Basketweave Shawlette

This is really more of a fill in the blank pattern than a step by step one - use any yarn or hook, great for scrap yarn. Works really well with color changing yarns. Finish when it's the size you want.

Notes:

- On Row 2: it should end with a FPdc, but that's difficult to do on a turning chain. If you can, great. At this point, a dc works.
- On Rows 3 & 4: the FPdc / BPdc repeat will not always end with a BPdc as your shawlette increases. Meaning, sometimes the last one will be a FPdc, sometimes a BPdc. Just remember you always start with a FPdc.
- The ch10 at the beginning of each row is not a turning chain. It's what makes that loopy bit. Work the FPdc around the first stitch. This gets twisty, and feels a bit wrong, that's ok. I found it helpful to turn my work, then do the ch 10, which is why it's written at the beginning of the row instead of end of previous.

Pattern:

ch7

Row 1: 4 dc across (5 sts, turning counts as dc) Row 2: ch 10, FPdc, BPdc, FPdc, BPdc, dc. (5 sts)

Row 3: ch 10, *FPdc, BPdc, repeat from * across, dc in top of ch10 loop. (1 sts inc)

Row 4: ch 10, *FPdc, BPdc, repeat from * across.

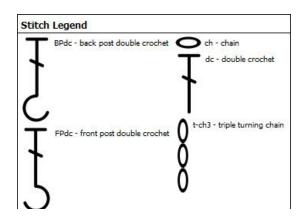
Repeat Row 3 and 4 until desired length/width. (See notes for suggestions)

Fasten off, weave in ends, and block. (It takes time to block each loop, but depending on the yarn weight and fiber, it can be worth it and really shows off the loops.)

Variations & Tips:

- ~Work increase on both edges by working dc into 10 ch loops on both edges.
- ~Stop increasing when desired width and continue working FPdc and BPdc in sts only. This will change the basketweave pattern a bit.
- ~Decrease by working to 2nd to last stitch on increase side.
- ~Edge with 10 ch loops, attaching them with sc and skipping 2 sts between, adjust according to number of sts in final row.
- ~ Use Triples instead of doubles. I found the fabric made with dc was to tight for the hook and yarn in one of the prototypes, so I switched to triples. The edge loops (ch 10) were a bit smaller, but overall the effect was the same.

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BPdc - back post double crochet

ch - chain

dc - double crochet

FPdc - front post double crochet

inc - increased

sts - stitches

