

Cape Tricotée: Crocheted Cape LSDS 1925, # 30

Made of two colors, and three simple stitches (sc, hdc, dc), this crocheted cape is striped vertically, so each row goes from neck to hem or hem to neck. The colors are carried across the top, and each color is used for two rows, then the colors are switched. To shape the shoulders of the cape, single crochet stitches are used, then to widen out the hem, half double and double crochet stitches are used.

For the stripes suggested in the original pattern: white with gold, jade green, or cherry red, or two colors: red & blue, jade green & yellow, blue & orange; or cherry, yellow, or jade green alternating with black stripes. The sample is shown in navy blue and kelly green.

Materials and Gauge:

1 oz. each of two colors of 3-ply sport weight yarn

Size F hook or whatever hook will achieve the gauge of 4 dc sts/in for you.

Fabric at this gauge is intentionally flexible and somewhat open rather than dense.

Size in this gauge will be about 6.5" long; add dc stitches for more length. Neckline will measure approximately 6" and hemline will measure approximately 15" across.

(This cape would be very nice made in crochet cotton thread, too, because the stripes could then be quite narrow. Try size 10 thread.)

To begin: Ch 26, sc in 2nd ch from hook, make 7 more sc (total 8 sc), 2 hdc, and 15 dc.

Always ch 3 for first dc, and ch 1 for first sc of each row.

Make second row of 15 dc, 2 hdc, and 8 sc. Drop first color and pick up second; always drop and pick up colors from the back of the work.

Work in this manner until there are 15 stripes, the last stripe being the first color.

Try the cape on Bleurette to see if this is enough width. You can add another two stripes, if needed.

To finish, you could add a button and loop, or two ribbon ties, or two crocheted-chain ties, as shown. Ties can be about 5-6" long in the first color.