Cape with cuffs

S to M · US terms



Finished size
About 97 in (246 cm) round and about 21¾ in (55 cm) deep

Skill
Easy
Double crochet, chain spaces, back loop ribbing, sewing

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 7 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet (UK treble).

What you need

Yarn A: slate blue, cape, band and cuffs **about 1,000 yd (914 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: copper, hem and edge of the band **about 115 yd (105 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 560 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).
Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure and about 8 straight pins.

Before you start

- To change color, work the last stitch of the old color until only its last draw through is left (three loops on the hook for hdc, two for dc) and draw the new color through all of them. Cut the old color, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and fasten in a fresh piece each time: the yarn amounts and the ends to weave in are counted this way.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
S to M (this file)	**97 in (246 cm) round, 21¾ in (55 cm) deep**	**about 1,115 yd (1,020 m)**
L to 2X	105 in (266.5 cm) round, 24 in (61 cm) deep	about 1,300 yd (1,189 m)

Gauge

13 stitches and 7 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After row 6 the piece is about 3 3/8 in (8.5 cm) deep from the neck edge to the last row. If yours is smaller, use a larger hook; if it is larger, use a smaller one.

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Both sizes are printed in full when they are chosen. For another depth work 4 rows more or fewer before the two copper rows, after a row of the same width: two rows with 13 dc more, an open row and a row of the same width; these four are about 2¼ in (6 cm), and make the hem about 8 in (20.5 cm) longer or shorter. The band then has 2 sts more or fewer for each row of a front: every number of the fronts in its rows changes by 8. The hem of the fronts and of the back has more sts between the cuffs; the cuffs take as many as before. For a wider cuff work 2 rows more: it takes 4 sts more of the hem, 2 rows being about ¾ in (2 cm); for a longer cuff chain more, 13 chains for about 4 in (10 cm).

Instructions

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dc double crochet (UK tr), **ch** chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **hdc** half double crochet (UK htr), **sk** skip, **BLO** only the loop away from you, **st** stitch.

2 dc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Dc in next 4 sts: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the hole under the chain. The hook goes in the hole, never into a chain.

The ch 3 is the first dc: skip the first stitch; the last dc goes in the **top of the 3 chains**.

[ ] 13 times: 13 times in all. (81 dc): the row now has 81; a check, not a step. Not 81? **Pull it back**.

Also: RS right side, WS wrong side, sp space.

Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Cape

Begin with yarn A, slate blue.

☐ **Start**	Make a slip knot. Ch 70.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Dc in 4th ch from hook (skipped chs count as dc) and in each ch across	(68 dc)
☐ **Row 2 (WS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 13 times**, dc in next st, dc in top of turning ch	(81 dc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1 sp), turn; sk next st, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 39 times**, dc in top of turning ch	(41 dc, 40 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 39 times**, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch	(81 dc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**dc in next 5 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 13 times**, dc in next st, dc in top of turning ch	(94 dc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**dc in next 6 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 13 times**, dc in next st, dc in top of turning ch	(107 dc)

> **Stop and measure now, after row 6.** The piece is about 3 3/8 in (8.5 cm) deep from the neck edge to the last row. If yours is smaller, use a larger hook; if it is larger, use a smaller one.

☐ **Row 7**	Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1 sp), turn; sk next st, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 52 times**, dc in top of turning ch	(54 dc, 53 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 52 times**, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch	(107 dc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**dc in next 7 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 13 times**, dc in next st, dc in top of turning ch	(120 dc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**dc in next 8 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 13 times**, dc in next st, dc in top of turning ch	(133 dc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1 sp), turn; sk next st, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 65 times**, dc in top of turning ch	(67 dc, 66 ch-1 sps)

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☐ **Row 12**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 65 times**, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch	(133 dc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**dc in next 9 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 13 times**, dc in next st, dc in top of turning ch	(146 dc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**dc in next 10 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 13 times**, dc in next st, dc in top of turning ch	(159 dc)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1 sp), turn; sk next st, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 78 times**, dc in top of turning ch	(80 dc, 79 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 78 times**, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch	(159 dc)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**dc in next 11 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 13 times**, dc in next st, dc in top of turning ch	(172 dc)
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**dc in next 12 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 13 times**, dc in next st, dc in top of turning ch	(185 dc)
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1 sp), turn; sk next st, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 91 times**, dc in top of turning ch	(93 dc, 92 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 91 times**, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch	(185 dc)
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**dc in next 13 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 13 times**, dc in next st, dc in top of turning ch	(198 dc)
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**dc in next 14 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 13 times**, dc in next st, dc in top of turning ch	(211 dc)
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1 sp), turn; sk next st, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 104 times**, dc in top of turning ch	(106 dc, 105 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 104 times**, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch	(211 dc)
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**dc in next 15 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 13 times**, dc in next st, dc in top of turning ch	(224 dc)
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**dc in next 16 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 13 times**, dc in next st, dc in top of turning ch	(237 dc)
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1 sp), turn; sk next st, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 117 times**, dc in top of turning ch	(119 dc, 118 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 28**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 117 times**, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch	(237 dc)
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**dc in next 17 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 13 times**, dc in next st, dc in top of turning ch	(250 dc)
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**dc in next 18 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 13 times**, dc in next st, dc in top of turning ch	(263 dc)
☐ **Row 31**	Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1 sp), turn; sk next st, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 130 times**, dc in top of turning ch	(132 dc, 131 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 32**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 130 times**, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch	(263 dc)

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☐ **Row 33**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**dc in next 19 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 13 times**, dc in next st, dc in top of turning ch	(276 dc)
☐ **Row 34**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**dc in next 20 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 13 times**, dc in next st, dc in top of turning ch	(289 dc)
☐ **Row 35**	Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1 sp), turn; sk next st, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 143 times**, dc in top of turning ch	(145 dc, 144 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 36**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 143 times**, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch. Change to yarn B on the last pull through.	(289 dc)
☐ **Row 37**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**dc in next 21 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 13 times**, dc in next st, dc in top of turning ch	(302 dc)
☐ **Row 38**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**dc in next 22 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 13 times**, dc in next st, dc in top of turning ch	(315 dc)
☐	Fasten off.	

