Lace nursing cover poncho

Small and medium · US terms



Finished size

About 32 × 21¾ in (81 × 55 cm)

About 24 in (61 cm) round the neck, 50½ in (128.5 cm) round at the bust, 32 in (81.5 cm) wide at the hem laid flat and 21¾ in (55 cm) long from the neck to the hem, for a measure of up to 42¼ in (107.5 cm) round the shoulders over the arms. To fit a bust of 32 in (81.5 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

It is one wave of double crochet worked over and over in joined rounds; it widens on the way down, and the place of every wave has to be read right.

Yarn

Light (3), 4 colors

Hook

4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge

18 stitches and 20 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: rose, the neck and the first waves	**about 70 yd (64 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: soft pink, the second band	**about 130 yd (119 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: blush, the third band	**about 325 yd (297 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: ivory, the shells and the hem	**about 525 yd (480 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a stitch marker, a yarn needle and scissors.

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, with 30 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Bust	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Small and medium (this file)	**32 in (81.5 cm)**	**32 × 21¾ in (81 × 55 cm)**	**about 1,050 yd (960 m)**
Large and XL	35½ in (90 cm)	35½ × 24 in (90 × 61 cm)	about 1,240 yd (1,134 m)
2X and 3X	39 in (99 cm)	39 × 26¼ in (99 × 67 cm)	about 1,480 yd (1,353 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)
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

18 stitches and 20 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

18 stitches and 9 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet, worked in the round. In the shells, 9 rounds are 4 in (10 cm) tall and one shell with its chains is 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 29.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Lay it flat and count the stitches over 4 in (10 cm) in its middle. There should be 18 stitches; rows worked back and forth are not quite as tall as rounds, so go by the stitches. If you count more stitches than that, change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, change to a smaller hook. The swatch can be pulled out and its yarn used again.
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Swatch foundation	Ch 28.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(27 sc)**
Swatch rows 2 to 30	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(27 sc)**

Before you start

- Before the foundation chain is joined into a ring, lay it out with all its stitches facing the same way, so that it does not twist round the hook.
- Put the marker in the first stitch of each round, where the round is joined.
- The right side, the outside, faces you all the way. In rounds 1 and 2 and in the waves the chain at the start of a round does not count as a stitch, and the round is joined with a slip stitch in its first single or double crochet. The first stitch of round 2 goes into the stitch round 1 was joined in.
- In the waves every repeat in brackets is one wave, with the group (dc, ch 1, dc) or (dc, ch 2, dc) at its point. Where a repeat begins with sk next st, the stitch that the round before was joined in is skipped at the start of the round, and the hook goes on to the stitch or the space that is named next. Where a repeat begins with dc, the first double crochet goes into the stitch that the round before was joined in; the wave grows by a stitch on each side in such a round. Skip no stitch that is not named: between two waves one stitch is skipped on each side, so two together.
- In the shells and in the hem the chain of 3 at the start of a round counts as its first double crochet, and the round is joined in the top of that chain. These rounds begin with slip stitches that bring the hook to the chain space in the middle of the first wave or shell: they go into the stitches after the one that the round before was joined in, and the last of them into the chain space. The chain of 3 stands there, and what follows in brackets goes into the same space. Slip stitches are not counted.
- In the rounds of shells a shell goes into the chain space in the middle of every wave or shell of the round before, and all the double crochet between these spaces are passed over. In the hem a scallop of 8 double crochet goes into each of these spaces and a single crochet into the last double crochet of each shell, between two scallops.

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- To change color where a joined round begins, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the slip stitch that ends the round before. Cut the old yarn at each change, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- Measure round the shoulders over the arms at their widest; the size line says up to which measure each size is. The fabric of the waves stretches a little in its width. For a longer poncho work more rounds of shells in D before the hem, 8 at the most: 2 rounds are about 1 in (2.5 cm) and take about 50 yd (46 m) of D in the Small and medium, 55 yd (50 m) in the Large and XL and 60 yd (55 m) in the 2X and 3X.
- Use it while you are awake and look at the baby through the neck all the while. It is a cover for you; it never lies over a sleeping baby or on a car seat.
- Colors, round by round. Rounds 1 to 8: A. Rounds 9 to 16: B. Rounds 17 to 29: C. Rounds 30 to 50: D.

Instructions

Chosen: Small and medium. Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. 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, dc is treble and sk is miss.

Yarns in order of use: A, rose; B, soft pink; C, blush; D, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 108, sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in each ch around, sl st in first sc to join	**(108 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(108 sc)**

Waves

☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2, **[**sk next st, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next st, sk next st**] 36 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(72 dc, 36 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnds 4 to 5**	Ch 2, **[**sk next st, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp, sk next st**] 36 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(72 dc, 36 ch-1 sps)**

A box for each round, 4 to 5: tick them off as you go.

4 5

☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 2, **[**sk next st, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-1 sp, sk next st**] 36 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(72 dc, 36 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnds 7 to 8**	Ch 2, **[**sk next st, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp, sk next st**] 36 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(72 dc, 36 ch-2 sps)**

A box for each round, 7 to 8: tick them off as you go.

7 8

☐ **Rnd 9**	With B, ch 2, **[**dc in next st, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next st**] 36 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(144 dc, 36 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnds 10 to 12**	Ch 2, **[**sk next st, dc in next st, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, sk next st**] 36 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(144 dc, 36 ch-1 sps)**

A box for each round, 10 to 12: tick them off as you go.

10 11 12

☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 2, **[**sk next st, dc in next st, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, sk next st**] 36 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(144 dc, 36 ch-2 sps)**

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☐ **Rnds 14 to 16**	Ch 2, **[**sk next st, dc in next st, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next st, sk next st**] 36 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(144 dc, 36 ch-2 sps)**

A box for each round, 14 to 16: tick them off as you go.

14 15 16

☐ **Rnd 17**	With C, ch 2, **[**dc in next 2 sts, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 2 sts**] 36 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(216 dc, 36 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnds 18 to 29**	Ch 2, **[**sk next st, dc in next 2 sts, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 2 sts, sk next st**] 36 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(216 dc, 36 ch-1 sps)**

A box for each round, 18 to 29: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 **29**

Stop and measure now, after round 29. Laid flat and folded in half, the edge of the poncho is about 25¼ in (64 cm) from one fold to the other.

Shells

☐ **Rnd 30**	With D, sl st in next 2 sts, sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, **[**(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 35 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(216 dc, 36 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnds 31 to 49**	Sl st in next 2 sts, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, **[**(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 35 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(216 dc, 36 ch-2 sps)**

A box for each round, 31 to 49: tick them off as you go.

31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49

Hem

☐ **Rnd 50**	Sl st in next 2 sts, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), 7 dc in same sp, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, **[**sk next 3 sts, 8 dc in next ch-2 sp, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 35 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(288 dc, 36 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the tails on the wrong side, the inside, each under stitches of its own color.

2. Lay the poncho flat and pull each scallop of the hem into a round with the fingers. The joins of the rounds go to one side or to the middle of the back when it is worn.

Finishing

- Lay the poncho flat, pat the shells flat and press it lightly under a damp cloth. Wash it in the way the yarn bands say and dry it flat.

In all: 50 rounds; 9,252 stitches.

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