd braid)	9
35	10
37	11
39	12
41	13
43	14
45	15
47 (4th braid)	13
49	14
51	15
53	16
55	17
57	18
59	19
61 (5th braid)	17
63	18

65	19
67	20
69	21
71	22
73	23

75 (6th braid)	21
77	22
79	23
81	24
83	25
85	26
87	27

89 (7th braid)	25
91	26
93	27
95	28
97	29
99	30
101	31

103 (8th braid)	29
105	30
107	31
109	32
111	33
113	34
115	35

117 (9th braid)	33
119	34
121	35
123	36
125	37
127	38
129	39

131 (10th braid)	37
133	38
135	39
137	40
139	41
141	42
143	43

