

A Day's Work Done For

Love



In true "Friend" tradition, we are asking you to make the Love Darg Appeal 2022 a resounding success. This week we want you to crochet a simple poncho.



Instructions and photography courtesy of Tracey Todhunter.



MATERIALS

Double Knitting Yarn in a selection of colours; 4 mm crochet hook; 4 stitch markers (or alternatives).

TENSION

4 tr clusters and 9 rows to 10 cm using DK yarn and 4 mm hook.

ABBREVIATIONS

ch – chain;
ch sp – chain sp;
dc – double crochet;
rep – repeat;
rnd – round;
st(s) – stitches;
sl-st – slip stitch;
tr – treble;
tr cluster – 3 tr in same st or ch sp as instructed.

Size: To fit a child aged 4-10 years (adjustable). This giant granny square makes a cosy and colourful poncho. The length can easily be adjusted by working more or fewer rounds. After two rounds to set up the neck

opening, the pattern continues using the same principle as a traditional granny square and can be made to any size.

TO MAKE

Note: Markers are used on the 3rd rnd only, remove each marker as you come to it.

With 4 mm hook, make 72 ch, join first and last sts to make a ring (be careful not to twist sts).

1st rnd – 1 ch (does not count as a st), 1 dc in each ch to end, join with sl st in top of first dc – 72 dc.

2nd rnd – 3 ch (counts as first tr), 1 tr in first and next dc, ★ 1 ch, 1 tr in each of next 3 dc, rep from ★ to end, 1 ch, join with a sl st to top of beg 3 ch. Fasten off yarn – 72 tr, 24 ch sp. Place markers in 6th, 12th, 18th and last ch sp.

3rd rnd – Join new colour yarn into any marked ch sp, [3 ch, 2 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr] in same ch sp, 1 ch, [3 tr in next ch sp,

1 ch] 5 times, ★ [3 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr] in next ch sp, 1 ch, [3 tr in next ch sp, 1 ch] 5 times, rep from ★ 3 times, join with sl st to top of beg 3 ch and fasten off yarn.

4th rnd – Join yarn into any 3 ch sp, [3ch, 2 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr] in same ch sp, 1 ch, make 3 tr, 1 ch in each 1 ch sp to next 3 ch sp, [3 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr] in next 3 ch sp, 1 ch, continue to end of round, making [3 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr] in each 3 ch sp and 3 tr in each 1 ch sp, separating each tr cluster with 1 ch.

Repeat 4th rnd until work is required length. Fasten off yarn and weave in ends.

Edging – Join new yarn to any ch sp. Make 1 dc in each ch sp and top of each tr to first corner, 5 dc in 3 ch sp, continue around final rnd making 1 dc in each tr and ch sp, with 5 dc in each 3 ch sp to keep the corners square. Fasten off yarn. ■

How To Donate



There is huge demand for these ponchos, and Knit for Peace always need more. Your donation will be very welcome.

Send your garments to:
"The People's Friend"
Love Darg, Knit for Peace,
Radius Works, Back Lane,
London NW3 1HL.

If you are local, you can visit them between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday to Friday.

In addition to hand-made garments, Knit for Peace welcome donations of yarn to use in its work with marginalised sections of society (such as in prisons and women's refuges), to help set up new groups or for sending to refugees arriving in the UK.

Please add your name and address and a list of what you have sent.

Sending out garments and supplies is expensive. Knit for Peace welcomes all donations.

Why not Sponsor A Sack which costs £18?

You can donate via **www.knitforpeace.org.uk**, by calling **020 7794 9835** or by sending a cheque (made payable to Knit for Peace) to **The People's Friend Love Darg, Knit for Peace, Radius Works, Back Lane, London NW3 1HL.**

Please add any message you would like included. Many people dedicate a sack in the name of a friend, relative or in remembrance.

Support Knit For Peace, Our Charity Partner



Knit for Peace encourages people to give, whether it is time or money, and distributes items to over 200 outlets in the UK and abroad, wherever need is greatest.

It welcomes donations, and if you prefer to make a sweater, cardigan, blanket, hat, gloves or mittens, they will all be gratefully received.

If you missed last week's pattern for a dressing gown (modelled by the ladies above), please send an SAE to:

Love Darg Dressing Gown, "The People's Friend", 2 Albert Square Dundee DD1 1DD.

Next week: knit this luxurious cardigan.



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