Crochet Baby Poncho

Lace V-Stitch Poncho with Flowers, Bow Tie & Beaded Tassels



The finished poncho in sage green — ribbed neckband, lace body, scalloped shell hem.

Size	12–24 months (adjustable — see sizing notes)
Finished size	Neck opening 30 cm / 12 in ribbed (drawn in with the tie); length neck to front point approx. 25 cm / 10 in
Skill level	Confident beginner — chain, single crochet, double crochet, slip stitch
Gauge	16 dc × 9 rows = 10 cm / 4 in with DK yarn and 4.0 mm hook

Materials

- DK / light worsted cotton or cotton-blend yarn in sage green — approx. 300 m (2 × 100 g balls)
- 4.0 mm (G-6) crochet hook
- 2 round natural wooden beads, 20 mm (tassels)
- 2 round natural wooden beads, 12–15 mm (flower centres)
- Yarn needle with a large eye, scissors, tape measure
- 2 stitch markers

Abbreviations (US terms)

- **ch** chain · **sc** single crochet · **dc** double crochet · **sl st** slip stitch
- **BLO** back loop only · **sk** skip · **sp** space · **st(s)** stitch(es) · **rep** repeat
- **V-st** V-stitch = (dc, ch 1, dc) worked into the same stitch or space
- **Shell** = 5 dc worked into the same stitch

Construction notes

The poncho is worked from the neck down in one piece. The ribbed neckband is made flat, seamed into a ring, and finished with an eyelet round that later carries the tie cord. The body grows from two marked point stitches (front and back), which create the classic poncho points. Flowers, cord and tassels are added at the end.

Part 1 — Ribbed Neckband & Tie Channel



Working the ribbed neckband in back-loop single crochet.

Row 1: Ch 11, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. [10 sc]

Rows 2–60: Ch 1, turn, sc BLO in each st across. [10 sc] The band should measure approx. 30 cm / 12 in unstretched.

Seam: Fold the band, sl st the two short ends together through both loops to form a ring. Do not fasten off.

Set-up round: Ch 1, work 1 sc into the end of every row around one long edge of the ring, sl st to first sc. [60 sc]

Eyelet round: Ch 1, *sc in next 3 sts, ch 1, sk 1 st; rep from * around, sl st to first sc. [45 sc + 15 ch-1 sps = 60 sts] These eyelets form the tie channel.

Part 2 — Yoke: First Lace Rounds



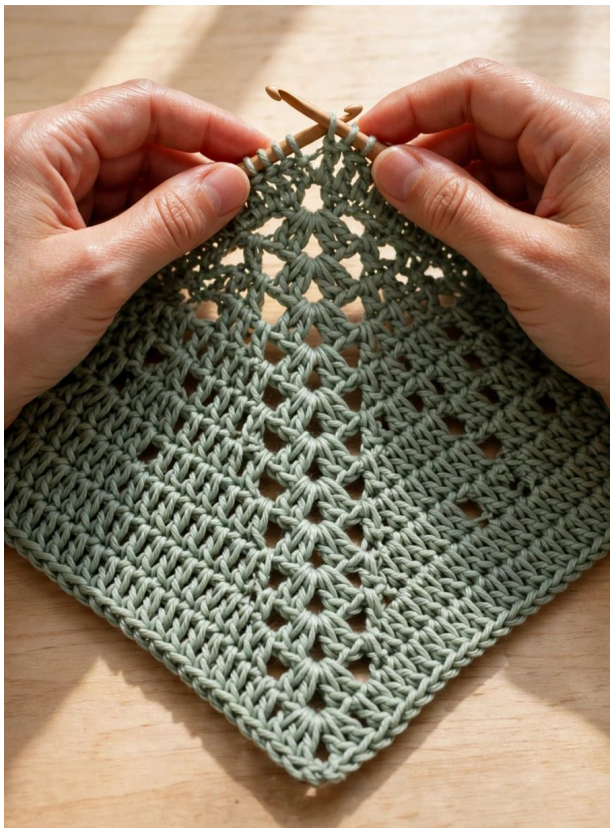
The neckband finished, with the first lace rounds flaring below it.

