Hitchin’ a Ride

Hitchin’ a Ride is a crochet interpretation of the very popular Hitchhiker knit scarf/shawlette.

It is asymmetrical, worked from one side to the other. The stepped edge forms as the item is created.
Materials used:

3 skeins Heart and Sole sock yarn (any yarn of the same weight can be used. This is just what I had on hand)

Hook: no smaller than 5.5 mm/H hook., but a 6mm or a 6.5 mm would also be good.

2 or 3 stitch markers/colored yarn to use for stitch markers.

Before blocking, measured 67 inches along top edge.
The size will vary, depending upon hook/yarn used and stitching tension: gauge on this is not important.

Stitches used:

Chain (ch)
Single crochet (sc)
Mini-shell (sc, ch1, sc in same space)
Instructions:

Set-up:

Ch2
Mini-shell in 2nd ch from hook
Ch1, turn

(you now have one mini-shell)

Mini-shell in first single crochet (mark the first single crochet made in this mini-shell, it will be easier to “see” when needed for increase on next row)
Mini-shell in ch1 space of mini-shell (you now have two mini-shells)

Do Not chain one

Turn: Mini-shell in ch1 space of mini-shell (mini-shell in mini-shell)
Mini-shell in next mini-shell
Mini-shell in marked sc.
(there are now 3 mini-shells)

Ch1, turn (ch1 is only done on this end of the shawl)

Mini-shell in first sc (mark the first sc of this mini-shell,)
Mini-shell in ch1 space.
Mini-shell in next 2 mini-shells
(there are now 4 mini-shells)

Do not chain one,
Turn, Mini-shell in each mini-shell to end
Mini-shell in marked sc
(There are now 5 mini-shells)

Ch1, turn, Mini-shell in sc (mark the first sc in this mini-shell)
Mini-shell in ch1 space
Mini-shell in next 2 mini-shells only (do not work to the end of the row, there will be 2 mini-shells not worked into)
(There are now 4 mini-shells)

Shawl pattern:

Row A: Do not chain 1. Turn: mini-shell in each mini-shell to end. Mini-shell in marked sc.

Row B. Ch1, turn. Mini-shell in first sc (mark first sc of this mini-shell), Mini-shell in ch1 space. Mini-shell in each mini-shell to end of row.

Row C: Do not ch1, turn. Mini-shell in each mini-shell to end of row. Mini-shell in marked sc.

Row D: Ch1, turn. Mini-shell in first sc. (mark first sc of this mini-shell) Mini-shell in ch1 space. Mini-shell to last two mini-shells in row...these are left unworked.

Repeat Rows A through D until yarn is gone or scarf/shawlette is desired size.

Remember: Increases done every row, but only done on one side (the side that is the top edge of the shawl)

Do not ch 1 when turning on the “stepped” edge of the piece.
Close up of stitch pattern. If using a solid color yarn, this mini-shell stitch produces a very interesting texture that is difficult to see when using patterned sock yarn.