Swoncho, a striped sweater poncho

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



Finished size
About 22½ in (57 cm) at the neck and about 15¼ in (38.5 cm) deep
To fit a bust of 37 in (94 cm)

Skill
Easy
Basic stitches in rounds, increases at four places and short seams

Yarn
Bulky (5), 3 colors

Hook
8 mm (US L-11)

Gauge
10 stitches and 5½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet (UK treble).

What you need

Yarn A: cinnamon	**about 195 yd (178 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: oat	**about 225 yd (206 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: plum	**about 375 yd (343 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 610 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 130 yd (119 m).

Hook: 8 mm (US L-11), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure and stitch markers.

Sizes

Size	Bust	Yarn, an estimate	Neck around, without the cowl	Depth at the sides	Depth at the front point	Around the arm opening	Sleeve, with the cuff	Cuff around	Lower edge of the body	Cowl depth, before it is folded
XS	29 in (73.5 cm)	about 710 yd (649 m)	22½ in (57 cm)	13¾ in (35 cm)	22¼ in (56.5 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm)	11¼ in (28.5 cm)	7¼ in (18.5 cm)	56 in (142 cm)	7¼ in (18.5 cm)
S	33 in (84 cm)	about 755 yd (690 m)	22½ in (57 cm)	14½ in (37 cm)	23¼ in (59 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm)	11¼ in (28.5 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	59¼ in (150.5 cm)	7¼ in (18.5 cm)
M (this file)	**37 in (94 cm)**	**about 795 yd (727 m)**	**22½ in (57 cm)**	**15¼ in (38.5 cm)**	**24¼ in (61.5 cm)**	**11¼ in (28.5 cm)**	**11¼ in (28.5 cm)**	**8 in (20.5 cm)**	**60¾ in (154.5 cm)**	**7¼ in (18.5 cm)**
L	41 in (104 cm)	about 850 yd (777 m)	22½ in (57 cm)	16 in (40.5 cm)	25½ in (65 cm)	11¼ in (28.5 cm)	11¼ in (28.5 cm)	8¾ in (22 cm)	64 in (162.5 cm)	7¼ in (18.5 cm)
1X	45 in (114.5 cm)	about 900 yd (823 m)	24 in (61 cm)	16¾ in (42.5 cm)	26½ in (67.5 cm)	12 in (30.5 cm)	11¼ in (28.5 cm)	8¾ in (22 cm)	67¼ in (171 cm)	7¼ in (18.5 cm)

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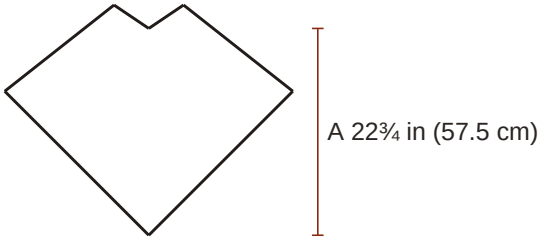
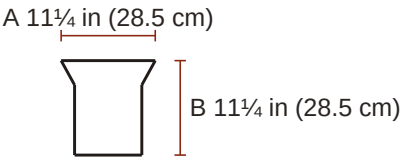
2X	49 in (124.5 cm)	about 975 yd (892 m)	24 in (61 cm)	17½ in (44.5 cm)	27½ in (70 cm)	12¾ in (32.5 cm)	11¼ in (28.5 cm)	8¾ in (22 cm)	68¾ in (174.5 cm)	7¼ in (18.5 cm)
3X	53 in (134.5 cm)	about 1,000 yd (914 m)	24 in (61 cm)	18¼ in (46.5 cm)	28½ in (72.5 cm)	13½ in (34.5 cm)	11¼ in (28.5 cm)	9½ in (24 cm)	70½ in (179 cm)	7¼ in (18.5 cm)
4X	57 in (145 cm)	about 1,075 yd (983 m)	24 in (61 cm)	19 in (48.5 cm)	29¾ in (75.5 cm)	14½ in (37 cm)	10¾ in (27.5 cm)	9½ in (24 cm)	72 in (183 cm)	7¼ in (18.5 cm)
5X	61 in (155 cm)	about 1,100 yd (1,006 m)	24 in (61 cm)	19¾ in (50 cm)	30¾ in (78 cm)	15¼ in (38.5 cm)	10¾ in (27.5 cm)	9½ in (24 cm)	73½ in (186.5 cm)	7¼ in (18.5 cm)

