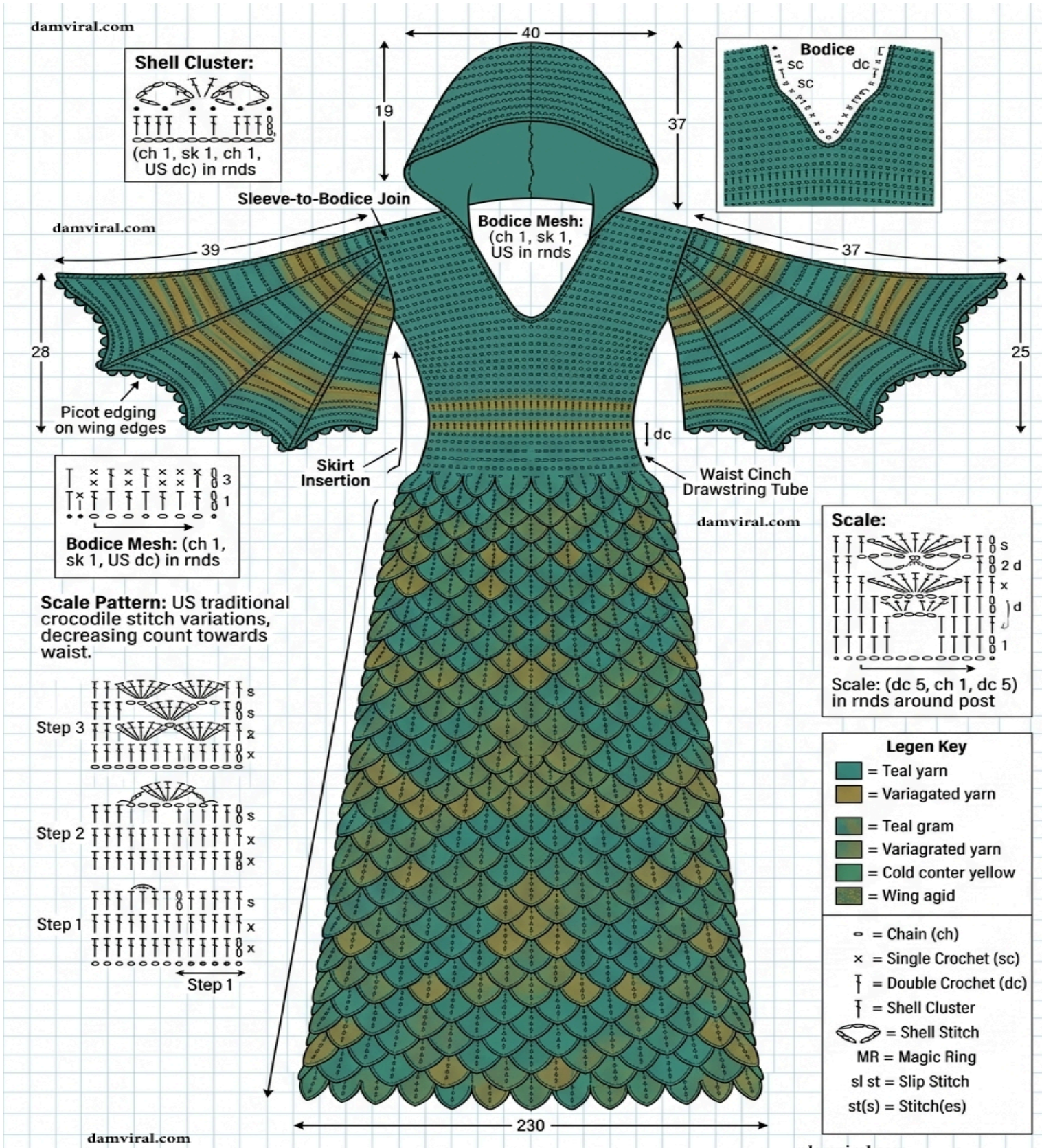


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Crochet Dragon Hooded Poncho



Create a stunning fantasy-inspired crochet dragon hooded poncho with dramatic wing sleeves, a scale-pattern body, and a deep hood. This detailed tutorial is carefully based on the diagram provided and written in standard US crochet terminology so makers across the USA can confidently follow from start to finish.



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This project combines mesh crochet, shell clusters, crocodile scale stitches, and shaping techniques to create a wearable fantasy garment that looks like dragon armor and flowing wings.

