



CrochetRooms

Crochet Ghost Poncho Halloween Costume: Free Crochet Pattern

Finished Size & Skill Level

- **One size:** fits toddlers about 2 to 4 years old. Neck opening stretches to about 22 in (56 cm); poncho measures about 12 in (30 cm) from neck to hem
- **Skill level:** Easy to intermediate - double crochet in joined rounds with simple four-point increases
- **Time:** a few evenings

Materials

- **Worsted-weight (#4) acrylic yarn** - white, about 550 yds (500 m), plus a small amount of black for the face
- **US H-8 (5.0 mm) crochet hook** - gives a soft, drapery fabric that is comfortable for a child
- Yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker

Abbreviations (US Terms)

- **ch** = chain | **st(s)** = stitch(es) | **dc** = double crochet (UK: treble crochet)
- **sl st** = slip stitch | **sc** = single crochet
- **sk** = skip | **sp** = space

Gauge

13 dc = 4 in (10 cm) and 8 dc rows = 4 in (10 cm) with a 5.0 mm hook. The poncho is forgiving, but check your gauge so the neck opening fits over the child's head.

Pattern Notes

- This is an original CrochetRooms pattern. The poncho is worked top-down in one piece, in joined rounds, with no seaming.
- Join each round with a sl st to the first dc. Chain 2 to begin each round; the chain 2 does not count as a stitch.
- The four increase points sit at the two front and two back corners of the poncho and shape the classic drape.
- All stitch counts are given in parentheses at the end of each round. Chain-2 corner spaces are not counted as stitches.

Neck

Round 1: Chain 64. Join with a sl st to the first ch to form a ring, being careful not to twist. Ch 2 (does not count as a st). Dc in each ch around. Join with a sl st to the first dc. (64 dc)

Round 2: Ch 2. Dc in each st around. Join. (64 dc)

Poncho Body

Round 3 (first increase round): Ch 2. *Dc in the next 15 sts, (dc, ch 2, dc) in the next st; repeat from * 3 more times. Join. (72 dc and 4 ch-2 sps)

Rounds 4-22: Ch 2. *Dc in each dc to the next ch-2 sp, (dc, ch 2, dc) in the ch-2 sp; repeat from * 3 more times. Join.

Each round adds 8 dc: Round 4 has 80 dc, Round 5 has 88 dc, and so on up to Round 22 with 224 dc and 4 ch-2 sps. The poncho grows wider every round while the four corner spaces keep the shaping even.

For a larger child, repeat the Round 4 pattern 4 more times before moving to the hem; for a smaller baby, stop the body 3 rounds earlier.

Wavy Ghost Hem

Round 23: *Sl st in the next 2 sts, sk 1 st, 5 dc in the next st, sk 1 st, sl st in the next 2 sts; repeat from * 31 more times. Join with a sl st to the first sl st. Fasten off. (32 scallops)

The scallops give the poncho the wavy, floating silhouette of a cartoon ghost and stop the hem from curling.

Ghost Face

The face is embroidered with black yarn, which keeps the costume safe for small children: no plastic parts.

- **Placement:** Lay the poncho flat with one corner space centered at the front. The face sits on the front panel, centered between the two front corners, about 3 in (7.5 cm) below the neck round.
- **Eyes:** With black yarn and a yarn needle, embroider two ovals about 1 in (2.5 cm) tall and 0.75 in (2 cm) wide, spaced about 2 in (5 cm) apart. Fill each oval with satin stitch.
- **Mouth:** Embroider one round oval about 1 in (2.5 cm) tall, centered below and between the eyes, filled with satin stitch.

Step back and check that the face looks centered and level before you finish the ends.

Finishing

Weave in all remaining ends. Machine wash gentle and lay flat to dry before the first wear so the fabric relaxes. Your crochet ghost poncho costume is ready for trick-or-treat night.