Crochet Cape: Enchanted Dreams Cape

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A vintage style crochet cape worked top down in one piece, with a textured tri-square stitch body, a single crochet collar, a contrasting trim, and a buckle closure with two buttons. This pattern follows the Enchanted Dreams Cape by Two Brothers Blankets, with the stitch counts recomputed and checked row by row. Row 10 is corrected here: it repeats back post double crochet first, so the basketweave alternates correctly.

Skill level: Intermediate.

Sizes: XS (S, M, L). Fits bust 28-30 (32-34, 36-38, 40-42) in, 71-76 (81-86, 91-97, 102-107) cm.

Finished length: work the textured rows until the garment reaches 22 in (56 cm), or until it reaches the length you want. The source gives 22 in as the target length for all sizes.

Materials

Worsted weight (4) yarn in a main color (MC) and a contrasting color (CC). The sample uses Hobby Lobby I Love This Yarn. Lion Brand Pound of Love is a good substitute.

Yardage: XS 710 yards (649 m), S 800 yards (732 m), M 950 yards (869 m), L 1100 yards (1006 m). Meter figures are arithmetic from the source yardage.

Hook: I/9 (5.5 mm), or the hook needed to obtain gauge.

Notions: scissors, measuring tape, darning needle for weaving in ends, two 1 in (2.5 cm) buttons.

Gauge

14 hdc and 10 rows = 4 in (10 cm) square. Check your gauge before you start the body. If your stitches are too loose, go down a hook size. If they are too tight, go up a hook size.

Abbreviations, US terms

ch: chain

hdc: half double crochet

dc: double crochet

sc: single crochet

sl st: slip stitch

FPdc: front post double crochet

BPdc: back post double crochet

MC: main color

CC: contrasting color

st(s): stitch(es)

RS: right side

Pattern notes

The pattern is worked from the top down, with the trim, collar, and buckle added at the end. The starting chain does not count as the first stitch unless the row says otherwise. Instructions are written for XS, with S, M, and L in parentheses as XS (S, M, L). Where no parentheses are given, work the same for every size. The ch 3 at the start of Rows 8, 9, and 10 counts as the first stitch.

Body

Chain 55.

Row 1: in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in the back bump of each stitch across. (54 hdc)

Row 2: Ch 1, turn, 2 hdc in 1st stitch, 1 hdc in next 2, *2 hdc in next, 1 hdc in next 2*, repeat from * to * across. (72 hdc)

Row 3: Ch 1, turn, 2 hdc in 1st stitch, 1 hdc in next 2, *2 hdc in next, 1 hdc in next 2*, repeat from * to * across. (96 hdc) Stop here for XS. Move to Row 7.

Row 4: Ch 1, turn, 2 hdc in 1st stitch, 1 hdc in next 3, *2 hdc in next, 1 hdc in next 3*, repeat from * to * across. (120 hdc) Stop here for S. Move to Row 7.

Row 5: Ch 1, turn, 2 hdc in 1st stitch, 1 hdc in next 4, *2 hdc in next, 1 hdc in next 4*, repeat from * to * across. (144 hdc) Stop here for M. Move to Row 7.

Row 6: Ch 1, turn, 2 hdc in 1st stitch, 1 hdc in next 5, *2 hdc in next, 1 hdc in next 5*, repeat from * to * across. (168 hdc)

Row 7: Ch 1, turn, hdc in each stitch across. (96, 120, 144, 168 hdc) Repeat Row 7 a further 10 (15, 15, 20) times, so Row 7 is worked 11 (16, 16, 21) times in total.

Row 8: Ch 3 (counts as 1st stitch), turn, dc in next 95 (119, 143, 167) stitches. (96, 120, 144, 168 dc)

Row 9: Ch 3 (counts as 1st stitch), turn, FPdc in next 2, BPdc in next 3, *FPdc in next 3, BPdc in next 3*, repeat from * to * 15 (19, 23, 27) times. (96, 120, 144, 168 dc)

Row 10: Ch 3 (counts as 1st stitch), turn, BPdc in next 2, FPdc in next 3, *BPdc in next 3, FPdc in next 3*, repeat from * to * 15 (19, 23, 27) times. (96, 120, 144, 168 dc)

Repeat Rows 9 and 10 until the garment reaches 22 in (56 cm) or until it reaches the length you want.

Row 11: Ch 1, turn, sc evenly around the entire garment, working 2 sc in each corner stitch. Fasten off.

Collar

Join MC to the top corner of the garment, with the right side facing you.

Row 1: Ch 1, sc in 1st stitch and in next 53 stitches. (54 sc)

Row 2: Ch 1, turn, sc in each stitch across. (54 sc)

Rows 3-10: repeat Row 2. The collar is 10 rows in total.

Trim

Join CC to the last stitch of the collar.

Round 1: Ch 1, turn, sc in each stitch around the entire garment, working 2 sc in each corner stitch, join to 1st stitch. Repeat Round 1 two more times, so the trim is 3 rounds in total. Fasten off. Weave in all ends. Block if necessary.

Buckle, with CC

Chain 21.

Row 1: Dc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across, ch 5, turn the row around and sl st to the bottom of the 1st ch stitch. (19 dc, plus a ch-5 loop)

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each stitch across, ch 5, sl st to the top of the 1st dc stitch. (19 sc, plus a ch-5 loop)

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in each stitch across, work 5 sc in the ch-5 space, sc in each bottom stitch across, work 5 sc in the ch-5 space, join to 1st stitch. (48 sc) Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Finishing

Sew on the two buttons about 2 in (5 cm) down from the very top of the garment on each side edge. Attach the buckle with the buttons. Weave in all ends. Block the cape if necessary, laying it flat and shaping it gently, then let it dry.

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