Candy corn costume: cape and peaked hat

6, to fit chest 25 in (63.5 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 13¼ in (33.5 cm) at the neck and about 36½ in (92.5 cm) at the shoulders

To fit a chest of 25 in (63.5 cm), neck 11½ in (29 cm), head 20 in (51 cm)

Skill

Easy

Basic stitches in rows and rounds, increases, buttonholes and slits

Yarn

Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook

5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge

13 stitches and 11 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: white	**about 225 yd (206 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: orange	**about 325 yd (297 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: sunny-yellow	**about 425 yd (389 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 490 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, 5 buttons, ¾ in (20 mm) across and sewing thread and a sewing needle.

Sizes

Size	Chest	Yarn, an estimate	Neck around, buttoned	Around the shoulders, buttoned	Length down the front	Hem around, buttoned	Arm slit	Hat around	Hat from the peak to the rolled brim
2	21 in (53.5 cm)	about 710 yd (649 m)	12 in (30.5 cm)	31½ in (80 cm)	16 in (40.5 cm)	41¼ in (105 cm)	4 in (10 cm)	18½ in (47 cm)	11 in (28 cm)
4	23 in (58.5 cm)	about 845 yd (773 m)	12½ in (32 cm)	33¾ in (85.5 cm)	18¼ in (46.5 cm)	43¾ in (111 cm)	4¾ in (12 cm)	19 in (48.5 cm)	11¾ in (30 cm)
6 (this file)	**25 in (63.5 cm)**	**about 975 yd (892 m)**	**13¼ in (33.5 cm)**	**36½ in (92.5 cm)**	**20½ in (52 cm)**	**49 in (124.5 cm)**	**5½ in (14 cm)**	**19½ in (49.5 cm)**	**12 in (30.5 cm)**
8	26½ in (67.5 cm)	about 1,200 yd (1,097 m)	13½ in (34.5 cm)	39 in (99 cm)	22½ in (57 cm)	56¼ in (143 cm)	5½ in (14 cm)	20 in (51 cm)	12¾ in (32.5 cm)
10	28 in (71 cm)	about 1,350 yd (1,234 m)	14¼ in (36 cm)	41½ in (105.5 cm)	24¾ in (63 cm)	61¼ in (155.5 cm)	5½ in (14 cm)	20¼ in (51.5 cm)	13 in (33 cm)

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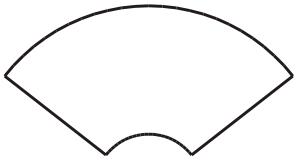
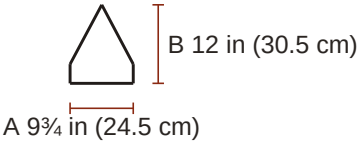
Schematic



Cape, laid open (a part of a ring)



Hat, laid flat
A half the hat
B the hat from the peak to the rolled brim

Gauge

13 stitches and 11 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Ch 21; begin in the 2nd ch from the hook and work 16 rows of half double crochet on 20 sts, about 6¼ in (16 cm) wide and 5¾ in (14.5 cm) high, and measure 4 in (10 cm) in the middle. Use a larger hook if your swatch is small, a smaller one if it is large. Neck edging and brim, in single crochet (UK: double crochet): 13 sts and 15 rows or rounds to 4 in (10 cm).

Instructions

6, to fit chest 25 in (63.5 cm). US terms.

hdc half double crochet (UK htr), **ch** chain, **sc** single crochet (UK dc), **sl st** slip stitch, **st** stitch.
2 hdc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Hdc in next 4 sts: one in each. **ch-2 sp**: the hole under two chains. The hook goes in the hole, never into a chain.
The ch 1 is not a stitch. Work in the **very first stitch**.
[ ] 10 times: 10 times in all. (60 hdc): the row now has 60; a check, not a step. Not 60? **Pull it back**.
Also: RS right side, sp space.
Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Upper cape

Yarn A, white.

☐ **Start**	With yarn A, ch 50. Colors: rows 1 to 18 yarn A; rows 19 and 20 yarn B.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(49 hdc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 4 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts**] 10 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts	(60 hdc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across to last 5 sts, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, hdc in next 3 sts	(58 hdc, 1 ch-2 sp)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next ch-2 sp, hdc in each st across	(60 hdc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 4 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts**] 10 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts	(71 hdc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 5 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts**] 10 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts	(82 hdc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(82 hdc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 5 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts**] 10 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts	(93 hdc)