Skill Level

Intermediate to Advanced

You should already know how to:

- Chain
- Slip stitch
- Single crochet
- Double crochet
- Work in rounds
- Increase and decrease
- Read stitch repeats
- Work crocodile/scale stitches

Finished Measurements

Approximate measurements from the chart:

- Hood width: 40 cm / 15.7 in
- Hood height: 37 cm / 14.5 in
- Sleeve wingspan:
 - Left side: 39 cm / 15.3 in
 - Right side: 37 cm / 14.5 in
- Sleeve depth:
 - Left: 28 cm / 11 in
 - Right: 25 cm / 9.8 in
- Full skirt width at hem: 230 cm / 90.5 in

The poncho is intentionally flowing and oversized.

Materials

Yarn Colors

- Teal yarn (main body color)
- Variegated teal/yellow yarn
- Cold center yellow accent yarn
- Optional darker green for dragon depth

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Yarn Weight

Worsted weight (#4) or light DK for more drape

Hook Size

- 5.0 mm (H/8)
- Optional 5.5 mm for looser drape

Additional Supplies

- Stitch markers
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Measuring tape
- Blocking pins
- Waist drawstring cord or crocheted chain

Abbreviations (US Terms)

- ch = chain
- sl st = slip stitch
- sc = single crochet
- dc = double crochet
- st = stitch
- sts = stitches
- rnd = round
- rep = repeat
- sk = skip
- MR = magic ring

Main Stitch Guide

Bodice Mesh Stitch

This mesh is used throughout the bodice and hood.

Pattern Repeat

(ch 1, sk 1, dc)

How To Work

1. Dc into designated stitch
2. Ch 1
3. Skip next stitch

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4. Dc into following stitch
 5. Repeat around

This creates the breathable dragon-scale armor texture.

Shell Cluster Stitch

Used near hood edges and decorative shaping.

Pattern

(ch 1, sk 1, ch 1, US dc) worked in rounds

This creates a curved shell-like edging.

Dragon Scale Stitch

This follows the crocodile stitch variation shown in the chart.

Scale Foundation Row

1. Ch an even number
2. Work dc posts across
3. Create paired post stitches

Scale Construction

Each scale is worked around the post stitches:

- 5 dc down first post
- Ch 1
- 5 dc up second post

This forms one dragon scale.

Gauge

Gauge is flexible because of the fantasy drape design.

Approximate:

- 14 dc x 8 rows = 4 inches in mesh stitch

Blocking is highly recommended.

Construction Overview

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The poncho is built in sections:

1. Hood
2. Bodice mesh
3. Wing sleeves
4. Waist cinch tube
5. Scale skirt
6. Picot edging
7. Final assembly

Hood Section

The hood is worked from the crown downward in rounds.

Starting the Hood

1. Make a MR
2. Ch 3 (counts as dc)
3. Work 11 dc into ring
4. Join with sl st

Total: 12 dc

Hood Increase Rounds

Round 2

- Ch 3
- 2 dc in each st around
- Join

Total: 24 dc

Round 3

- Ch 3
- 1 dc in first st
- 2 dc in next st
- Repeat around

Continue Increasing

Increase evenly every round until hood width reaches approximately 40 cm.

Hood Mesh Section

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Once width is reached:

Work mesh stitch:
(dc, ch 1, sk 1)

Continue for approximately 19 cm height before shaping lower hood opening.

Hood Opening Shaping

Front Neck Opening

1. Fold hood flat
2. Mark center front opening
3. Leave opening unworked
4. Continue rows back and forth

This creates the deep dragon hood opening shown in the diagram.

Hood Border

Work shell cluster edging around the face opening.

Optional:
Add picot edging for a reptilian dragon-spine look.

Bodice Mesh Section

The bodice is worked downward directly from the hood opening.

Joining Bodice To Hood

1. Attach yarn at lower hood edge
2. Begin mesh stitch in rounds
3. Maintain symmetrical stitch counts

Bodice Mesh Repeat

(ch 1, sk 1, dc)

Continue until underarm depth is reached.

Creating Sleeve Openings

Mark:

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- Left wing sleeve
- Right wing sleeve

Leave open gaps under each wing section.

Wing Sleeves

The dramatic dragon wings are worked outward from the bodice.

