Crochet Baby Poncho
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Size: Varies Sizes
Hood Not Included

Hook: 5 mm / H

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Yarn

Caron Baby Cakes, 8.5 oz / 240 g, 560 yds / 512 m

A - 1 Balls. Colour shown is discontinued. Balls of 2021 are much bigger than original.

3 Sizes

You can make this for 6 months - 16", 12 - 18 months - 18" and 2 - 3 years - 21".

Gauge - 13 sc and 14 rows = 4"; save time and check your gauge.

Special Stitches - Hdc2tog = (Yoh and draw up a loop in next stitch) twice. Yoh and draw through all loops on hook.

Project Notes

- These instructions are written for the smallest size given. If changes are necessary for larger sizes, the instructions will be written thus ( ). When only one number is given, it applies to all sizes. To make it easier to work this pattern, circle all numbers pertaining to your size before you start.
- Ch 3 at beg of row counts as dc.
- Ch 2 at beg of row does not count as st.
- The number of Skeins needed to complete this project is 1 - Caron® Baby Cakes™ Yarn

Since 2019 when this pattern came out, Caron Baby Cakes are much bigger. There are now solid colours of this yarn as well if the changing of colour bothers you.

The poncho starts off at the bottom front and then the shoulders are continued on the front panel. Then once the shoulders are in place, the back panel is continually added to the shoulders to go down the back.

The hood is added afterwards.

Abbreviations
Approx = Approximate(ly)
Beg = Begin(ing)
Ch = Chain(s)
Cont = Continue(ity)
Dc = Double Crochet
Hdc2tog = Half Double Crochet 2 Together
Inc = Increase(ing)
Pat = Pattern
PM = Place Marker
Rep = Repeat
Rem = Remain(ing)
RS = Right Side
Sc = Single Crochet
Sl st = Slip Stitch
St(s) = Stitch(es)
WS = Wrong Side
Yoh = Yarn Over Hook

Front of Poncho

Beg at lower front, ch 56 (58-68).

Row 1: (RS). 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. *1 dc in next ch. 1 sc in next ch. Rep from * to end of chain. Turn. 55 (57-67) sts.

Row 2: Ch 3. *1 sc in next dc. 1 dc in next sc. Rep from * to end of row. Turn.

Row 3: Ch 1. 1 sc in first dc. *1 dc in next sc. 1 sc in next dc. Rep from * to end of row. Turn.

Rep last 2 rows for pat until piece measures 10

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(11½-12)", ending on a WS row. Do not fasten off.

Shape Neck with Shoulders - Part 1

Row 1: (RS). Pat across 20 (21-26) sts. Hdc2tog (neck edge). Turn. Leave rem sts unworked. 21 (22-27) sts.

Row 2: Ch 2. Hdc2tog. Pat to end of row. Turn.

Row 3: Pat to last 2 sts. Hdc2tog. Turn.

Rows 4 & 5: Rep last 2 rows once more. 17 (18-23) sts.

Row 6: Work 1 row even in pat. Fasten Off

Shape Neck with Shoulders - Part 2

I recommend using the same colour as part 1 for consistency. You may need to deconstruct a yarn ball to get the colour if you need to.

Row 1: (RS). Skip next 11 sts at center front. Join 2nd ball with sl st to next st. Ch 2 (does not count as st). Hdc2tog over same st as sl st and next st. Pat to end of row. Turn.

Row 2: Pat to last 2 sts. Hdc2tog. Turn.

Row 3: Ch 2. Hdc2tog. Pat to end of row. Turn.

Rows 4 & 5: Rep last 2 rows once more. 17 (18-23) sts.

Row 6: Work 1 row even in pat. Fasten off.
Back of Poncho

With neck shaping in place, the back of poncho will build onto the neckline. I recommend starting with a fresh colour of the ball to get a good balance. Deconstruct the ball if required.

You will start on one side of the shoulders and then jump over to the other side with a chain. This will create the width of the back panel to build onto.

Start on the neck part 1 and crochet across, using a ch to jump across to the part 2 to join it.

Next Row: (RS). Pat 17 (18-23) sts. from 1st shoulder. Ch 17 for back neck. Pat 17 (18-23) sts from 2nd shoulder. Turn. PM at end of last row.

Next Row: Pat across all sts and ch. Turn. 51 (53-63) sts.

Cont even in pat until work from marker measures same length as Front to shoulder, ending on a WS row. Fasten off.

Hood

PM on each side of unworked center front neck. (RS). Join yarn with sl st at right front marker. Ch 1. Work 51 (51-55) sc around neck edge to opposite marker. Turn.

Next Row: Ch 1. 1 sc in first sc. *1 dc in next sc. 1 sc in next dc. Rep from * to end of row. Turn. PM on center back st.

Cont in pat, inc 2 sts in center back st on next and following 4th rows twice more. 57 (57-61) sts.

Cont even in pat until Hood measures 8 (8½-9)"

[20.5 (21.5-23) cm], ending on a WS row.

Fasten off. Fold Hood in half and sew top Hood seam.

Sew 2 buttons on either side through both thicknesses or sew sides shut leaving space for arms.