

Ladies Poncho - LK150, 16-17 ozs of worsted weight yarn giving 4,5 st and 6 rows = 1"  
Modified from an internet pattern for the LK150

BEFORE you begin, put the extenders out on the ends of the machine.  
I used 2 claw weights and 2 triangular class weights with the smaller hook weights.

Materials: 4 ply worsted weight hand knitting yarn, or equivalent, which will knit to this gauge. I used Lion Brand Pound of Love; the 16 oz 'just' did the poncho with an increase of an extra 2 inches in length. I decided against the fringe but I would have had enough for a 10 inch (5 in length on garment) for every other stitch along bottom. I decided against an I-cord with tassels and used a jewelry clasp for next closure. The pattern said between 20-28 oz. The garment ends between the elbow and wrist. Between 130 and 150 stitches are required. Longer ponchos will need more needles.

Tension 7

You will make 4 identical trapezoid pieces beginning at the neck line, increasing at the beginning of every row to the desired length.

Cast on 22 stitches with waist yarn; ending on the left. Change main color; RC =0; Knit one row.

\*Increase one stitch next to carriage by bringing a new needle into work position. K1Row\*

Repeat from \* to \* until RC = 109 (for the smaller size - about 18 inches in length. I went 123 rows.

Bind Off. LOOSELY; I used a claw weight at the bind off edge to increase the length between bind off stitches. LEAVE ABOUT A 4 yard tail to sew the seams to eliminate hiding four more ends in finishing.

#### ASSEMBLY:

Pick two trapezoids; on the sides of each are long loops which will be used for a decorative seam. Put the garment onto the machine with right sides facing each other, with every other needle. There should be 63 or 64 needles (counting just the every other needle) for the larger size and 54 or 55 for the smaller size. Every needle used will have two stitches, one from the back piece and one from the front piece. Bind the off together using the long yarn from the initial panel. THEN loosely pull another loop of yarn to add distance for the 'every other needle. Do this between every bind off stitch. VERY LOOSELY. DO not add the extra crochet-type stitch at the final stitch.

Repeat for three seams - the fourth seam will be done after the neckband,

The original pattern said to place the purl sides together and use a simple overcast whip stitch thru each set of loops. I used the machine idea to keep the garment more evenly seamed together.

#### NECKBAND

Pull out 91 needles. With purl side facing you, place the 22 stitches from each waste yarn next edge, pick up one stitch from the decorative seam, 22 stitches from second piece, 1 stitch from decorative waste yarn, 22 from the third piece, 1 stitch from the decorative seam, and 22 stitches from the last piece. In fear, I did not remove the waste yarn! Knit 14 rows; Hang the hem, and bind off LOOSELY.

Sew the final seam doing every other needle from 46-0-40 (leaving 5 loops near NECK edge for each of pulling poncho over head).

Neck: If you want to use an cord then leave the openings; if you are using a clasp, or a button with a crochet loop, then close the ends of the band.

If you want fringe, I would use 8-10 inch strands and either single or two per stitch along the bottom.

The bottom tends to roll so it will need steaming.

ENJOY

Note: Once I got the hang of moving the weights every 10 rows AND pulling the last needle worked to WP as the garment got nearer to the limits of the needles, (prevented dropping stitches), the trapezoids each took about 30 minutes to make and bind off; Sewing together and the neckband another 2 hours - so a total of less than 5 hours. I like the look and feel and that the yarn was easy to find.