Wing Foundation

1. Attach yarn at shoulder marker
2. Ch foundation width
3. Work outward rows

Use alternating:

- Mesh rows
- Shell rows
- Accent stripe rows

Wing Expansion

Increase at outer edge every row:

- 2 dc in final stitch
- Add chains between mesh spaces

This creates the triangular wing shape.

Decorative Wing Lines

The chart shows structural lines radiating outward.

To create them:

1. Work raised dc rows
2. Use stitch markers
3. Keep increases aligned

These lines imitate dragon wing bones.

Wing Edge Picot Border

Along outer wing edge:

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1. Sc in edge
2. Ch 3
3. Sl st into first ch
4. Sk 1 st
5. Repeat around

This creates the sharp dragon-wing edging.

Waist Cinch Tube

This section creates shaping around the waist.

Creating The Drawstring Tube

1. Work 1 rnd dc around waist
2. Next rnd:
 - dc
 - ch 1
 - sk 1

Repeat around.

Tube Closing Round

Work another dc round above openings.

Insert:

- Crochet cord
- Leather lace
- Satin ribbon

Tie at center front or side.

Scale Skirt Section

This is the signature dragon-scale body.

The skirt is worked downward from the waist.

Foundation For Scales

Setup Round

1. Work dc posts evenly around
2. Keep stitch count even

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3. Join carefully

Scale Pattern Step 1

Work dc rows creating paired posts.

Example:

(dc in next st, dc in next st)

Repeat around.

Scale Pattern Step 2

Offset next post pairs between previous sets.

This creates layered overlap.

Scale Pattern Step 3

Work scales around paired posts:

- 5 dc down first post
- ch 1
- 5 dc up second post

Repeat around.

Continuing The Scale Pattern

Alternate:

- Foundation rounds
- Scale rounds

Continue until desired skirt length.

The diagram shows a long flowing dragon silhouette extending nearly floor length.

Color Placement

Follow the chart inspiration:

Main Body

Teal yarn

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Accent Scales

Variegated yellow-green

Dragon Depth

Alternate darker teal every few rows

Suggested Repeat

- 3 teal scale rows
- 1 variegated row
- 2 teal rows
- 1 yellow accent row

This gives realistic reptile dimension.

Decreasing Toward Waist

The chart shows reduced scale counts near the waist.

To shape:

1. Skip one scale repeat every few rounds
2. Maintain symmetry
3. Reduce gradually

Never remove too many scales at once.

Final Hem Edge

Work a final decorative edge:

Option 1: Picot Edge

- sc
- ch 3
- sl st

Option 2: Shell Edge

- 5 dc shell
- sk 2 sts

This enhances the fantasy dragon look.

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Assembly

Joining Sleeves To Bodice

Use:

- Slip stitch join
OR
- Mattress stitch

Match wing lines carefully.

Closing Underarm Area

Sew only partially to maintain drape.

Leave enough movement for comfortable wear.

Weaving In Ends

Secure all tails deeply inside scale layers.

Dragon scales naturally hide yarn ends very well.

Blocking

Wet block gently:

1. Soak garment
2. Remove excess water
3. Shape wings and scales
4. Pin hood curves
5. Dry flat

Blocking dramatically improves:

- Scale definition
- Wing shaping
- Drape
- Symmetry

Optional Dragon Enhancements

You can customize the poncho further:

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Dragon Spikes

Add stuffed spikes along:

- Hood center
- Spine
- Sleeve tops

Claw Tassels

Attach claw-shaped tassels to wing tips.

Metallic Yarn

Add metallic green or gold thread for shimmering dragon scales.

LED Fantasy Version

Use battery fairy lights woven beneath scales for convention wear.

Wearing Tips

This poncho works beautifully for:

- Fantasy conventions
- Renaissance fairs
- Cosplay
- Festival wear
- Winter layering
- Costume photography

Pair with:

- Boots
- Corset belts
- Leather gloves
- Dragon jewelry

Care Instructions

- Hand wash only
- Cold water
- Lay flat to dry
- Do not machine dry
- Store folded carefully to protect scales

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Final Notes

This dragon hooded poncho is designed to look dramatic, flowing, and magical. The layered crocodile scales, oversized hood, and wing sleeves create a fantasy garment that feels both elegant and powerful.

Take your time with the scale rows and maintain even tension throughout the mesh bodice. Once blocked, the full dragon effect becomes incredibly striking.