Christmas poncho for a girl

Age 2 to 4 · US terms



Finished size
About 19¾ × 16 in (50 × 41 cm)

Skill
Easy
Double crochet in rounds, color changes

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

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

You will need

Yarn A: holly red, main	**about 190 yd (174 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: snow white, bands and pom-poms	**about 95 yd (87 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: evergreen, line	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure and a piece of stiff card 2.5 in (6.4 cm) wide, for the pom-poms.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. The estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Width	Length	Yarn, an estimate
Age 2 to 4 (this file)	**19¾ in (50 cm)**	**16 in (40.5 cm)**	**about 310 yd (284 m)**
Age 5 to 7	22½ in (57.5 cm)	18½ in (47 cm)	about 410 yd (374 m)
Age 8 to 10	25½ in (65 cm)	21¼ in (54 cm)	about 520 yd (476 m)

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Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
rnd	round
sp	space
st	stitch

Gauge

13 stitches and 7 rounds 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 round 4 the piece, measured from the neck edge straight out to the last round and away from the two points, is about 2.3 in (5.8 cm) deep. If yours is smaller, use a larger hook; if it is larger, use a smaller one.

Work more or fewer rounds: each round adds about 0.8 in (2 cm) to the points, and more rounds take more yarn. The bands are counted from the hem: the last two rounds are in yarn B, the fourth round from the end is in yarn C, and all the rest after round 1 are in yarn A. For a larger neck chain 4 more for each 1.2 in (3 cm): round 1 then has 1 stitch more before the first corner, 2 more between the corners and 1 more after the second, and these stay in every round.

Before you start

- The first corner of round 1 is the center front.
- Work the foundation chain loosely, or with a hook one size larger: it is the neck edge. Before round 1 pass the joined loop over the head it is for; it should go over with ease.
- The ch 3 at the start of a round counts as a dc.
- A stitch worked into a chain space goes into the open space under the chain, not into a chain stitch.
- Stitches in round brackets with a place after them are all worked into that one place. The brackets at the end of a row hold its count.
- Every round is worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- To change color, draw the new color through as you close the slip stitch that joins the round. Cut the old color, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15.2 cm), and fasten in a fresh piece each time: the yarn amounts and the ends to weave in are counted this way.
- Laid flat it is about 19.7 in (50 cm) wide and 15.9 in (40.4 cm) from the top of the neck to the point; the neck edge is about 21.5 in (54.6 cm) round, and the point hangs about 12.1 in (30.7 cm) below the neck.
- 15 rounds; round 1 and the last two are in yarn B and round 12 with yarn C.
- Ages are a guide to the size of the finished piece: go by the measurements.

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Instructions

Chosen: Age 2 to 4. Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch and dc is treble.

Yarns in order of use: B, snow white; A, holly red; C, evergreen.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 70, sl st in first ch to form a large loop, taking care not to twist the chain.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 16 chs, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch, dc in next 34 chs, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch, dc in next 17 chs, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(76 dc, 2 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**Yarn A.** Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 18 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 38 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 19 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(84 dc, 2 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 20 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 42 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 21 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(92 dc, 2 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 22 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 46 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 23 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(100 dc, 2 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 24 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 50 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 25 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(108 dc, 2 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 26 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 54 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 27 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(116 dc, 2 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 28 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 58 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 29 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(124 dc, 2 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 30 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 62 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 31 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(132 dc, 2 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 32 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 66 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 33 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(140 dc, 2 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 34 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 70 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 35 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(148 dc, 2 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 36 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 74 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 37 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(156 dc, 2 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**Yarn C.** Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 38 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 78 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 39 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(164 dc, 2 ch-2 sps)**

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☐ **Rnd 13**	**Yarn A.** Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 40 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 82 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 41 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(172 dc, 2 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**Yarn B.** Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 42 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 86 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 43 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(180 dc, 2 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 44 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 90 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 45 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(188 dc, 2 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Finishing

- Pom-poms: make 2 of yarn B. For each, wind the yarn 75 times round a card 2.5 in (6.4 cm) wide, slip the loops off, tie them tightly round the middle with a 12 in (30.5 cm) piece of the yarn, cut the loops and trim to a ball about 2.5 in (6.4 cm) across. Sew one to each point with the ends of the tie.
- Weave in the ends.

In all: 15 rounds; 1,980 stitches; 10 ends to weave in.

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