



**Free Crochet Pattern  
Lion Brand® Lion® Bouclé  
Poncho with Pizzazz  
Pattern Number: 30031**



This versatile sweater/poncho has a flattering fit that is right for almost everyone. The loose, easy double crochet and chain mesh stitch makes it a quick project. It is worked in rounds from the neck down in one piece.

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**SKILL LEVEL:** Intermediate (Level 3)

**SIZE:** One Size

Finished blocked measurements: Approximately 35 inches wide (excluding cuffs), 1 inch long (excluding rolled neck)

**CORRECTIONS:** None as of Oct 2, 2016. To check for later updates, click [here](#).

#### **MATERIALS**

- 930-208 [Lion Brand Lion Bouclé Yarn: Parfait](#)  
8 Balls
- [Lion Brand Crochet Hook - Size P-15 \(10 mm\)](#)
- [Lion Brand Split Ring Stitch Markers](#)

*\*Lion® Bouclé (Article #930). 79% Acrylic, 20% mohair, 1% nylon; package size: 2.50oz/70.00 gr. (57yds/52m) pull skeins*



#### **GAUGE:**

In pattern, 4 dc-ch1 meshes and 3 rows = 4" (10 cm) before blocking (see blocking note below). Blocking will relax pattern somewhat. BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

When you match the gauge in a pattern, your project will be the size specified in the pattern and the materials specified in the pattern will be sufficient. The needle or hook size called for in the pattern is based on what the designer used, but it is not unusual for gauge to vary from person to person. If it takes you fewer stitches and rows to make your swatch, try using a smaller size hook or needles; if more stitches and rows, try a larger size hook or needles.

Making a Gauge Swatch

#### **STITCH EXPLANATION:**

Base Chain with SC [Note Since weight of Poncho will hang from its foundation row, the traditional method of crocheting a number of chains for the base, joining the chain into a round and then working the first row into the chain, tends to get distorted. That is, if you chain loosely enough for the correct gauge, then the weight of the garment makes the chain sag and pull open. The following technique creates an elastic base chain and a foundation row of single crochet at the same time. Begin with a slip knot, chain two, insert hook in second chain from hook, draw up a loop, yarn over, draw through one loop, yarn over and draw through two loops — one single crochet with its own chain at the bottom. Work the next stitch under one loop of that chain. Insert hook under two loops at the bottom of the previous stitch, draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through one loop, yarn over and draw through two loops. Repeat for length of foundation. VC (V-Corner) (Dc, ch 1) twice in same corner space. DVC (Double-V-Corner) (Dc, ch 1) four times in same corner space.

#### **NOTES:**

Poncho is worked in joined rounds, back and forth from the neck down in one piece. Sets of corner increases create a not-quite rectangle shape (will not open out flat but will cup). Keep "seam" formed by turning chains in a corner where it is nicely hidden. Cuffs and rolled neck are worked onto the piece later.

## PONCHO

Foundation Starting with the neck, make 28 Base Ch With Sc, join with a slip st to top of first "sc" to make a ring with the "sc" edge on top and ready to work. [Alternately, ch 28 loosely, join with a slip st to first ch, ch 1, work sc in first ch and every ch around, join with a slip st to first sc – 28 sc made.]Begin pattern at a corner.

**Row 1 (RS):** Ch 4, (dc, ch 1) in first sc, skip next sc, (dc, ch 1) in next three sc, skip next sc. DVC in next sc, skip next sc. (Dc, ch 1) in next five sc, skip next sc, DVC in next sc, skip next sc. (Dc, ch 1) in next three sc, skip next sc, DVC in next sc, skip next sc. (Dc, ch 1) in next five sc, skip next sc, (dc, ch 1) twice in same sc as beg of rnd. Slip st to third ch of turning chain. Turn.

**Row 2:** Slip st in first ch1-space, ch 4. (Dc, ch 1) in every ch1-space around, making VC in three corner ch1-spaces. At the end of rnd (dc, ch 1) in same space as beg, slip st to third ch of turning chain. Turn.

**Row 3:** Slip st in first ch1-space, ch 4, (dc, ch 1) in same space. (Dc, ch 1 in every ch1- space around, making DVC in three corner ch1-spaces. At end of round (dc, ch 1) twice in same space as beg. Slip st to third ch of turning chain. Turn.

**Row 4-6:** Rep Row 2 for 3 rows.

**Row 7:** Rep Row 3.

**Row 8-14:** Rep Row 2 for 7 rows. Finish entire lower edge with a row of sc.

**Row 15 (RS):** Ch 1, sc in each ch1-space and dc around, making 2 sc in every corner ch1- space. Slip st to beg sc. Fasten off.

## CUFFS

The armhole edge of the Poncho is slightly wider than the front or back by two meshes. Find the longer side of the rectangle. Locate the center 16 sc on that edge and mark the first and 16th st. With RS facing, attach yarn to first marked sc with a slip st, ch 1, sc in same sc and in each sc across to marker – 16 sc. With RS facing you, join to first sc with a slip st, ch 1 and begin to work in the round. The following rounds are not joined by a slip st. Place marker, sc in 16 sc. Work 3 more rounds of sc. Slip st to beg sc. Fasten off. Make 2nd cuff on the other armhole edge the same way.

## NECK ROLL

Note: Sc fabric will roll over to the right side when working rounds through the front loops only. With RS of work facing you, join yarn with a slip st to beg ch (or spare loop of base chain) on neck edge. Ch 1, sc in same ch and in each ch (spare loop) round – 28 sc. Do not join with slip st. Place marker, sc through front loop in next 28 sc. Move marker. Work 3 more rounds, working through front loops of sc. Join with a slip st to beg sc. Fasten off. Weave in ends. Block gently (see below) to measurements.

Blocking: Lion Bouclé machine washes, so wet-blocking method works well. Put Poncho in your washer and fill with a couple of inches of cool water. Thoroughly wet the Poncho gently squeezing in the water. Spin briefly until just damp. Spread a towel or towels on a carpeted floor or on a bed. Lay Poncho on the towel(s) and gently ease it into shape, blocking to size, pinning where necessary. Allow to dry completely.

Tips: If it is difficult to keep track of the corner spaces, slip a marker in the corners as you work them. Keep the sc finishing edge relaxed, so as not to pull in the fabric. Make the starting place in the Base ch with sc a bit neater by undoing the first loop of the beginning ch and attaching it to the last ch. Just find the starting tail, untie just one knot of the beginning ch, snug up the loop, and attach the tail by looping through the last ch, secure and weave in the end.

<b>ABBREVIATIONS / REFERENCES</b>	
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<u>beg = begin(s)(ning)</u>	<u>ch(s) = chain(s)</u>
<u>dc = double crochet</u>	<u>rep = repeat(s)(ing)</u>
<u>rnd(s) = round(s)</u>	<u>RS = right side</u>
<u>sc = single crochet</u>	<u>st(s) = stitch(es)</u>

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