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☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across to last 5 sts, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, hdc in next 3 sts	(91 hdc, 1 ch-2 sp)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next ch-2 sp, hdc in each st across	(93 hdc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts**] 10 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts	(104 hdc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 8 sts**] 10 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts	(115 hdc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(115 hdc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 7 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 10 sts**] 9 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 8 sts	(125 hdc)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across to last 5 sts, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, hdc in next 3 sts	(123 hdc, 1 ch-2 sp)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next ch-2 sp, hdc in each st across	(125 hdc)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(125 hdc)
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 9 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 14 sts**] 7 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 10 sts	(133 hdc)
☐ **Rows 19 to 20** 19 20	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(133 hdc)
☐	The shoulders end at row 14, about 5 in (12.5 cm) below the foundation chain: the measure around the shoulders is taken there. The 133 sts of row 20 are for the left front, the back and the right front: 26, 81 and 26 sts. The slits for the arms come between them. When you join yarn B for the back and for the right front, and when you fasten off the left front and the back, leave an end of about 8 in (20 cm): these four ends are used in the finishing. Do not fasten off now.	

Left front

Yarn A, white.

☐ **Start**	Go on from row 20 of the upper cape, with the yarn that is there. This part is the left front, as worn, beside the left arm slit.	
☐ **Row 21 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 26 sts, leave the last 107 sts unworked	(26 hdc)
☐ **Rows 22 to 35** 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(26 hdc)
☐	Fasten off.	

Back

Yarn B, orange.

☐ **Start**	Go back to row 20 of the upper cape, with the right side facing. Join yarn B in the next unworked st: the back is worked on the 81 sts from there on.	
☐ **Row 21 (RS)**	Ch 1; hdc in each st across	(81 hdc)

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☐ **Rows 22 to 35**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(81 hdc)
22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35		
☐	Fasten off.	

Right front

Yarn B, orange.

☐ **Start**	Go back to row 20 of the upper cape, with the right side facing. Join yarn B in the next unworked st: the right front is worked on the 26 sts from there on, to the end of the row.	
☐ **Row 21 (RS)**	Ch 1; hdc in each st across	(26 hdc)
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(26 hdc)
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across to last 5 sts, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, hdc in next 3 sts	(24 hdc, 1 ch-2 sp)
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next ch-2 sp, hdc in each st across	(26 hdc)
☐ **Rows 25 to 30**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(26 hdc)
25 26 27 28 29 30		
☐ **Row 31**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across to last 5 sts, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, hdc in next 3 sts	(24 hdc, 1 ch-2 sp)
☐ **Row 32**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next ch-2 sp, hdc in each st across	(26 hdc)
☐ **Rows 33 to 35**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(26 hdc)
33 34 35		
☐	Row 35, a right side row, ends at the front edge. Do not fasten off.	

Lower cape

Yarn B, orange.

☐ **Start**	Go on from row 35 of the right front, with yarn B, which is there. The next row, a wrong side row, joins the three parts again: it goes across the 26 sts of row 35 of the right front, then, with the wrong side facing, across the 81 sts of row 35 of the back and the 26 sts of row 35 of the left front, 133 sts in all. Draw the yarn close between the parts, so that no hole is left at the lower end of a slit. Colors: row 36 yarn B; rows 37 to 54 yarn C.	
☐ **Rows 36 to 37**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(133 hdc)
36 37		
☐ **Row 38**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 10 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 15 sts**] 7 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 10 sts	(141 hdc)
☐ **Rows 39 to 41**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(141 hdc)
39 40 41		
☐ **Row 42**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 10 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 16 sts**] 7 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 11 sts	(149 hdc)
☐ **Rows 43 to 45**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(149 hdc)
43 44 45		

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☐ **Row 46**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 11 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 17 sts**] 7 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 11 sts	(157 hdc)
☐ **Rows 47 to 49** 47 48 49	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(157 hdc)
☐ **Row 50**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 11 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 18 sts**] 7 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 12 sts	(165 hdc)
☐ **Rows 51 to 54** 51 52 53 54	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(165 hdc)
☐	Fasten off.	

Neck edging

Yarn A, white.

☐ **Start**	Hold the cape with the right side facing and the foundation chain uppermost. Join yarn A in the first ch at the right-hand end that holds an hdc of row 1, at the right front edge (as worn); ch 1, sc in each of the 49 chs that hold the hdc of row 1, along their free side (49 sc). This is row 1, and a right side row.	
☐ **Rows 2 to 3** 2 3	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(49 sc)
☐	Fasten off.	

Hat

Yarn A, white.

