Long hooded cape

M, to fit bust 37 in (94 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 19¾ in (50 cm) at the neck and about 38¼ in (97 cm) long
To fit a bust of 37 in (94 cm)

Skill
Easy
Double crochet in rows, increases on eight straight lines, a post stitch border

Yarn
Medium (4)

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

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

You will need

Yarn: garnet, medium (4) **about 2,125 yd (1,943 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure and 2 toggles, about 2 in (5 cm) long.

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.

Sizes

Size	Bust	Neck around, before the border	Length from the neck to the lower edge	Around the lower edge, before the border	Hood height	Hood depth from the face	Front border	Yarn, an estimate
S	33 in (84 cm)	19 in (48.5 cm)	37¼ in (94.5 cm)	85½ in (217 cm)	13¾ in (35 cm)	13¾ in (35 cm)	1¾ in (4.5 cm)	about 1,950 yd (1,783 m)
M (this file)	**37 in (94 cm)**	**19¾ in (50 cm)**	**38¼ in (97 cm)**	**91 in (231 cm)**	**13¾ in (35 cm)**	**14 in (35.5 cm)**	**1¾ in (4.5 cm)**	**about 2,125 yd (1,943 m)**
L	41 in (104 cm)	20¼ in (51.5 cm)	39½ in (100.5 cm)	96½ in (245 cm)	13¾ in (35 cm)	14¼ in (36 cm)	1¾ in (4.5 cm)	about 2,275 yd (2,080 m)
1X	45 in (114.5 cm)	21 in (53.5 cm)	40½ in (103 cm)	102¼ in (259.5 cm)	14¾ in (37.5 cm)	14¾ in (37.5 cm)	1¾ in (4.5 cm)	about 2,475 yd (2,263 m)
2X	49 in (124.5 cm)	21½ in (54.5 cm)	44 in (112 cm)	107¾ in (273.5 cm)	14¾ in (37.5 cm)	15 in (38 cm)	1¾ in (4.5 cm)	about 2,775 yd (2,537 m)

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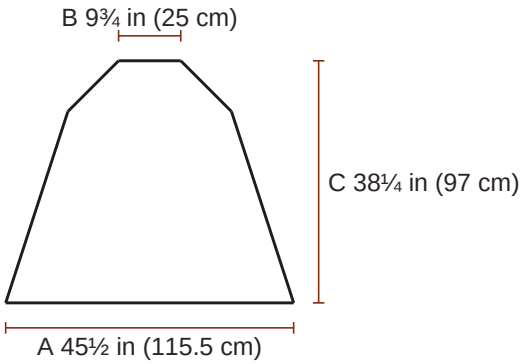
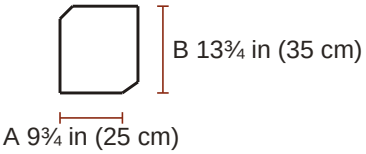
3X	53 in (134.5 cm)	22¼ in (56.5 cm)	45¼ in (115 cm)	113¼ in (287.5 cm)	14¾ in (37.5 cm)	15¼ in (38.5 cm)	1¾ in (4.5 cm)	about 2,975 yd (2,720 m)

Schematic



Cape, laid with its fronts folded over
A half the around the lower edge, before the border
B half the neck around, before the border
C the length from the neck to the lower edge



Hood, folded
A half the neck around, before the border
B the hood height

Abbreviations

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

dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
ch	chain stitch
RS	right side
WS	wrong side
st	stitch
sp	space

Special stitches

dc2tog (double crochet 2 stitches together (UK treble 2 together)): [yarn over, insert the hook in the next stitch and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops] twice (3 loops on the hook); yarn over and pull through all 3 loops. It leaves 1 dc2tog for the next row.

fpdc (front post double crochet (UK front post treble)): Yarn over, insert the hook from the front to the back and to the front again around the post of the stitch named, pull up a loop, [yarn over and pull through 2 loops] twice. The front is the side that faces you. A post stitch takes the place of the stitch it is worked around: do not work into the top of that stitch as well. It leaves 1 fpdc for the next row.

bpdc (back post double crochet (UK back post treble)): As fpdc, but insert the hook from the back to the front and to the back again around the post. It leaves 1 bpdc for the next row.

