

Party Angel cape for child – Janet Renouf-Miller



Materials

1 ball Debbie Bliss Party Angel yarn Rowan Kidsilk Haze or another fine yarn can be substituted if desired. The yarns recommended are fluffy, soft and fine.

6mm crochet hook

Abbreviations

Ch – chain

Dc – double crochet

Tr – treble crochet

Size to fit 2-5 year old child but can easily be adapted for any different size.

Instructions

Make 32 chain loosely. Remember you need to crochet into them on the next row so if they are too tight use a hook 2 sizes larger to make this starting chain. 30 chain will form the edge of the cape and 2 will go up the side to make the 'rising chain' which is the first stitch of the next row.

Rising chain

For the treble crochet used in this yarn 2 chains are usually enough but if it seems too tight at the edge to 3 chains. As with the conventions of crochet, these chains are worked at the end of each row before turning the work around to begin the next row. This makes sure they face the right way and it is therefore easier to crochet into them on the following row.

Rows 2-4 Miss out first stitch (the one the chain comes out of) and crochet into the next chain. The first row can be a bit of a fiddle and you really do need those chains loose so that you can see where to crochet into. Crochet into each chain to end of row. Work 2 chain at end of each row. Check there are still 30 stitches at the end of each row.

Row 5 work 3 trebles (tr). Increase into next stitch by doing 2 trebles in the same place. Repeat to end of row. If you have adapted the pattern and there is an odd number of stitches left at the end of the row don't worry about it. just work any decrease at least 1 stitch in from the edge. Remember to do the 2 'rising chains' at the end of each row and continue to do this for every row.

Row 6 work 2 trebles then increase into next stitch as before.

Row 7 Work trebles across the row.

Row 8 work 2 trebles then increase in next stitch. Repeat along the row.

Row 9 as row 8

Row 10 work trebles across the row.

Row 11 work 3 trebles then increase in next stitch. Repeat to end.

Row 12 and remaining rows work trebles across the row until cape is the desired length.

NB for a larger size repeat row 8 and row 10 alternately until shoulders are desired width before moving on to row 12.

Edging

Work 1 row of double crochet around the edge. At the corners work 2 double crochet into each corner stitch. Do 2 chain and turn. This prevents the edge from curling.

Row 2 work double crochet picot edge as follows: work 3 double crochet (dc) then 3 chain (ch). Slip stitch 3rd chain to 1st chain. Repeat all around the edge. There is no need to do 2 dc into each corner stitch again unless the corners are too tight.

Finish by threading a ribbon through the trebles at the neck to tie.

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