



Child's Poncho

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Skill Level: Beginner

This giant granny square makes a cosy and colourful poncho. The length can easily be adjusted by working more or fewer rounds. After two rounds to set up the neck opening, the pattern continues using the same principle as a traditional granny square and can be made to any size.

Size: To fit a child aged 4 – 10 years.

Hook: 4mm

Yarn: Double knitting yarn in a variety of colours (the amount of yarn will vary according to the number of rounds).
You will also need four stitch markers (alternatively you can use scraps of yarn, paper clips or safety pins).

Tension: 4 tr clusters and 9 rows = 10cm using 4mm hook and double knitting yarn.

Abbreviations: (pattern is written in UK crochet terms)

ch: chain

ch sp : chain space

dc: double crochet

tr : treble

st : stitch

sl st : slip stitch

rep : repeat

Special stitches :

3 tr in same st or ch sp is called treble cluster.

Pattern begins here :

Note: Markers are used on the third round only, remove each marker as you come to it.

Using 4mm hook make 72 ch, join first and last stitches to make a ring (being careful not to twist stitches).

Round 1: 1 ch (does not count as a stitch), 1 dc in each ch to end
, join with a sl st in top of first dc. (72 dc)

Row 2: 3 ch (counts as first tr), 1 tr in first and next dc, *1 ch, 1 tr in each of next 3 dc; rep from * to end, 1 ch, join with a sl st to top of beg 3 ch. Fasten off yarn. (72 tr, 24 ch sp).

Place markers in 6th, 12th, 18th and last ch sp.

Round 3: Join new colour yarn into any marked ch sp; (3ch, 2 tr, 3ch, 3 tr) in same ch sp, 1 ch, (3 tr in next ch sp, 1 ch) 5 times, *(3tr, 3 ch, 3 tr) in next ch sp, 1 ch, (3tr in next ch sp, 1 ch) 5 times; rep from * 3 times; join with a sl st to top of beg 3 ch and fasten off yarn.

Round 4 (and all subsequent rounds): Join yarn into any 3 ch sp, (3ch, 2 tr, 3ch, 3 tr) in same ch sp, 1 ch, make 3 tr, 1ch in each 1 ch sp to next 3 ch sp, (3tr, 3ch, 3 tr) in next 3 ch sp, 1 ch; continue to end of round, making (3tr, 3 ch, 3tr) in each 3 ch sp and 3 tr in each 1 ch sp, separating each tr cluster with 1 ch.

Edging: Once the poncho is your required length fasten off yarn and weave in ends. Join new yarn to any ch sp.

Make 1 dc in each ch sp and top of each tr to first corner, 5 dc in ch sp sp; continue around final row, making 1 dc in each tr and ch sp, with 5 dc in each 3 ch sp to keep the corners square.

Fasten off yarn.

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