☐ **Start**	With yarn A, ch 4; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring. Colors: rounds 1 to 11 yarn A; rounds 12 to 22 yarn B; rounds 23 to 33 yarn C.	
☐ **Round 1**	Ch 1; 6 hdc in ring; join with sl st in first hdc	(6 hdc)
☐ **Round 2**	Ch 1; 2 hdc in each of next 6 sts; join with sl st in first hdc	(12 hdc)
☐ **Rounds 3 to 4** 3 4	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(12 hdc)
☐ **Round 5**	Ch 1; **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(18 hdc)
☐ **Round 6**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(18 hdc)
☐ **Round 7**	Ch 1; hdc in next 2 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts**] 5 times**, 2 hdc in next st; join with sl st in first hdc	(24 hdc)
☐ **Rounds 8 to 9** 8 9	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(24 hdc)
☐ **Round 10**	Ch 1; **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(30 hdc)
☐ **Round 11**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(30 hdc)
☐ **Round 12**	Ch 1; hdc in next 2 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts**] 5 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts; join with sl st in first hdc	(36 hdc)

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☐ **Rounds 13 to 14** 13 14	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(36 hdc)
☐ **Round 15**	Ch 1; **[**hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(42 hdc)
☐ **Round 16**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(42 hdc)
☐ **Round 17**	Ch 1; hdc in next 4 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts**] 5 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts; join with sl st in first hdc	(48 hdc)
☐ **Rounds 18 to 19** 18 19	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(48 hdc)
☐ **Round 20**	Ch 1; **[**hdc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(54 hdc)
☐ **Round 21**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(54 hdc)
☐ **Round 22**	Ch 1; hdc in next 4 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 8 sts**] 5 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts; join with sl st in first hdc	(60 hdc)
☐ **Rounds 23 to 24** 23 24	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(60 hdc)
☐ **Round 25**	Ch 1; **[**hdc in next 19 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(63 hdc)
☐ **Rounds 26 to 33** 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(63 hdc)
☐	Do not fasten off.	

Rolled brim

Yarn A, white.

☐ **Start**	Go on from round 33 of the hat.	
☐ **Round 34**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 7 times**, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(73 sc)
☐ **Rounds 35 to 40** 35 36 37 38 39 40	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(73 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving an end of about 30 in (75 cm) for sewing. Roll the 7 rounds of the brim outward and upward, so that their wrong side shows and round 40 lies hidden inside the roll. Thread the end and bring it out of the roll where the roll lies on the hat. With the end sew the roll to round 33 of the hat with one small stitch at each of sts 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and 60 of that round, counted from its join: begin at st 10 and go on in the order of the sts, and take the yarn loosely along between the roll and the hat from one stitch to the next. Fasten it off at st 60, inside the hat.	

Assembly

1. Arm slits: there is a slit between each front and the back. At the upper and at the lower end of each slit an end of yarn B hangs where a part was joined or fastened off. With each of these four ends go twice around the edge there, so that the slit does not tear.

2. Buttons: the 5 ch-2 sps at the right front edge, in rows 3, 9, 15, 23 and 31, are the buttonholes. Lap the right front over the left front, so that its 6 end sts lie on the 6 end sts of the left front, row on row. Sew a button to the right side of the left front at each of these rows, between the 2nd and the 3rd st from the front edge, with sewing thread. The

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right front is turned back for this; the hole of the same row lies over the button. Below the last button the cape stays open.

Finishing

- Weave in all the other ends. Wash as the yarn label says and lay flat to the measurements to dry. Stuff the hat with a towel while it dries, so that it stands up to a point.

In all: 2 pieces; 8,850 stitches (1,970 in the upper cape, 390 in the left front, 1,215 in the back, 386 in the right front, 2,879 in the lower cape, 98 in the neck edging, 1,401 in the hat, 511 in the rolled brim).

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge.

Notes

- Toddler 2 to child's 10, chosen by the chest. The cape is wide; the length is given for each size.
- Around the shoulders measure the child over the arms: the cape is to be 2 in (5 cm) or more wider than that. The hat is a little smaller around than the head, and stretches. No fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The cape is worked from the neck down, back and forth in rows. Odd-numbered rows are right side rows; they begin at the left front edge (as worn) and end at the right front edge.
- The hat is worked from the peak down in rounds that are not turned; the right side, the outside, always faces you.
- The chain at the start of a row or round (ch 1) never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch into the stitch at its base, and the last stitch of a row into the last stitch of the row below, never into the turning chain.
- To work into a chain space, put the hook under the whole chain.
- Left and right are those of the child who wears the cape.
- The cape is worn over clothes, with the hands put out through the slits. It has no ties and no hood. Keep it and every costume away from candles and open fire.
- Color changes in rows: work the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before with the new yarn. Cut the old yarn, leaving an end of about 6 in (15 cm), or, if it is needed again at the same edge within 6 rows and that edge is straight, carry it loosely up the edge.
- Color changes in rounds: work the sl st that joins the round before with the new yarn. Cut the old yarn, leaving an end of about 6 in (15 cm), or, if it is needed again within 6 rounds, carry it loosely up the inside at the join.

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