

Icy Hombre Poncho

This poncho is named for the ombre coloured stripes as well as the style of the poncho: it's made the traditional way of 2 rectangles joined together, like the old hombres of Mexico and South America wore.

The stitch pattern used here accentuates the stripes made by the graduated-colour yarn, but you can use any yarn you like (and in fact you can use any stitch you like - just make your rectangles to the correct size).

There are only 2 basic stitches used in this pattern, so any beginner can make this. It also crochets very quickly due to the use of tall triple crochet stitches, so you can easily whip up this poncho in a weekend.

Level of Difficulty: Beginner

Size:

S/M , L/XL , 2X/3X

(size L/XL is pictured)



Materials:

- 6-8 skeins Gedifra Riana Color (or aprox 780-1000 yards of any Worsted / 10ply / 4-Medium yarn... or any yarn you like)
- 5.5mm crochet hook (or suitable size for your yarn)

Gauge / tension:

My gauge was aprox 12 triple crochet = 4 inches / 4 rows in triple crochet = 4 inches

Keeping to this gauge is not important, but the final dimensions of your rectangles should be roughly in keeping with the dimensions listed for your size. Make a gauge swatch to determine how many stitches you will need (how many chains to make in your foundation chain).

Abbreviations for stitches used:

Pattern uses US crochet terms (GB equivalent terms in red like this)

sc = single crochet (GB: double crochet)

tr = triple crochet (GB: double treble)

blo = back loop only - insert your hook under the back loop of the stitch on the row below

flo = front loop only - insert your hook under the front loop of the stitch on the row below

Finished dimensions:

2 rectangles, each of them as close as possible to the following size:

- S/M = 16 inches (41cm) wide x 27 inches (69cm) long
- L/XL = 18 inches (46cm) wide x 29 inches (74cm) long
- 2X/3X = 20 inches (51cm) wide x 31 inches (79cm) long

Instructions

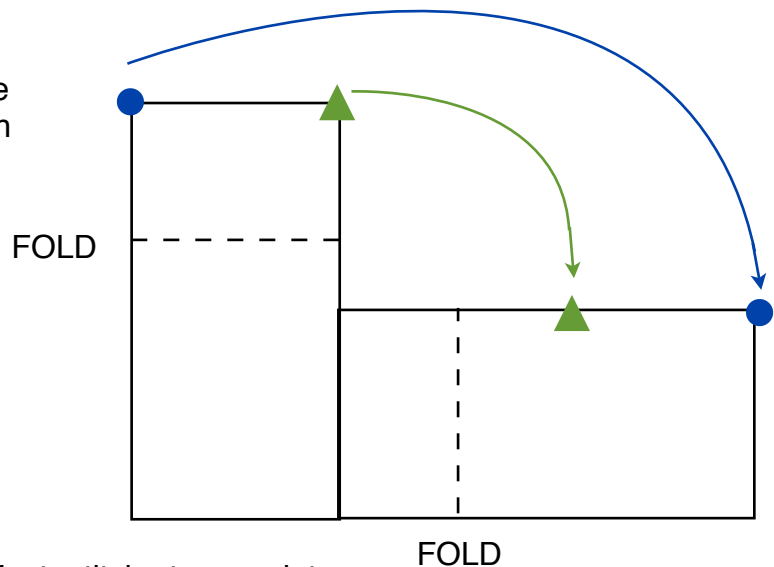
Rectangle (make 2)

- **Foundation:** Chain 59 (or any number that gives the correct width for your rectangle)
- **Row 1:** Make 1 tr in 5th chain from hook, then 1 tr in each chain across. Turn.
- **Row 2:** Chain 4 (counts as 1st tr, so skip tr at base of ch), then tr in **blo** of each stitch across (including the top of the turning ch). Turn.
- **Row 3:** Chain 4 (counts as 1st tr, so skip tr at base of ch), then tr in **flo** of each stitch across (including the top of the turning ch). Turn.
- Continuing rows 2-3 creates a fabric with little ridges along the rows on one side of the fabric. Repeat rows 2-3 until piece is the correct length. Fasten off.



Assembly

Fold your rectangles according to the diagram and hold edges in place with (safety) pins. Make sure the ridged sides of the fabric are both facing the same way. Use a big needle and yarn to sew your rectangles together. You may want to sew with the ridged side up, as your seam may make a small ridge of its own (this looks better on the ridged side, as it matches).



Finishing

Outer edge: Join yarn into the top of a tr stitch at any point on the outer edge. You may want to join at a point where the yarn you are using matches the stripe colour, as this makes for a neater join when weaving in the ends.

Ch1, then sc* all along the outer edge, making 3 sc in each sideways/horizontal tr stitch, and 1 sc in the top of each vertical tr stitch. You will find the garment lies flatter if you make your sc *into the sideways tr stitches themselves*, rather than making the sc into the space between the two end tr stitches. Doing it in the space makes the fabric gape open there.

When you reach the outer corners, make 3 sc in the corner stitch to turn the corner, and then continue as written until you reach the beginning point. Sl st to beginning ch to join, [then do another round](#) and fasten off. [Edited 10 Jan 2011]



Inner edge: Follow the same instructions as for the outer edge, the only difference being when you reach the inner corners: to turn the inner corner, you can either just skip the corner vertical tr stitch (the easy option), or you can crochet 2 sc together across the corner and the stitch next to it.

Ends: Decide whether you like the ridged side or the unridged side of the fabric better, then weave in all ends, making sure your preferred side is the outside (no tails showing).

* *TIP: If you find your edging sc is stretching the fabric out, use a smaller hook instead.*