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Gauge

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

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Ch 22; begin in the 3rd ch from the hook and work 10 rows of 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. Border: about 7 rows to 4 in (10 cm), and the same stitches to 4 in (10 cm) as the cape.

Before you start

- Women's sizes. They differ in the room at the shoulders and in the length.
- A cape hangs free. Choose by the bust; the length is measured straight down from the neck. No fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The turning chain (ch 2) never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch of every row into the first stitch, at the base of the turning chain.
- Work the last stitch of every row into the last stitch of the row below, and never into the turning chain.
- Row 1 is a right side row, and so is every odd row of the cape, of the hood and of the border.
- Each ch-1 sp of an increase line is worked into or passed over, as the row says. The ch-1 sps are counted apart from the stitches. To work into a chain space, insert the hook under the whole chain.
- On the rows with no increase, "ch 1, skip next ch-1 sp" keeps the line open: the new ch 1 lies over the old one.
- In the post stitch rows work around the post (the upright part) of each stitch below, not into its top. Row after row the same stitches stand out on the same side: on the next row work fpdc around the stitches that stand toward you and bpdc around those that lie back.
- To work into the end of a row, insert the hook under two threads at the side of its edge stitch or its turning chain.
- Around at row 14, 8 in (20.5 cm) below the neck, before the border 51¾ in (131.5 cm).

Instructions

Chosen: M, to fit bust 37 in (94 cm). 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 row is done. In UK terms dc is treble and sl st is slip stitch.

Cape

☐ **Foundation**	The eight ch-1 sps of row 2 begin the eight increase lines. They lie one above the other from the neck to the lower edge. Ch 66.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Dc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(64 dc)**
☐ **Row 2 (WS)**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 4 sts, ch 1, **[**dc in next 8 sts, ch 1**] 7 times**, dc in next 4 sts	**(64 dc, 8 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 2, turn; **[**dc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 8 times**, dc in each st across	**(80 dc, 8 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 2, turn; **[**dc in each st to next ch-1 sp, ch 1, skip next ch-1 sp**] 8 times**, dc in each st across	**(80 dc, 8 ch-1 sps)**

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☐ **Rows 5 to 16** Repeat Rows 3 and 4,
6 more times (96, 112, 128, 144, 160, 176 dc; 8 ch-1 sps at the ends of the repeats)
(176 dc; 8 ch-1 sps)

A box for each row, 5 to 16: tick them off as you go.

5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

☐ **Rows 17 to 20** Ch 2, turn; **[**dc in each st to next ch-1 sp, ch 1, skip next ch-1 sp**] 8 times**, dc in each st across
(176 dc, 8 ch-1 sps)

A box for each row, 17 to 20: tick them off as you go.

17 18 19 20

☐ **Row 21** Ch 2, turn; **[**dc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 8 times**,
dc in each st across **(192 dc, 8 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Rows 22 to 26** Ch 2, turn; **[**dc in each st to next ch-1 sp, ch 1, skip next ch-1 sp**] 8 times**, dc in each st across
(192 dc, 8 ch-1 sps)

A box for each row, 22 to 26: tick them off as you go.

22 23 24 25 26

☐ **Rows 27 to 62** Repeat Rows 21 to 26,
6 more times (208, 224, 240, 256, 272, 288 dc; 8 ch-1 sps at the ends of the repeats)
(288 dc; 8 ch-1 sps)

A box for each row, 27 to 62: tick them off as you go.

27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55
56 57 58 59 60 61 62

☐ **Row 63** Ch 2, turn; **[**dc in each st to next ch-1 sp, dc in next ch-1 sp**] 8 times**, dc in each st across
(296 dc)

☐ **Rows 64 to 67** Ch 2, turn; **[**fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st**] 148 times** **(148 fpdcs, 148 bpdcs)**

A box for each row, 64 to 67: tick them off as you go.

