Mesh beach poncho

Small to medium · US terms



Finished size
About 30 × 21 in (76 × 53 cm)

Skill
Easy
Mesh, sewing, fringe

Yarn
Light (3), 3 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
15 stitches and 8 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In the mesh, counting each dc and each ch-1 sp as one stitch.

You will need

Yarn A: white cotton, main and fringe	**about 625 yd (572 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: turquoise, first band	**about 90 yd (82 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: coral, second band	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). 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)	**30 in (76.5 cm)**	**21 in (53.5 cm)**	**about 765 yd (700 m)**
Large to extra large	34½ in (87.5 cm)	23 in (58.5 cm)	about 940 yd (860 m)
Plus size	38¾ in (98.5 cm)	25 in (63.5 cm)	about 1,130 yd (1,033 m)

Abbreviations

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

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

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Gauge

15 stitches and 8 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in the mesh, counting each dc and each ch-1 sp as one stitch. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After row 8 the piece, laid flat, is about 4 in (10 cm) tall. If yours is shorter, use a larger hook; if it is taller, use a smaller one.

Work each panel wider or longer: for another width start with any multiple of 4 chains, so that the knots of the fringe come out even; work any number of rows. Keep the two panels alike and leave the neck opening in the middle.

Before you start

- In the mesh the ch 1 lies over the space it skips.
- Whip stitch (sewing): with the yarn needle go from back to front under both loops of a stitch on each of the two pieces (or, where a seam says so, under two strands at the end of a row), bring the needle over the two edges to the back and go through the next pair in the same way, without pulling tight.
- 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.
- In row 2 only, the turning ch is the 5 skipped chs at the start of row 1. They stand for 1 ch under the space, a dc (3 chs) and a ch-1 sp, so the last stitch of row 2 goes into the 4th of them counted from the one beside the first stitch of row 1 (it was the 2nd ch from the hook); that ch is the 3rd ch, the top, of the dc.
- 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.
- To change color, work the last stitch of the old color until two loops are left on the hook and draw the new color through them. 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.
- Each panel is about 30.1 in (76.5 cm) wide and 21 in (53.3 cm) long; make two alike.
- 42 rows; rows 5 to 8 and the last row are in yarn B and rows 10, 11 and 13 with yarn C, the others in yarn A.

Instructions

Chosen: Small to medium. Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. 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.

Front and back panel: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, white cotton; B, turquoise; C, coral.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 116.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Dc in 6th ch from hook (skipped chs count as dc and ch-1 sp), **[**ch 1, sk next ch, dc in next ch**] 55 times**	**(57 dc, 56 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 4**	Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1 sp), turn; **[**sk next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, ch 1**] 55 times**, sk next ch-1 sp, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch	**(57 dc, 56 ch-1 sps)**

A box for each row, 2 to 4: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4

☐ **Rows 5 to 8**	**Yarn B.** Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1 sp), turn; **[**sk next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, ch 1**] 55 times**, sk next ch-1 sp, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch	**(57 dc, 56 ch-1 sps)**

A box for each row, 5 to 8: tick them off as you go.

☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8

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☐ **Row 9 (RS)**	**Yarn A.** Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1 sp), turn; **[**sk next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, ch 1**] 55 times**, sk next ch-1 sp, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch	**(57 dc, 56 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rows 10 to 11**	**Yarn C.** Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1 sp), turn; **[**sk next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, ch 1**] 55 times**, sk next ch-1 sp, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch	**(57 dc, 56 ch-1 sps)**

A box for each row, 10 to 11: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Row 12 (WS)**	**Yarn A.** Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1 sp), turn; **[**sk next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, ch 1**] 55 times**, sk next ch-1 sp, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch	**(57 dc, 56 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 13 (RS)**	**Yarn C.** Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1 sp), turn; **[**sk next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, ch 1**] 55 times**, sk next ch-1 sp, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch	**(57 dc, 56 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rows 14 to 41**	**Yarn A.** Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1 sp), turn; **[**sk next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, ch 1**] 55 times**, sk next ch-1 sp, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch	**(57 dc, 56 ch-1 sps)**

A box for each row, 14 to 41: tick them off as you go.

14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41

☐ **Row 42 (WS)**	**Yarn B.** Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1 sp), turn; **[**sk next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, ch 1**] 55 times**, sk next ch-1 sp, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch	**(57 dc, 56 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Shoulders: lay the two panels together with right sides facing and the last rows level. Thread the yarn needle with yarn B. Beginning at one side edge, whip stitch the last rows together, under both top loops of each stitch and each chain of both panels, for about 9.1 in (23.1 cm) toward the middle, and fasten off; do the same from the other side edge with a new piece of yarn. The middle 12 in (30.5 cm) stays open for the neck, which makes an opening about 24 in (61 cm) round. Try it on before you weave in the ends: for a larger opening undo a few stitches of each seam.

2. Sides: leave them open, or sew them for a closer fit. Keep the right sides together and match the two panels row by row. With a new piece of yarn B begin at the lower edge of one side and whip stitch the row ends together: the needle goes from back to front through the end of the row on each panel, under two strands of the last dc, or the first 3 chains of the ch 4 at the other end, with 2 stitches to each row, up to 8 in (20.3 cm) below the shoulder seam; fasten off and sew the other side to match. The ends of the two shoulder seams are in the count below; two side seams add 4 more.

Finishing

- Fringe: cut 174 pieces of yarn A, each 8 in (20.3 cm) long. For each knot hold 3 pieces together and fold them in half, draw the fold through the lower edge of a panel from back to front, pass the ends through the fold and pull snug. Along the lower edge of each panel make one knot in the foundation chain at the foot of every second dc of row 1: the skipped chains that stand for the first dc count as dc number 1, so the knots hang under dc numbers 1, 3, 5 and so on, and the last knot is under the last dc. That is 29 knots on each panel. Trim the fringe level at about 3 in (7.6 cm).
- Weave in the ends.

In all: 2 pieces; 4,788 stitches; 36 ends to weave in.

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