

# Basic Children's Poncho

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Sweet and simple - a children's poncho in three different yarn weights.

## Sizing and Materials Details

**Sizes:** Children's Sizes 5-6 (7-8, 9-10, 11-12) years

**Finished measurements:** All sizes have a neck circumference of 18", length is 15 (16, 17, 18)" when measured along the side (not the point)

**Gauge:** All gauge swatches should be worked in stockinette stitch.

**DK weight yarn:** 20 stitches and 28 rounds = 4" using size needle to obtain gauge.

**Worsted weight yarn:** 16 stitches and 15 rounds = 4" using size needle to obtain gauge.

**Chunky weight yarn:** 14 stitches and 20 rounds = 4" using size needle to obtain gauge.

**Needles:** All ponchos require circular needles in 16", 24" and 32" or 40" lengths. Adjust needle size as necessary to obtain correct gauge.

**DK weight yarn:** US 6 (4 mm).

**Worsted weight yarn:** US 9 (5.5 mm).

**Chunky weight yarn:** US 10.5 (6.5 mm).

**Yarn:** Yardage amounts vary based on poncho length.

**DK weight (CYCA #3) yarn:** approximately 550-900 yards.

**Worsted weight (CYCA #4) yarn:** approximately 475-800 yards.

**Chunky weight (CYCA #5) yarn:** approximately 400-700 yards.

**Other Materials:** three stitch markers (one of which is a distinguishing style or color), tapestry needle.

## Pattern Notes

- The instructions are the same for most sizes and gauges, except for cast on amounts and marker placement information. Where there is a specific number listed in the pattern, it will be written next to the corresponding yarn weight title or in parenthesis that represent the different finished lengths.
- To work the increases on either side of the increase markers while you are binding off, you can work m1 increases or yarn overs one stitch before and one stitch after each increase line marker. Or, you can work the kfb increase, working a bind off after each step (knit into the front of the stitch, bind off the stitch on the right-hand needle, then knit into the back of the stitch and bind off the stitch on the right-hand needle).
- To work the poncho in smaller (or larger) sizes, cast on fewer (or more) stitches in multiples of 4. Place increase line markers at the 25% stitch count, and at the 75% stitch count. Example: if you are casting on 40 stitches, place the increase line markers at 10<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> stitches – purl 10, pm, purl 20, pm, purl 10.



## Abbreviations

**k** – knit.

**kfb** – knit into the front and back of the stitch. One stitch increased.

**p** – purl.

**pm** – place marker.

**sm** – slip marker.

## Instructions

With 16" circular needle, cast on

**DK weight: 84 stitches.**

**Worsted weight: 72 stitches.**

**Chunky weight: 64 stitches.**

Place a distinguishing marker to mark the beginning of the round. Being careful not to twist the stitches, join the work in the round.

Rounds 1-5: knit.

Round 6: purl, while placing increase line markers as follows:

**DK weight: purl 21, pm, purl 42, pm, purl 21.**

**Worsted weight: purl 18, pm, purl 36, pm, purl 18.**

**Chunky weight: purl 16, pm, purl 32, pm, purl 16.**

Begin working the main pattern for the poncho, changing to longer length circulars as the stitches become crowded on the shorter lengths.

Round A: knit.

Round B: knit to two stitches before the increase line marker, kfb, k1, sm, kfb, knit to two stitches before the next increase line marker, kfb, k1, sm, kfb. Knit to the end of the round. 4 stitches increased.

Repeat rounds A & B until piece measures about 14 (15, 16, 17)" measured straight down the side. Do not measure along the increase line.

### Bottom Border

Round C: purl.

Round D: repeat round B from main pattern, above.

Repeat rounds C & D until border measures 1". Purl one round. Bind off knitwise on the next round, increasing one stitch next to each marker as you bind off (see note on page 2) to maintain a pointy edge.

### Finishing

Weave in tails and block.