64 65 66 67

☐ **End** Fasten off.

Hood

☐ **Foundation** Turn the cape so that the foundation chain is uppermost. With the right side facing, join the yarn in the first ch at the right-hand end of the chain (this is the right front edge, as worn). The 64 sts of row 1 are worked into the 64 chs that hold the dc of row 1 of the cape, along their free side.

☐ **Row 1 (RS)** Ch 2; dc in each ch across **(64 dc)**

☐ **Row 2** Ch 2, turn; **[**dc in next 7 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times** **(72 dc)**

☐ **Row 3** Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across **(72 dc)**

☐ **Row 4** Ch 2, turn; **[**dc in next 8 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times** **(80 dc)**

☐ **Rows 5 to 20** Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across **(80 dc)**

A box for each row, 5 to 20: tick them off as you go.

5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

☐ **Row 21** Ch 2, turn; dc in next 38 sts, dc2tog twice, dc in next 38 sts **(78 dc)**

☐ **Row 22** Ch 2, turn; dc in next 37 sts, dc2tog twice, dc in next 37 sts **(76 dc)**

☐ **Row 23** Ch 2, turn; dc in next 36 sts, dc2tog twice, dc in next 36 sts **(74 dc)**

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☐ **Row 24**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 35 sts, dc2tog twice, dc in next 35 sts	**(72 dc)**
☐ **End**	The two dc2tog of rows 21 to 24 lie at the middle of the back of the hood and round off its top. Fasten off, leaving an end of about 30 in (75 cm) for sewing.	

Front border

☐ **Foundation**	Work this when the top of the hood has been sewn (step 1 of the finishing). With the right side facing, join the yarn in the end of row 67 of the cape, at the lower corner of the right front (as worn). Row 1 goes up the 67 row ends of the right front to the neck, up the 24 row ends of the right side of the hood to the seam at its top, down the 24 row ends of the left side of the hood to the neck, and down the 67 row ends of the left front to its lower corner.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 2; **[**2 dc in the end of each of next 6 rows, dc in the end of next row**] 9 times**, 2 dc in the end of each of next 4 rows, now up the hood, **[**2 dc in the end of each of next 6 rows, dc in the end of next row**] 3 times**, 2 dc in the end of each of next 3 rows, now down the hood, **[**2 dc in the end of each of next 6 rows, dc in the end of next row**] 3 times**, 2 dc in the end of each of next 3 rows, now down the left front, **[**2 dc in the end of each of next 6 rows, dc in the end of next row**] 9 times**, 2 dc in the end of each of next 4 rows	**(340 dc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 3**	Ch 2, turn; **[**fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st**] 170 times**	**(170 fpdcs, 170 bpdcs)**

A box for each row, 2 to 3: tick them off as you go.

2 3

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Toggle loop: make 2

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 21.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(20 sl sts)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an end of about 10 in (25 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Top of the hood: fold the hood in half with right sides together, so that its two row-edge sides lie level (these are the two sides of the face). Sew the first 36 sts of the last row to the last 36 sts, st to st, through both loops, with the long end. Turn the hood right side out.

2. Front border: work it now, as written above.

3. Toggle loops: fold each loop in half and sew its two ends together to the wrong side of the right front border (as worn), at its outer edge, so that about 1½ in (4 cm) of the loop reaches past the edge: one loop level with row 3 of the cape, the other level with row 11, about 4½ in (11.5 cm) below the first.

4. Toggles: lay the two front borders edge to edge. With a length of yarn A sew one toggle to the left front border opposite each loop, lying across the border, with its middle about 1 in (2.5 cm) from the outer edge, through the thread groove or the hole at the middle of the toggle.

Finishing

- Weave in all the ends. Wash as the yarn label says and lay flat to the measurements to dry.

In all: 3 pieces.

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