# GERDA PONCHO

**Hook:** 6 mm & 10 mm
**Yarn:** Super bulky, wool, 50 g = 50 m, I used 475 g/475 m/9,5 balls of yarn for my size S/M. I measure 88 cm in bust and I am 168 cm tall. Brand: Drops Snow
**Stitches (US terms):** half double crochet (hdc), double crochet (dc), treble crochet (tr), slip stitch (ss), chain (dc), chainless foundation.

**How to make chainless foundation:**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EK-00nCDn9U

**Stitch pattern:**
4 rounds of hdc
1 round of tr
1 round of hdc
1 round of tr

**Increase (inc):** Make 2 stitches into the same stitch
**Decrease (dec):** Slip stitch to remove stitches from the row and/or crochet 2 stitches together.
**Turning chains:** The chains never counts as a stitch. You either chain 1 (hdc) or 3 (tr).

# NECK (6 mm hook)

Make the neck as explained in the pattern for Gerda neck warmer - but make double crochet and through *both* loops.
*My turtle neck is 10 cm high, so I can fold it or keep it unfolded.*
Close the neck.  Ch 1, now you are going to crochet rounds in the neck opening.

# INCREASE FOR THE SHOULDER WIDTH (10 mm hook)

Round 1. Make approx. 5 hdc for every 2 rows on the neck (approx. 2-3 stitches per row).

*I had 24 rows and 64 stitches: (24/2) x 5*

Round 2. Make 1 hdc in the first stitch of the round and continue in the same direction. Make 8-10 inc spread out randomly.
Half of your 2$^{nd}$ round should approx. match your measurement from shoulder to shoulder:
Measurement video here: https://youtu.be/2JdVAGjHgSc?t=6

Make sure to try it on. Add/remove increases if needed. It's best if you have an even number of stitches on your 2$^{nd}$ round.
You will repeatedly add more increases as you go, so don't worry if it's not wide enough yet.

# TOP PART OF THE PONCHO (10 mm hook)

Round 3. Make 1 hdc in every stitch.

Round 4. Make 4 increases spread out randomly. Finish with 1 ss in about the first stitch of the round, ch 3 and turn.

Round 5. Make 1 tr in every stitch of the round, 1 ss in the first stitch, ch 1 and turn.

Round 6. Make hdc and 4 increases, 1 ss in the last stitch, ch 3 and turn.

Round 7. Repeat round 5.

**Now repeat everything again:**
4 rounds with hdc in the same direction.
Turn over, 1 round of tr, turn over, 1 round of hdc, turn over, 1 round of tr, turn over
You always increase with 4 stitches on every 2$^{nd}$ round.

Try it on. When you reach your waist/top part of your hip or when you have the width/length you want (this is what will cover your arms) it's time to make the V shape in front and back.

*I have 20 rows at this point.*

# V SHAPE

*You always start the row with 1 chain and 2 slip stitches + 2 dec (you don't crochet into the slip stitches, these are made to remove stitches from the row).*
*You always end the row with 2 decreases and by skipping the last two stitches. This way you are making 8 decreases per row.*

Follow tr or hdc beneath depending on what row you have reached in the stitch pattern:

**TR ROWS:**
2 ss, ch 3, 2 tr dec, 1 tr in every stitch.
When you have 6 stitches left, make 2 tr dec, ch 1 and turn.

**HDC ROWS**:
2 ss, 2 hdc dec, 1 hdc into every stitch.
When you have 6 stitches left, make 2 hdc dec, ch 1 and turn.

1. Continue the pattern stitch from before: *4 hdc rows, 1 tr row, 1 hdc row, 1 tr row*

2. When you have 10 or less stitches left on the row switch to *only* hdc and no more slip stitches or skipping stitches.

3. Make 1 row with 1 hdc in every stitch (no dec)

4. Make 1 dec in the start and 1 dec at the end of the row.

5. Repeat step 4 until you have 2 stitches left – make 1 hdc decrease, ch 1 and break off the yarn.

*I have 9 rows on the V shape.*

6. Insert your hook from the wrong side on the other side of the poncho and repeat the same thing. Continue from here to make the tassles.

# TASSELS

1. The tassles are made by crocheting the loop stitch along the edge. Crochet on the wrong side of the poncho.

2. How to make the loop stitch:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=imnFNfLtbYk&t=94s

3. My loops are about 7-8 cm long. Crochet all around the edge of the poncho and finish with 1 ss in the first stitch.

4. Now you can break off the yarn and can weave in the ends. You can also choose to cut and/or brush the loops.

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