

Adorable Mommy & Me Beach Ponchos

This is a fun and very simple pattern for all skill levels. The only part that might be confusing is stitching the one and only seam in the correct direction [but there's a diagram- so have no fear]!

You may want to consider this a great project for a school-age child to do with you. You might knit her poncho and scale it down for her to knit one for her favorite doll or let her knit her own as you knit yours. Then you will be the hit of the beach in your comfy ponchos knit from Dark Horse's **ADORABLE BABY**, a terry-cloth boucle pom-pom yarn which comes in delectable pastel colors.



SKILL LEVEL: beginner

SIZES:

Adult	one size*
Child	toddler*

*if larger sizes are desired, increase the length of the poncho in three [3] inch increments which will increase the size of the poncho

MATERIALS:

- Dark Horse **ADORABLE BABY YARN**
Adult 3 balls
Child 2 balls
- Dark Horse **FLAG YARN** one ball for trim
- Size 15 knitting needles



STITCH PATTERN:

The garter stitch [all rows are knit].



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GAUGE:

6 sts. = 2''*

4 rows = 1''*

*check your gauge, but due to the casual fit of a beach poncho a slightly larger gauge will be fine, naturally too tight a gauge will make your ponchos smaller!

PONCHO

ADULT

- Cast on 30 stitches
- Use a firm cast on, but be certain your stitches slide easily on the needle- this will be important in providing a nice edge for the poncho
- Continue in the garter stitch 36'' or your desired length for larger sizes [remember to increase in units/increments of 3'']
- HINT: for straighter edges, slip the first stitch of each row and then continue in the garter stitch for the rest of the row. Slipping the first stitch helps to prevent loopy first stitches on edges that will not be seamed, i.e. ponchos, scarves, wraps, etc.
- When piece measures 36'' or desired length bind off so that it matches your cast-on edge.

FINISHING:

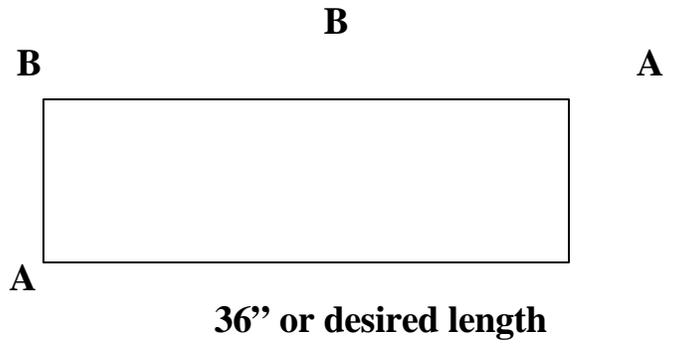
Beginning at the corner of the short side of the rectangle [corner A, match it to corner A on the long side of the rectangle. Align corner B with B on the long side of the rectangle. This will form a point or the front of your poncho. You will note that a neck hole automatically is formed. SEE THE DIAGRAM BELOW.

Sew these edges together using a gentle stitch, being careful not to pull yarns too tightly, making an unsightly seam.

Should the neck edge feel too loose you can do one row of single crochet pulling the neck edge in slightly.

An optional trim of a floppy flower made from DARK HORSE'S **FLAG** and attached at neck where the seam begins adds the perfect finishing touch.





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