Schematic



Poncho
A the lower part



Sleeve and cuff (make 2)
A the top of the sleeve, opened flat
B the sleeve

Gauge

10 stitches and 5½ 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. Swatch, worked in rows: ch 17. Row 1: Dc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across (15 dc). Rows 2 to 8: Ch 2, turn (the ch 2 does not count as a stitch); dc in each st across, the first dc in the first st, at the base of the ch 2 (15 dc each row). Fasten off. The swatch of 8 rows is about 6 in (15 cm) wide and 5¾ in (14.5 cm) high. Measure 4 in (10 cm) in the middle. Use a larger hook if your swatch is small, a smaller one if it is large. Cuff ribs: rounds of front and back post double crochet, 6 rounds to 4 in (10 cm). The rib draws in: it is a little narrower than the piece above it, and stretches. Single crochet (UK: double crochet) rounds of the hem: 11.5 rounds to 4 in (10 cm).

Instructions

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ch chain, **dc** double crochet (UK tr), **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK dc), **st** stitch.

2 dc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Dc in next 13 sts: one in each. **ch-2 sp**: the hole under two chains. The hook goes in the hole, never into a chain.

Do not turn: the outside faces you all the time. The ch 2 is not a stitch. The first dc goes **where the slip stitch went**.

Working in the round

[ ] twice: two times in all. ( ) in one place: all of it there. (232 dc; 2 ch-2 sps): the round now has 232; a check, not a step. Not 232? **Pull it back**.

Also: sp space.

Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

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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.

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.

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.

Poncho

Yarn A, cinnamon.

☐ **Start**	The poncho is worked from the neck down, with the right side (the outside) always facing. The rounds begin at the right side (as worn), go over the front to the left side, and come back over the back. The first ch-2 sp of a round is the point of the front, the second is the point of the back. In rounds 2 to 5 two sts more at each side, over the shoulders, shape the shoulders: they are at the beginning and the end of the round for the right shoulder, and at the middle of the sts between the two ch-2 sps for the left shoulder. With yarn A, ch 56; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring, taking care not to twist the chain. Colors: rounds 1 to 3 yarn A; round 4 yarn B; rounds 5 and 6 yarn A; rounds 7 and 8 yarn B; round 9 yarn A; rounds 10 to 12 yarn B; round 13 yarn C; rounds 14 and 15 yarn B; rounds 16 and 17 yarn C; round 18 yarn B; rounds 19 to 21 yarn C.
☐ **Round 1**	Ch 2; dc in next 14 chs, ch 2, dc in next 28 chs, ch 2, dc in next 14 chs; join with sl st in first dc (56 dc, 2 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Round 2**	Ch 2; 2 dc in next st, dc in each st to next ch-2 sp, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 13 sts, 2 dc in each of next 2 sts, dc in next 13 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 13 sts, 2 dc in next st; join with sl st in first dc (68 dc, 2 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Round 3**	Ch 2; 2 dc in next st, dc in each st to next ch-2 sp, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 16 sts, 2 dc in each of next 2 sts, dc in next 16 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 16 sts, 2 dc in next st; join with sl st in first dc (80 dc, 2 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Round 4**	Ch 2; 2 dc in next st, dc in each st to next ch-2 sp, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 19 sts, 2 dc in each of next 2 sts, dc in next 19 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 19 sts, 2 dc in next st; join with sl st in first dc (92 dc, 2 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Round 5**	Ch 2; 2 dc in next st, dc in each st to next ch-2 sp, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 22 sts, 2 dc in each of next 2 sts, dc in next 22 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 22 sts, 2 dc in next st; join with sl st in first dc (104 dc, 2 ch-2 sps)

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☐ **Rounds 6 to 21** — Ch 2; [dc in each st to next ch-2 sp, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp] twice, dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc (232 dc; 2 ch-2 sps)

6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21

☐ Round 21 has 232 dc: 58 from the beginning of the round to the front point, 116 from the front point to the back point and 58 from there to the end. Fasten off.