Band

The band is worked after the cape, up one front, along the neck and down the other front. Hold the cape with its right side facing you and the neck at the top, and begin at the hem end of the front edge that is at your right (at your left if you are left handed). The 203 sts are: 2 in the end of each of the 38 rows, from row 38 up to row 1; 51 along the neck edge; and 2 in the end of each of the 38 rows of the other front, from row 1 down to row 38. The neck edge has 68 places, which are the chain under each of the 67 dc of row 1 that are worked into a chain and, last of all, the bottom one of the 3 skipped chs: of every four places work into the first three and pass over the fourth. The 3 hdc in one st are at the two corners of the neck, in row 3 in the middle one of the 3 hdc of row 1 (as they stand in row 2).

☐ **Start**	The outer edge of the cape: 203 sts across the two fronts and the neck, with the right side facing you, as told in the notes.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, hdc in first st, hdc in next 74 sts, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 51 sts, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 74 sts, hdc in last st	(207 hdc)
☐ **Row 2 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in first st, hdc in BLO of next 205 sts, hdc in last st	(207 hdc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in first st, hdc in BLO of next 75 sts, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in BLO of next 53 sts, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in BLO of next 75 sts, hdc in last st. Change to yarn B on the last pull through.	(211 hdc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in first st, hdc in BLO of next 209 sts, hdc in last st	(211 hdc)
☐	Fasten off.	

Cuff: make 2

Yarn A, slate blue.

☐ **Start**	Ch 19.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(18 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 24**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in first st, hdc in BLO of next 16 sts, hdc in last st	(18 hdc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

☐	Fasten off.	

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Assembly

1. Cuffs: fold a cuff so that its last row lies along its foundation edge, right sides together, and whip stitch them, 18 stitches, with a length of yarn A about 25¾ in (65.5 cm). Do the same with the other cuff. Leave the right sides inside.

2. Lay the cape flat, right side up, the neck at the top. On row 38, the hem, count from the front edge of the dc, without the band: pass over 54 sts, and mark the next 48 sts with a pin at each end: they go into a cuff. Mark 48 sts in the same way from the other front edge. Between the two lots are 111 sts, the hem of the back, and at each front 54 sts hang free.

3. For each cuff bring the first and the last of the 48 marked sts together, so that the stretch of hem between them makes a ring, right side out. Slip the cuff, which is inside out, over that ring, one end of it at the edge of the hem and its seam where the two ends of the stretch meet. With a length of yarn A about 40½ in (103 cm) whip stitch all round: one stitch for each of the 24 rows of the cuff, taken through the end of the row and through 2 sts of the hem. Turn the cuff down over the hand.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends.

In all: 4 pieces; 8,032 stitches (6,332 in the cape, 836 in the band, 432 in each cuff).

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 and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Notes

- Whip stitch: hold the two edges together; put the needle through both from back to front, carry the yarn over the edges to the back, and go on to the next place.
- In the row after an open row a dc goes into every ch-1 sp and into every dc, so the number of sts is that of the row before the open row.
- BLO means back loop only: work under the back loop of the stitch, the one farther from you. In the band and the cuffs it makes the rib. The first hdc of such a row goes into the first stitch, at the foot of the ch 1, under both loops, and so does the last one.
- Make two cuffs; they are alike.
- The ch 3 at the start of a row counts as a dc; the last stitch of the next row is worked into the top of it. The chain stands on the first stitch of the row, so "next st" right after it is the second stitch.
- The ch 4 at the start of a row counts as a dc and a ch-1 sp. The stitch that closes over it goes into its 3rd chain. The chain stands on the first stitch of the row, so "next st" right after it is the second stitch.
- A ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- A stitch worked into a chain space goes into the open space under the chain, not into a chain stitch.
- In row 2 the turning ch is the skipped chs at the start of row 1: its top is the one that was next to the hook.
- Where several stitches have one place after them, as in "2 dc in next st", they are all worked into that one place.
- What is in square brackets is worked as many times as the number after them says, in all.
- Row 1 is a right side row. Turn once between rows: the word "turn" near the start of each row is that turn.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.
- The neck edge is about 20 7/8 in (53 cm) along row 1; the band draws it in to about 15¾ in (40 cm). The cape is about 21¾ in (55 cm) deep from the neck edge to the hem and the hem about 96 7/8 in (246 cm) along its curve, before the cuffs are sewn on. The band is about 1½ in (4 cm) wide. A cuff is about 8¾ in (22 cm) round and stretches, and about 5½ in (14 cm) long.
- 38 rows. Rows 3, 7, 11 and every fourth row after them, to row 35, are the open rows of the lace. The row after an open row has the same width, and each of the two rows after that has 13 dc more. Rows 37 and 38, the hem, are in yarn B (copper), and so is the last row of the band; all the rest is in yarn A (slate blue).

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