Rnd 1: Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in every sc and every ch-1 sp around, sl st to top of ch-3. [60 dc]

Rnd 2 (V-stitch set-up): Ch 4 (counts as dc + ch 1), dc in same st (first V-st made), *sk 1 st, V-st in next st; rep from * around, sl st to 3rd ch of ch-4. [30 V-sts]

Mark the points: Count 8 V-sts from the start and place a marker in the ch-1 sp of the next V-st (front point). Count 15 more V-sts and mark the next one (back point). Move the markers up each round.

Part 3 — Lace V-Stitch Body



Working the V-stitch body at the front point.

Rnd 3: Sl st into first ch-1 sp, ch 4, dc in same sp, V-st in each ch-1 sp around, EXCEPT at each marked point sp work (V-st, ch 1, V-st) in the same sp. Sl st to 3rd ch of ch-4. [32 V-sts]

Rnds 4–12: Rep Rnd 3, working (V-st, ch 1, V-st) at each point sp. The V-stitch count grows by 2 every round:

Rnd 4: 34 · Rnd 5: 36 · Rnd 6: 38 · Rnd 7: 40 · Rnd 8: 42 · Rnd 9: 44 · Rnd 10: 46 · Rnd 11: 48 · Rnd 12: 50 V-sts.

After Rnd 12 the poncho measures approx. 25 cm / 10 in from the neckband to the front point. For a shorter poncho (6–12 months) stop after Rnd 10 (46 V-sts); for 2–3 years continue to Rnd 14 (54 V-sts) and adjust the hem counts: hem set-up = V-sts × 3, worked in the same 6-st repeat.

Part 4 — Scalloped Shell Hem



Crocheting the scalloped shell hem.

Set-up round: Ch 1, sc in every dc and every ch-1 sp around, sl st to first sc. [150 sc]

Shell round: Ch 3 (counts as dc), 4 dc in same st (shell made), *sk 2 sts, sc in next st, sk 2 sts, shell in next st; rep from * around, sl st to top of ch-3. [25 shells]

Fasten off and weave in the end. Gently steam or wet-block the poncho so the lace opens and the scallops lie flat.

Part 5 — Flower Appliqués (make 2)



Sewing a flower appliqué onto the chest.

Rnd 1: Magic ring, ch 1, 10 sc into ring, sl st to first sc, pull ring closed. [10 sc]

Rnd 2 (petals): *(Ch 2, 2 dc, ch 2, sl st) in next st, sk 1 st; rep from * around. [5 petals]

Fasten off, leaving a 25 cm tail. Position one flower on each side of the front point, approx. 5 cm / 2 in below the neckband, and sew down catching only the centre of each petal so the edges lift slightly. Thread a 12–15 mm wooden bead onto the centre of each flower and stitch it firmly with several passes of yarn.

Part 6 — Bow Tie & Beaded Tassels



The finished bow tie with beaded tassels.

Cord: Ch 100, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. [99 sl sts] Fasten off. Weave the cord in and out of the eyelet round of the neckband and tie a soft bow at the centre front.

Tassels (make 2): Wrap yarn 24 times around a 10 cm / 4 in piece of card. Slide the bundle off, tie it tightly near the top with a separate strand, and cut the bottom loops. Thread one end of the cord through a 20 mm wooden bead, knot the tassel bundle to the cord just below the bead, wrap the tassel neck a few times with yarn and trim the ends level. Repeat on the other side.

Tips

• **Block the lace.** Blocking opens the V-stitches and flattens the scalloped hem — the single biggest upgrade for this poncho.

• **Bead safety.** Stitch beads on with several firm passes of yarn and always supervise babies wearing the poncho, as with any garment with small parts.

• **Size it your way.** The body repeat is fully adjustable: fewer rounds for 6–12 months, extra rounds for toddlers — just keep adding 2 V-sts per round at the points.

Care: machine wash gentle, cold, inside a mesh laundry bag; lay flat to dry. We hope your little one loves wearing this poncho as much as you loved making it.