

# Non-Bulky Pocket Poncho Pattern

## Materials Needed & Measurements:

- **Yarn:** Medium-weight yarn (category 4), approx. 600-800 yards
- **Hooks:** H (5.0 mm) for the body, G (4.0 mm) for the pocket
- **Tapestry Needle** for weaving in ends
- **Stitch Markers** (optional)
- **Measurements:**
  - **Small/Medium Size:** 50-55" circumference, 28" length
  - **Large/XL Size:** 55-60" circumference, 30" length
  - **2XL/3XL Size:** 60-65" circumference, 32" length
- **Gauge:** 10 hdc = 3" width, 8 rows = 4" height (adjust if needed).

## Abbreviations:

- **ch:** chain
- **hdc:** half double crochet
- **hdc2tog:** half double crochet two together (decrease)
- **sl st:** slip stitch
- **st(s):** stitch(es)
- **RS:** right side
- **WS:** wrong side

## Stitching Instructions for Making Non-Bulky Pocket Poncho Pattern:

## Poncho Body:

- **Foundation Chain:**
  - Ch 80 (or adjust the number based on the desired width, using the measurements above).
  - **Tip:** For a more fitted poncho, decrease or increase the starting chain length in increments of 4 sts.
- **Row 1 (RS):**
  - Hdc in the 3rd ch from the hook and in each ch across.
  - **Total:** You should have 78 hdc across for the Small/Medium size. Adjust for larger sizes by adding multiples of 4 sts.
- **Row 2 (WS):**
  - Ch 2 (counts as first hdc), turn.
  - Hdc in each st across.
  - **Total:** 78 hdc across for the Small/Medium size.
- **Repeat Row 2** until the piece reaches the desired length (28" for Small/Medium, 30" for Large/XL, 32" for 2XL/3XL). Keep the work flat and consistent without any shaping.

## Shaping for Neckline (Optional):

- **Neckline Decrease Row:**
  - Ch 2, turn.
  - **Hdc2tog** (half double crochet two together) in the first two stitches.
  - Hdc in each stitch across, leaving 2 sts at the end.
  - **Hdc2tog** in the last two sts.

- **Total:** Decreased the number of stitches for the neckline shaping (you can adjust the number of decreases based on how deep you want the neckline).
- **Join and Finish Off:**
  - Sl st to the next st to join the row.
  - Fasten off and weave in all loose ends.

### **Pocket (Make 2):**

- **Foundation Chain:** Ch 18 (or adjust to fit your pocket size preference, approximately 16-18" width).
- **Row 1 (RS):**
  - Hdc in the 3rd ch from the hook and in each ch across.
  - **Total:** 16 hdc.
- **Row 2 (WS):**
  - Ch 2 (counts as first hdc), turn.
  - Hdc in each st across.
- **Repeat Row 2** for a total of 6-8 rows (adjust based on how deep you want the pockets).
- **Finish Off:** Fasten off, leaving a long tail to sew the pocket to the poncho.

### **Attaching the Pockets:**

- **Positioning:**
  - Lay the poncho flat. Decide where you want the pockets (around the lower half of the poncho is typical).
  - Use stitch markers to secure the pocket's top edge along the body of the poncho.

- **Sewing the Pockets:**

- Using a tapestry needle, attach the two sides of the pocket to the body of the poncho, leaving the top edge open for the pocket entrance.
- **Tip:** Use a whip stitch or a mattress stitch for a neat finish. Ensure the pocket is securely attached, but don't pull the yarn too tight to avoid puckering.

### **Finishing Touches:**

- **Edging (Optional):**

- If you prefer a more defined edge around the poncho or pockets, you can add a simple border using **sc** (single crochet).
- **Tip:** Work 1 sc in each stitch around the entire edge of the poncho and the top of the pockets.

- **Weaving in Ends:** Using a tapestry needle, carefully weave in all loose ends, especially around the pockets and the sides of the poncho.

### **Additional Notes:**

- **Adjusting for Size:** The foundation chain and row count can be adjusted to create a more tailored fit. Increase or decrease stitches and rows as needed.
- **Poncho Style:** For a more flowy look, continue making the body wider by adding more stitches in multiples of 4 (e.g., ch 84, 88, etc.) for larger sizes.
- **Yarn Choice:** Use a soft, drapey yarn that has a slight stretch for a comfortable fit.