

Crocheted Gaming Cloak

Super easy. No massive starting chain. CH, SC, DC only. Courtesy of ZnuggaZahug and BigGoofyRunner & Family.

This is made by measurements, not stitch counts. Use any yarn, with appropriate hook sizes! There are no overly restricting stitches, there will be some stretch in length and width.

4 basic size guides based on height

Extra Large	6' or taller
Large	5'8" or taller
Medium	5'4" or taller
Small	5' or taller

1. Start with a basic C2C rectangle, fasten off - use hook 1 size bigger than usual

XL	90" x 12"
L	84" x 11"
M	78" x 10"
S	72" x 9"

2. Using same hook, attach contrast in corner. 2 Single crochet evenly spaced, in each square across short side. SC in corner. Fasten off. Repeat on other short side.
3. Fold ends up, to create pockets. Make the fold in between rows of squares of C2C – do not fold a square in half! Using scrap yarn tie pockets into position, align front squares with back squares, tie 3 times along each pocket side. Make sure both sides match! Count twice – Stitch once!

XL	9" Flip	12"x9" pocket	72"x12" rectangle
L	8" Flip	11"x8" pocket	68"x11" rectangle
M	7" Flip	10"x7" pocket	64"x10" rectangle
S	6" Flip	9"x6" pocket	60"x9" rectangle

Now is a good time for a test fitting or confirming your measurements!

4. With front side facing, with smaller hook (normal size) attach contrast with SC at the end of long side (bottom corner of pocket). Evenly space 2 SC in each square, plus 1 SC in between each square. Work through both layers in the pocket areas, maintaining alignment of squares as tied together above. At the top of the pocket, stitch through the SC from step 2, into the space

between squares below. Continue all the way to the other end, finishing with an extra SC in the corner. Repeat along other long side.

5. Building Width! Decide which side is the front. Continue with standard hook.
Into corner SC, attach contrast with DC, 2 more DC into same stitch. Skip 2 SC, 3DC into next SC. This should be aligning in between C2C squares. Repeat "Granny" pattern (skip 2 SC, 3 SC) to the end, making sure each stitch cluster aligns with the gap between the C2C squares. 3DC in end SC. CH3, Turn.
3DC into space between 3DC bunches in last row, all the way to last space, CH, DC in last DC. CH2, Turn.
2DC into CH space, 3DC into space between clusters all the way to the end. CH3, turn.

Continue alternating these 2 rows until you have added about 3". Fasten off.

6. Build more width! Repeat step 5 along the other long side until it's big enough. As a guideline, total width should be around...

XL	22"
L	20"
M	18"
S	16"

7. And finally, the Hood! This is worked with standard hook, in same colour as C2C section, switching to contrast colour for last 2", separately, vertically, from the back centre towards the front, then attached.

CH5.

DC in ch 4 from hook, DC in end ch. CH3. Turn

DC in DC, DC in ch sp. CH3. Turn

Repeat this row until measured as below. Making an ODD Number of rows (not counting the starting chain) This is the measurement from the base of the neck to the height of the top of the head (better to go larger than smaller if there is a doubt)

XL	15"
L	14"
M	13"
S	12"

Turn work sideways.

CH2, 2DC into end of row space. Skip next row space. 3DC into following row space. Repeat pattern, ending with 3DC in the last row space. CH1. Flip work to opposite long side. 3DC into end of row space, and every second row space, until the end. The 3DC clusters should be on the same rows on each side.

CH3, Turn.

3DC in each space between clusters all the way up, 3DC in ch sp at the top, 3DC in each cluster space all the way back down. CH1, DC in last DC.

CH2, Turn.

2DC in ch sp, 3DC in each cluster space all the way up and down, 3DC in last ch sp.
CH3, Turn.

Continue this pattern until 10" across. You should be able to fold it in half to see a shallow hood forming, 5" wide, and whatever height chosen.

Time to increase!

After a row ending with 3DC, CH2, Turn, 2DC in same ending DC. Carry on with "Granny" pattern to the end, adding another 3DC into the last DC. CH3, Turn

Do 2 more regular row repeats, ending again with a 3DC row, then INCREASE again!

Continue increasing every 3rd row until half-width is 8" then switch to Contrast colour, and carry on with the increase repeat until half width is 10".

Hood is almost finished. If a deeper hood is desired, keep adding more rows, increasing the halfwidth. (The hood will increase by 1 row of DC once attached)

8. Almost Done. You've got the pieces, time to put it together!

Find and mark the back, bottom centre of the hood with a piece of bright yarn.

Find and mark the centre of the body with a piece of bright yarn **2 rows down from the top**

Match the 2 centre points. Place together, with the inside of the hood facing the inside of the body. Hood on top. Secure centre points together. Moving forward, align row ends of hood with Granny sections of body. Secure with bright yarn intermittently. Make sure both sides are the same! Check again!

Using larger hook and contrast colour (to match along the body), start at 1 end, SC through Hood, and Body, 1 SC through each matched square. All the way across, and secure. Confirm alignment at each checkpoint of bright yarn as you go! This stitch row will be hidden between the hood and "collar" of the body, and invisible from the front/inside.

9. Attach Main colour at bottom of the front of the cloak with DC.

DC in each stitch all the way up to where the hood joins, then DC all the way around the front of the hood, and back down the front of the cloak. Fasten off.

10. Weave your ends. YOU ARE DONE!