Crochet Girls Poncho

Filet Mesh Poncho with Bobble Yoke, Pom-Pom Tie & Scalloped Hem



The finished poncho in dusty pink — filet mesh body, bobble-trim yoke, pom-pom tie and scalloped bobble hem.

Size	4–6 years (2–3 and 7–8 years in the sizing notes)
Finished size	Neck opening approx. 40 cm / 16 in (drawn in with the tie); length neck to hem point approx. 38 cm / 15 in
Skill level	Confident beginner — chain, single crochet, double crochet, slip stitch, one simple bobble stitch
Gauge	10 filet meshes × 10 rounds = 10 cm / 4 in with DK yarn and 4.0 mm hook

Materials

- DK / light worsted cotton or cotton-blend yarn in dusty pink — approx. 600 m (3 × 100 g balls)
- 4.0 mm (G-6) crochet hook
- Pom-pom maker, 5 cm (2 in) — or a 5 cm (2 in) piece of sturdy card
- Yarn needle with a large eye, scissors, tape measure
- 4 stitch markers

Abbreviations (US terms)

- **ch** chain · **sc** single crochet · **dc** double crochet · **sl st** slip stitch
- **sk** skip · **sp** space · **st(s)** stitch(es) · **rep** repeat
- **Mesh** = one filet mesh = a dc plus its following ch-1 sp; work each mesh as: dc in next dc, ch 1, sk ch-1 sp
- **Bobble** = (yo, insert hook in st, yo, pull up a loop, yo, pull through 2 loops) 5 times in the same st, yo, pull through all 6 loops on hook, ch 1 to close
- **Shell** = 5 dc worked into the same stitch

Construction notes

The poncho is worked from the neck down in one piece — no seaming. The neckband starts with an eyelet round that later carries the tie cord. The yoke grows from four marked corner meshes; the body then grows from two marked point meshes (centre front and centre back). The wide bell shape comes from doubling the two side sections in a single flare round. Cord and pom-poms are added at the end.

Part 1 — Neckband & Tie Channel



The neckband ring with its eyelet round — the tie channel.

Foundation: Ch 72, sl st to first ch to form a ring, taking care not to twist the chain.

Rnd 1: Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in every ch around, sl st to top of ch-3. [72 dc]

Rnd 2 (eyelet round): Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next st, *ch 1, sk 1 st, dc in next 2 sts; rep from * around, sl st to top of ch-3. [48 dc + 24 ch-1 sps] These eyelets form the tie channel.

Part 2 — Filet Mesh Yoke & Bobble Trim



The filet mesh yoke growing outward, markers at the corners, bobble trim started.

Rnd 3 (mesh set-up): Ch 4 (counts as dc + ch 1), sk 1 st, *dc in next st, ch 1, sk 1 st; rep from * around, sl st to 3rd ch of ch-4. [36 meshes] Place a marker in the mesh at positions 9, 18, 27 and 36 — these are the four corners. Move markers up each round.

Rnds 4–10 (yoke increases): Work a mesh into every mesh, EXCEPT at each marked corner mesh work (dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc) into the corner ch-1 sp — this adds 1 mesh at each corner. The mesh count grows by 4 every round:

Rnd 4: 40 · Rnd 5: 44 · Rnd 6: 48 · Rnd 7: 52 · Rnd 8: 56 · Rnd 9: 60 · Rnd 10: 64 meshes.

Rnd 11 (trim set-up): Ch 1, sc in every dc and every ch-1 sp around, sl st to first sc. [128 sc]

Rnd 12 (bobble trim): Ch 1, *sc in next 3 sts, bobble in next st; rep from * around, sl st to first sc. [32 bobbles]

Part 3 — Tie Cord & Pom-Poms



Threading the cord through the eyelets, pom-poms ready to attach.

Cord: Ch 90, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. [89 sl sts] Fasten off.

Pom-poms (make 2): Wrap yarn approx. 60 times around a 5 cm (2 in) pom-pom maker or piece of card. Tie the bundle tightly around the middle with a separate strand, cut all the loops, and trim into a neat ball approx. 5 cm (2 in) across.

Weave the cord in and out of the eyelet round (Rnd 2), bringing both ends out at the centre front. Knot one pom-pom firmly to each cord end — knot twice — and tie a soft bow.

Part 4 — Filet Mesh Body



Working the filet mesh body below the bobble yoke.

Mark the points: Place a marker in the mesh at the centre of the front section and the mesh at the centre of the back section (8 meshes from each corner).

Rnds 13–24: Work a mesh into every mesh, EXCEPT at each marked point mesh work (dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc) into the point ch-1 sp. The mesh count grows by 2 every round:

Rnd 13: 66 · Rnd 14: 68 · Rnd 15: 70 · Rnd 16: 72 · Rnd 17: 74 · Rnd 18: 76 · Rnd 19: 78 · Rnd 20: 80 · Rnd 21: 82 · Rnd 22: 84 · Rnd 23: 86 · Rnd 24: 88 meshes.

After Rnd 24 the poncho measures approx. 30 cm / 12 in from the neckband to the front point.

Part 5 — Bell Flare



The flared bell side panel — the side sections doubled in one round.

Your 88 meshes now sit in four sections of 22: front, side, back, side. Mark the first and last mesh of each side section if it helps.

Rnd 25 (flare round): Work a mesh into every mesh of the front and back sections. In each SIDE section, work 2 meshes into every mesh (dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1 in the same ch-1 sp counts as 2 meshes) — each side doubles from 22 to 44 meshes. [132 meshes]

Rnd 26: Work a mesh into every mesh around. [132 meshes]

Part 6 — Scalloped Bobble Hem



The scalloped shell hem with its bobble edge.

Rnd 27 (set-up): Ch 1, sc in every dc and every ch-1 sp around, sl st to first sc. [264 sc]

Rnd 28 (shells): 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. [44 shells]

Rnd 29 (bobble edge): Ch 1, *sc in next 3 sts, bobble in next st; rep from * around, sl st to first sc. [66 bobbles]

Fasten off and weave in the ends. Wet-block the poncho flat so the mesh grid squares up and the scallops ripple evenly.

Sizing notes

2–3 years: work the body to Rnd 20 only [80 meshes]. Flare round: sections of 20, sides double to 40 [120 meshes]. Hem: set-up 240 sc, 40 shells, 60 bobbles. **7–8 years:** work the body to Rnd 28 [96 meshes]. Flare round: sections of 24, sides double to 48 [144 meshes]. Hem: set-up 288 sc, 48 shells, 72 bobbles. All other steps are unchanged — the tie neckline adjusts itself, so the fit stays comfortable.

Tips

• **Count the points.** The whole shape depends on the two point increases in every body round — a quick mesh count at the end of each round saves frogging later.

• **Block the mesh.** Filet mesh looks twice as neat after blocking: pin the poncho flat, let the grid square up, and the scalloped hem will ripple evenly.

• **Make pom-poms un-pickable.** Tie the centre of each pom-pom with a separate strand pulled very tight, and knot it to the cord twice — pom-poms on children's garments live a hard life.

Care: machine wash gentle, cold, inside a mesh laundry bag; lay flat to dry and reshape the scallops while damp. We hope she loves twirling in this poncho as much as you loved making it.