

## LACE PONCHO



— Knit in-the-round and from the top-down, this poncho is ultra-easy to knit and wear!

**Size:** 24" neck circumference, 54" circumference after yoke increases. 16" length from center front of neck to bottom edge.

### Supplies & tools

- 540 yards of any lightweight chunky, smooth yarn that knits to gauge below. (Model was knit with Reynolds Cabana, now discontinued.) Another yarn that works well at this gauge is GGH Goa.
- sz 10.5 circular needles in 24" and 32" (or longer) lengths. (or size necessary to obtain gauge.)
- sz 9 circular needles in 16" and 32" (or longer) lengths
- split-ring stitch markers in two colors

- yarn needle and scissors
- 2 yards of smooth waste yarn

### Gauge

13 sts and 21 rows = 4 inches in stockinette st with larger needle. (3.25 sts per inch)

### Special techniques

*M1—make one.* Use the following method of adding stitches. Before the seam st, place a firm backward loop over the right hand needle. Knit the seam st. Place another loop on the right hand needle, turned the opposite direction from first M1. On the subsequent round, knit the first M1 loop through the front; knit the second M1 loop through the back.

*\*Dealing with increases in lace:* Keep the increases in stockinette stitch until you have added four new sts on either side of the seam st. On the following round (which is NOT an increase round), incorporate these four sts into the lace pattern. Repeat the process, always waiting until enough new sts are available before adding a new lace motif.

### Instructions

With the thinner, shorter needle, CO 72 sts. Place a marker in the first st. (I like green for "go".) Place different color markers in sts 19, 37 and 55. These four

sts are the "seam" sts. The odd color marker indicates the beginning of a new round. Join to work circular.

**NECKBAND:**

Rnd 1: purl

Rnd 2: knit

Rep rnds 1 and 2.

**BODY:** Change to thicker, shorter needle and begin openwork rib pattern.

Rnd 1: [k1 (seam st), \*p1, k3; rep \* to last st before marker; p1] Rep [ ] three more times.

Rnd 2: [k1, \*p1, YO, sl 1, k2tog, pss0, YO; rep \* to last st before marker; p1] Rep [ ] three more times.

Rnd 3: as rnd 1. *AT THE SAME TIME, place a M1 increase on each side of seam sts on this and **every other round**.* (8 new sts on each increase rnd)

Rnd 4: as rnd 1.

Repeat the last four rounds. Incorporate new sts into lace pattern as directed above \*. Change to the thicker, longer needle when necessary for comfort.

When there are 176 sts on the needles, you should be at the end of a round 3. Work rnd 4 and rnd 1 with NO increase. Beginning with a YO before the last st of rnd 1, work the lace motif across the seam st and complete the round. Remove all markers except the one that indicates beginning of round.

Continue in lace pattern, with no more increases, until poncho measures 16 lace repeats in length. (Place sts on waste yarn to try on for length.) End with a rnd 3.

**BOTTOM EDGE:** Change to thinner, longer needle.

Rnd 1: purl

Rnd 2: knit

Rnd 3: purl

Bind off in knit.

Done! No need to block. Wear with lines of increase placed on either side of shoulders, like a raglan sweater.



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## Lace Poncho in different gauges, with size options

Circumference may be modified by choosing a different size yarn and needles. Length may be modified, although options given for circumference assume that garment will stop at or above the elbow, allowing freedom of movement. A longer poncho may need additional increases. Here are some options for different gauge yarns:

### @3 sts per inch

- CO 64 sts (21" neck), inc to 168 sts=56" (sm/med) Seam sts 1, 19, 33, 51
- CO 72 sts (24" neck), inc to 176 sts=59" (large) Seam sts 1, 19, 37, 55
- CO 72 sts (24" neck), inc to 208 sts=69" (xlarge) Seam sts 1, 19, 37, 55

### @3.25 st per inch

- CO 72 sts (22" neck), inc to 176 sts=54" (med) Seam sts 1, 19, 37, 55
- CO 64 sts (20" neck), inc to 168 sts=52"(small) Seam sts 1, 19, 33, 51

### @3.5 sts per inch

- CO 72 sts (20.5" neck), inc to 176 sts=50" (small) Seam sts 1, 19, 37, 55
- CO 72 sts (20.5" neck), inc to 208 sts=59" (med/lg) Seam sts 1, 19, 37, 55
- CO 80 sts (23" neck), inc. to 216 sts=62" (large) Seam sts 1, 23,41,63

### @3.75 sts per inch

- CO 80 sts (21" neck), inc to 216 sts=58"(med) Seam sts 1,23,41,63

### @4 sts per inch

- CO 80 (20" neck), inc to 216 sts=54" (sm/med) Seam sts 1,23,41,63
- CO 88 (22" neck), inc to 224 sts=56" (med) Seam sts 1, 23, 45, 67