Sleeve and cuff: make 2

Yarn C, plum.

☐ **Start** — Work this at step 2 of Assembly. With the right side facing, join yarn C in the first open st after an underarm seam; ch 1, sc in each of the 28 open sts (28 sc); join with sl st in first sc. This is round 1.

☐ **Rounds 2 to 5** — Ch 2; dc2tog, dc in each st around to last 2 sts, dc2tog; join with sl st in first dc2tog (20 dc)

2 3 4 5

☐ **Rounds 6 to 17** — Ch 2; **[**fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st**] 10 times**; join with sl st in first fpdc (10 fpdcs, 10 bpdcs)

6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17

☐ The sleeve is about 11¼ in (28.5 cm) long from the edge of the poncho, 8 in (20.5 cm) of it rib. Fasten off.

Hem

Yarn C, plum.

☐ **Start** — Work this at step 3 of Assembly. With the right side facing, join yarn C in the first open st of the front after the underarm seam of the right side (as worn); ch 1, sc in each of the 38 sts to the front point, (sc, ch 2, sc) in its ch-2 sp, sc in each of the 76 open sts to the back point, 38 of them before the underarm seam of the left side and 38 after it, (sc, ch 2, sc) in its ch-2 sp, sc in each of the 38 sts to the end (156 sc, 2 ch-2 sps); join with sl st in first sc. This is round 1.

☐ **Rounds 2 to 3** — Ch 1; [sc in each st to next ch-2 sp, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp] twice, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc (164 sc; 2 ch-2 sps)

2 3

☐ Fasten off.

Cowl

Yarn A, cinnamon.

☐ **Start** — Work this at step 4 of Assembly. Colors: rounds 1 to 10 yarn A; round 11 yarn C. Turn the poncho wrong side out, so that the wrong side (the inside) faces you and the foundation chain is uppermost. Join yarn A in the ch under the first dc of round 1; ch 1, sc in each of the 56 chs along their free side (56 sc); join with sl st in first sc. This is round 1.

☐ **Round 2** — Ch 2; **[**dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 14 times**; join with sl st in first dc (70 dc)

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☐ **Rounds 3 to 10** 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(70 dc)
☐ **Round 11**	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(70 sc)
☐	Fasten off. The cowl is about 7¼ in (18.5 cm) deep. Turn the poncho right side out and fold the cowl down over the outside: the side of it that faced you as you worked then shows.	

Assembly

1. Underarm seams: fold the poncho at the two sides, right sides together, so that the front point lies on the back point. The fold of the right side is the line where the rounds begin: from it count the first 14 sts of round 21 on the front and the last 14 sts on the back; they stay open for the arm. Toward the points, sew the next 6 sts of the front to the next 6 sts of the back, stitch to stitch. The fold of the left side lies between the 58th and the 59th dc after the front point: leave 14 sts on each side of it open for the arm and, toward the points, sew the next 6 sts of the front to the next 6 sts of the back. 76 sts of the front, 38 on each side of its ch-2 sp, and 76 sts of the back stay open for the lower edge. Sew each seam with a length of yarn C of about 12 in (30 cm). Turn the poncho right side out.

2. Sleeve and cuff: work one round each arm opening now, as written above.

3. Hem: work it now, as written above.

4. Cowl: work it now, as written above.

Finishing

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

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.

Notes

- A poncho hangs free. Around the lower edge of the body, without the points, it is from 12½ in (32 cm) to 27 in (68.5 cm) wider than the bust, by the size. Choose by the width you like; no fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The chain at the start of a round never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch of the round into the stitch at its base, where the round was joined.
- To work into a chain space, insert the hook under the whole chain.
- The chain space at a point is not counted as a stitch.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.
- The rounds of every piece are worked with one side always facing: do not turn at the end of a round.
- Mark the beginning of the round with a stitch marker and move it up as you work.
- To work a post stitch around a dc2tog, take the hook around both of its legs together.
- Color changes in rounds: work the sl st that joins the round before with the new yarn. Cut the old yarn, leaving an end of about 6 in (15 cm), or, if it is needed again within 6 rounds, carry it loosely up the inside at the join.
- Around the lower edge of the body, without the points 60¾ in (154.5 cm).

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