

Blooming Toddler Poncho BY JACKIE MCKERNAN

Craft: Crochet

Difficulty: Intermediate

Materials:

Yarn – Ella Rae Classic Marls(100% wool; 219 yd [200 m]/3.5 oz [100 gm]; CYCA 3): #606 pink (A), #607 orange (B), #605 turquoise (C), #603 green (D), 1 skein each Hook – Size H/8 (5 mm). Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge Notions – Tapestry needle; sewing thread; one 1" button

Gauge: 15 hdc and 6 rows = 4". To check gauge, ch 17, hdc in 3rd ch from hook, turn. Row 2: ch 2 (does not count as hdc), hdc in each hdc across. Repeat row 2 four times more. Measure swatch, adjust hook size if necessary...

Available Sizes: 12-18months(18-24 months, 24-36 months)

Measurements: 28" (32", 36") shoulder/chest circumference



Stitch Guide:

Hdc2tog (half double crochet two together): [yo hook, insert in next st, yo and pull up loop, yo and pull through 2 loops] twice, yo and pull through all 5 loops.

Petal cl: Ch 5, *yo hook 3 times, insert hook in same st and pull up loop, [yo and pull through 2 loops] 3 times; rep from * once more, yo and pull through all 3 loops, ch 5, sl st in same st.

Instructions:

Flower Motif (make 4, varying colors as desired)

Note: The sizing of the poncho is achieved by making smaller or larger motifs. All sizes are worked through Round 7; larger sizes have additional rounds.

With yarn A, ch 4, sl st in 4th ch from hook to join in ring.



Round 1: Ch 1, then work 8 sc in ring, sl st in beg sc to join, do not turn, here and throughout.

Round 2: *petal cl, sl st in next st; rep from * around, end off color A. (8 petals made)

Join yarn B in top stitch of any petal.

Round 3: Ch 1, (2 sc ,ch2 , 2sc) in same st, ch 4, sc in top of next petal, ch 4,* (2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc) in top of next petal, ch 4, sc in top of next petal, ch 4; rep from * around, sl st in beg sc to join.

Round 4: Ch 2(counts as 1st hdc), 1 hdc in next sc,* (2 hdc, ch2, 2 hdc) in next ch-2 sp, hdc in next 2 sc, 4 hdc in next ch-4 sp, hdc in next sc, 4 hdc in next ch-4 sp, hdc in next 2 sc; rep from * around, sl st in top of beg ch-2 to join, end off color B.

Join color C in any ch-2 corner sp.
Round 5: Ch 3 (counts as dc) dc in same sp, ch 2,
2 dc in same sp, ch 1, sk next hdc, (dc in next hdc,
ch 1, sk next hdc) 8 times, * (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in
next ch-2 corner sp, ch 1, sk next hdc, (dc in next
hdc, ch 1, sk next hdc) 8 times; rep from * around,
sl st in top of beg ch-3 to join, end off color C.
Join color D in any ch-2 corner sp.

Round 6: Ch 2(counts as 1st hdc), hdc in same sp, ch2, 2 hdc in same sp, hdc in next 2 dc, (hdc in next ch-1 sp, hdc in next hdc) 8 times, hdc in next ch-1 sp, hdc in next 2 hdc, *(2 hdc, ch 2, 2 hdc) in next ch-2 sp, hdc in next 2 hdc, (hdc in next ch-1 sp, hdc in next hdc) 8 times, hdc in next ch-1 sp, hdc in next 2 hdc; rep from * around, sl st in top of beg ch-2 to join, end off color D.

Join yarn C in any ch-2 corner sp.

Round 7: Ch 1, work 5 sc in same ch-2 sp, sc in next 24 hdc, *5 sc in ch-2 sp, sc in next 24 hdc; rep from * around, sl st in beg sc to join. If you are making the smallest size, end off, leaving a long tail for sewing, and rep rnds 1-7 for three more motifs. If making a larger size, end off color C and join color B in the 3rd of 5 sc in any corner.

Round 8: Ch 2 (counts as 1st hdc), 2 hdc in same st, hdc in next 28 sc,* 3 hdc in next sc, hdc in next 28 sc; rep from * around, sl st in top of beg ch-2 to join. If you are making the 18-24 month size, end off, leaving a long tail for sewing, and rep rnds 1-8 for 3 more motifs. If making largest size, end off color B and join color A in the 2nd of 3 hdc in any corner.

Round 9: Ch 2 (counts as 1st hdc), 2 hdc in same st, hdc in next 30 hdc, *3 hdc in next hdc, hdc in next 30 hdc; rep from * around, sl st in top of beg ch-2 to join, end off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Repeat rnds 1-9 3 times more if making the largest size.

Assembly

Sew motifs in a strip. Fold strip around and sew the left edge of the motif at the left end of the strip to the top edge of the motif on the right end of the strip.



Neck Edge

With RS facing, join color of choice to any st on back side of neck opening (the front of the neck opening is the V-shape)

Ch 1, and then work 80 (88, 96) hdc evenly spaced around opening, sl st in beg sc to join, do not turn, here and throughout.

Round 2: Ch 2 (counts as 1st hdc, here and throughout neck), hdc in next 5 sc, hdc2tog, *hdc in next 6 sc, hdc2tog; rep from * around, sl st in beg hdc to join.

Round 3: Ch 2, hdc in next 4 hdc, hdc2tog, *hdc in next 5 hdc, hdc2tog; rep from * around, sl st in beg hdc to join.

Round 4: Ch 2, hdc in next 3 hdc, hdc2tog, *hdc in next 4 hdc, hdc2tog; rep from * around, sl st in beg hdc to join.

Round 5: Ch 2, hdc in next 2 hdc, hdc2tog, *hdc in next 3 hdc, hdc2tog; rep from * around, sl st in beg hdc to join, end off.

Bottom Edge

Turn poncho upside down with bottom point facing up and RS facing out. The motif which forms the bottom point of the poncho will be referred to as motif A. Join color of choice to bottom edge of poncho at the junction of Motif A and the motif to the left of it. Ch 1, sc in same place, *ch 2, sk next 2 motif st, sc in next motif st; rep from * until you reach the junction of Motif A and the motif to the right of it. Note: if your repeat does not end exactly at the junction, just add or subtract one skipped st to make it work. Turn.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in same sc, sc in next ch,* ch 3, sc in same ch, sc in next ch and next sc, sc in next ch; rep from * across to last sc, end off.



Sew button to front neck edge at bottom of V-opening on first row of neck edging. Use the ch-2 corner sp at the bottom point of the poncho as the buttonhole. Weave in all ends, block if necessary according to instructions on yarn label.

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