



South West Trading Company

Presents

Ponchito

(Little poncho, in Spanish)

Designed by Fran Sullivan

Finished width at top: 9% (10%, 11 %, 12%, 13%)"

Gauge: 7 sts = 1".

Materials:

2 balls BAMBOO by South West Trading Company

(1 in your main color (MC) and 1 a contrasting color (CC).)

US Size 6 knitting needles (straight or circular), or the size needed to achieve gauge

2 yarn markers, if working in the round

Size g crochet hook for optional crochet buttons

Abbreviations: **CO:** cast on; **sts:** stitches; **St st:** Stockinette stitch - Knit the RS rows and purl the WS rows; **RS:** right side; **WS:** wrong side; **k:** knit; **p:** purl; **inc:** pick up the thread between the next 2 sts, put it onto the left needle, knit into the back of it to twist the st; **PM:** place marker

Crocheted "Buttons": Chain 6, join with the first chain to make a circle. Double crochet 6 times into the circle, join. Single crochet in front loop of double crochet. Secure and tie off. Attach to decorate as whimsy dictates. These can be attached along the contrast borders, or scattered across the main body.

Knit on Straight Needles

Neck Edge

Starting at the neck edge with CC CO 41 (48, 55, 62, 69) sts. Work St st for 20 rows. Cut yarn.

Body

With MC continue in St st and increase one stitch on both sides of every RS row until you reach the desired length, for example, k1, inc, k to last st, inc, k1. Cut yarn.

Lower Edge

With CC work St st for 20 rows, bind off.

Finishing

Sew side seams. Whip stitch the cast on edge to the last contrast row at the neck edge. Whip stitch the bound off edge to the first contrast row at lower edge. Weave in ends. Sew on optional "buttons".

Knit in the Round

Neck Edge

Starting at the neck edge with CC CO 82(96, 110, 124, 138) sts. K 20 rows. Cut yarn.

Body

With MC, k each row and increase two sts every other row to create points. For example, on the first increase round: PM, inc, k1, inc, k 40(47,54,61,68), PM, inc, k1, inc, k 40(47, 54,61, 68). Continue until desired length reached, increasing at the markers every other round. Cut yarn.

Lower Edge

With CC, k 20 rows.

Finishing

Whip stitch the cast on edge to the last contrast row at the neck edge. Whip stitch the bound off edge to the first contrast row at lower edge. Weave in ends. Sew on optional "Buttons".

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