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Rose Finch Capelet, a Vintage Lace Poncho (Free Crochet Pattern)

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Source instructions

I'm so excited to share with you my newest design: the Rose Finch Capelet, a Vintage Lace Poncho! I designed and crocheted this as a gift for my mother, and love how it turned out.

To see it in action, check out my super quick (44-second!) product preview video below...

I created it to be light and airy, so that it can be the perfect accessory for warmer Spring and Summer seasons!

Its design features a delicate boat-shaped neckline followed by a feminine body portion using a simple and fun two-row stitch repeat. It crocheted in joined rounds, and a relatively quick and easy project that beginners familiar with the stitches used can tackle without any trouble.

Using soft cotton bamboo yarn or a cotton blend, it features a relaxed and beautiful drape with the illusion of sleeves.

The lace and bottom edging portion makes this a more “dressy” and delicate-looking shawl that will be sure to garner compliments!

Or, if you'd prefer, lift an arm and you'll instantly get a bird wing. Pretty nifty, yeah?

The beautiful yarn that I chose to use for this project is LB Collection® Cotton Bamboo Yarn , in the color 'Cherry Blossom'. It is so heavenly soft, provides wonderful drape for the capelet, and is also very durable as it's composed of cotton and bamboo rayon. Definitely is and feels like a luxury fiber but surprisingly affordable for its quality!

I used almost three skeins for this project. Here's the bundle of yarn that I had left over when completed!

This beautiful capelet adds a lovely pop of color and lace texture to any outfit. You can check out my other crochet wearables to see clothing and accessories for every season!

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Introduction: The Rose Finch Capelet is a vintage lace poncho that is light, airy, and the perfect accessory for warmer Spring and Summer seasons! Its design features a delicate boat-shaped neckline followed by a feminine body portion using a simple and fun two-row stitch repeat. It crocheted in joined rounds, and a relatively quick and easy project that beginners familiar with the stitches used can tackle without any trouble.

Using soft cotton bamboo yarn or a cotton blend, it features a relaxed and beautiful drape with the illusion of sleeves. The lace and bottom edging portion makes this a more “dressy” looking

shawl that will be sure to garner compliments. It can be worn similar to a wrap or shrug, and adds a lovely touch of color and texture to any outfit. Crochet this beautiful capelet as a gift for someone special, or for yourself!

Finished Measurement: Directions are written for a “one size fits most”, with XL version in [brackets].

Neckline : 28” [32”] circumference, or 14” [16”] across from shoulder to shoulder.

Length excluding neckline : 14”, though easily adjustable by adding additional rows, which is noted in the pattern.

Level: ★★☆☆☆ Easy / Familiar Beginner Requires familiarity with the stitches used (below), attaching yarn, and sewing pieces together.

Stitches/Terms Used (US Terminology): Chain (ch) Slip stitch (sl st) Single crochet (sc) Chainless foundation half double crochet (fhdc) [Video Tutorial] Skip (sk) Space (sp) Cluster (cl) - refer pattern notes when starting Materials: 3 [4] skeins of LB Collection® Cotton Bamboo Yarn (I used the color ‘Cherry Blossom’) or similar light weight (3) yarn composed of cotton/cotton blend to reduce stretch.

4.5 mm crochet hook for neckline 6 mm crochet hook for body portion Yarn needle Scissors

~ CROCHET INSTRUCTIONS ~

Important Notes (

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before beginning!) The Cluster Stitch (“cl”) will be used in the “Body Portion” of this pattern.

Cluster Stitch (“Cl”): YO, insert hook into st indicated, pull up a loop. YO, pull through 2 loops. YO, insert hook into same st, pull up loop. YO, pull through 2 loops. YO, pull through all 3 loops on hook.

The beginning chain(s) of each row does not count as a stitch.

This pattern is made entirely in one piece. Do not fasten off until instructed to do so at the very end.

Row Instruction

Stitch

Count

NECKLINE

| Use the 4.5 mm hook for this section.

R1 Make a FHDC row of 96 [108] sts.

Taking care not to twist your work, join with a sl st to the first hdc.

96 [108] fhdc Note: [1] Check the size of the neckline by seeing if it comfortably fits over your head and over your shoulders. As you work, your piece will continue stretch a bit so do not make it

too loose or it may slip off your shoulders when you finish the project. (For reference, my neckline at R1 measured 23” circumference, but at the end of the project it measured 28”).

[2] FHDC (chainless foundation half double crochet) tutorial available here: www.sweetsofties.com/2018/11/how-to-crochet-chainless-foundation-hdc.html

R2 Ch 2, (hdc 7 [8], inc) x 12. *Join with a sl st to the first hdc.

108 [120] hdc

R3 Ch 2, (hdc 8 [9], inc) x 12. *Join.

120 [132] hdc

R4 Ch 2, (hdc 9 [10], inc) x 12. *Join.

132 [144] hdc

BODY PORTION

| Use the 6 mm hook for this section.

R5 Ch 1, sc in same st. Ch 2, cl in next, ch 2, (sc in next, ch 2, cl in next, ch

2) x repeat around. *Join with sl st to first st in the round.

Note : Click here for a video tutorial of R5 , or scroll down to the "Video Tutorial" section to view it from this page.

132 [144] sts

R6 Sl st in next 2 ch. Sl st on top of next cl. Ch 1, sc in same st. Ch 5. (Sc on top of next cl, ch 5) x repeat around. *Join.

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66 [72] sts

R7 Ch 2, cl in same st. Ch 2, sc in ch-5 sp. Ch 2.

(Cl in next sc, ch 2, sc in ch-5 sp, ch 2) x repeat around. *Join.

132 [144] sts

R8 Ch 1, sc in same st. Ch 5. (Sc on top of next cl, ch 5) x repeat around. *Join.

66 [72] sts

R9-R32

(or more) Repeat

R7 and

R8 until length measures 12" from neckline.

To make the poncho longer, simply add more rows until you are satisfied with the length. Make sure you end on a

R8 repeat.

BOTTOM EDGING

| Continue with the 6 mm hook for this section.

R1 Sl st 2 in the ch-5 sp. Ch 1 and sc in ch-5 sp.

(Ch 5, sc in middle of next ch-5 sp) x repeat around. *Join.

R2 (Dc 6 in ch-5 sp, sl st in sc) x repeat around. *Join.

Fasten off and weave in the end with a yarn needle.

~ VIDEO TUTORIALS ~

Video tutorials are available for R5 and R6 of the body portion. The cluster stitch is demonstrated in R5; please check out the video to see how to do it.

R5

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Best wishes,

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