Color fade poncho

Small to medium · US terms



Finished size
About 28¼ × 24 in (72 × 61 cm)

Skill
Easy
Double crochet in rounds, color changes

Yarn
Medium (4), 6 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: aubergine, neck	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: plum, second shade	**about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: orchid, third shade	**about 90 yd (82 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: rose, fourth shade	**about 110 yd (101 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: dusty pink, fifth shade	**about 125 yd (114 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: blush, hem	**about 165 yd (151 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). Also: yarn needle, scissors and tape measure.

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
Small to medium (this file)	**28¼ in (72 cm)**	**24 in (61 cm)**	**about 625 yd (572 m)**
Large to extra large	32 in (81 cm)	27½ in (70 cm)	about 795 yd (727 m)
Plus size	35½ in (90.5 cm)	31 in (78.5 cm)	about 1,025 yd (937 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)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
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 (6 cm) deep.

Before you start

- The first corner of round 1 is the center front; the round begins over the right shoulder.
- The neck edge is a closed loop: before round 2, check that it passes easily over the head it is for, and work the foundation chain loosely.
- Poncho: every round is worked with the right side facing. Join each round with a slip stitch, do not turn, and go on round the same way.
- The ch 3 at the start of each round counts as its first dc.
- The ch 1 of the last round does not count as a stitch.
- A stitch in a chain space goes into the open space under the chain, not into a chain stitch.
- All the stitches inside round brackets go into the one place named after the brackets. Round brackets at the end of a line hold its count.
- To change color, draw the new color through as you close the slip stitch that joins the round. Cut the old color at every change, leaving a 6 in (15.2 cm) tail, and begin the new color with a new end; nothing is carried along the edge.
- Laid flat it is about 28.3 in (71.9 cm) wide and 24 in (61 cm) from the top of the neck to the point; the neck edge is about 24 in (61 cm) round, and the point hangs about 19.8 in (50.3 cm) below the neck.
- 24 rounds of double crochet in six shades, dark to light, and a last round of single crochet in yarn F, about 0.3 in (0.8 cm) deep, which is in the sizes above; the rounds say where each shade begins.

Instructions

Chosen: Small to medium. 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, sc is double crochet and dc is treble.

Yarns in order of use: A, aubergine; B, plum; C, orchid; D, rose; E, dusty pink; F, blush.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 78, 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 18 chs, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch, dc in next 38 chs, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch, dc in next 19 chs, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(84 dc, 2 ch-2 sps)**

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☐ **Rnd 2**	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 3**	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 4**	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 5**	**Yarn B.** 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 6**	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 7**	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 8**	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 9**	**Yarn C.** 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 10**	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 11**	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)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	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 13**	**Yarn D.** 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 14**	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)**

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☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 46 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 94 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 47 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(196 dc, 2 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 48 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 98 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 49 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(204 dc, 2 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	**Yarn E.** Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 50 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 102 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 51 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(212 dc, 2 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 52 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 106 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 53 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(220 dc, 2 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 54 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 110 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 55 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(228 dc, 2 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 56 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 114 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 57 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(236 dc, 2 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	**Yarn F.** Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 58 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 118 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 59 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(244 dc, 2 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 60 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 122 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 61 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(252 dc, 2 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 62 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 126 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 63 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(260 dc, 2 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 64 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 130 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 65 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(268 dc, 2 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	Ch 1, sc in first st, sc in next 66 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 134 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 67 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(272 sc, 2 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Finishing

- Weave in the ends.

In all: 25 rounds; 4,496 stitches; 12 ends to weave in.

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