

Tears for the Children



Knitting out my grief for the children, for the families, for the communities devastated by the Residential Schools and the actions of our government. This shouldn't have happened. I am not a political person but I am a mother and this was so wrong.

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[Support Us - The Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund - Canada \(downiewenjack.ca\)](https://downiewenjack.ca)

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This poncho is knit with super bulky yarn making it very heavy for a lace garment. Because of the mesh construction the poncho drapes closely to the body. It is like wearing a hug. Wear it, share it with love.

This pattern has been done quickly and has not been test knitted. Please feel free to contact me with questions.

Notes on the pattern: While not difficult this pattern is mostly comprised of YO's and decreases, making it a little more challenging to keep track of your stitch count as it changes almost every round.

Materials: 300m superbulky yarn, sample was knit with Estelle Bulky. 10mm US #15 32in circls and 9.0mm US #13 24in circls, BORM – beginning of round marker, and the regular notions.

Gauge – before blocking 10.5 inches per pattern repeat, **after blocking** 12 inches per pattern repeat.

Size: One size – adult



Notes on Sizing – make it smaller with lighter yarn and smaller needles. For example, work chunky yarn with a 7.0mm needle and the size will be smaller, around 9 or 10 inches per pattern repeat (after blocking) – approx. 45- 50 inch hem.



Abbreviations: **K2tog** – knit 2 stitches together. **SSK** – slip the next 2 sts knitwise (one at a time), then insert the left needle across the front of your 2 slipped sts and knit them together. **YO** – bring the yarn forward between your needles and then knit your next stitch as normal, allowing the yarn to loop over your right-hand needle to form a new stitch. **S2K1P2 – sl2, K1, p2sso** – slip 2 knitwise as a unit, K1, pass 2 slipped sts over as a unit. **SK2P** – S1, K2tog, pass the slip stitch over the K2tog just knit. **BORM** – Beginning of Round Marker

Special Increases:

Increase to 7 - K1, YO, K1, YO, K1, YO, K1 – this makes 7 sts from 1 st

Increase to 5 – K1, YO, K1, YO, K1 – this makes 5 sts from 1 st

Increase to 3 – K1, YO, K1 – this makes 3 sts from 1 st

Pattern

Working with larger needle cast-on 120 sts.
Being careful not to twist the cast-on, place BORM on RH needle and join into a round.

Purl 1 round.
Knit 1 round.
Purl 1 round.

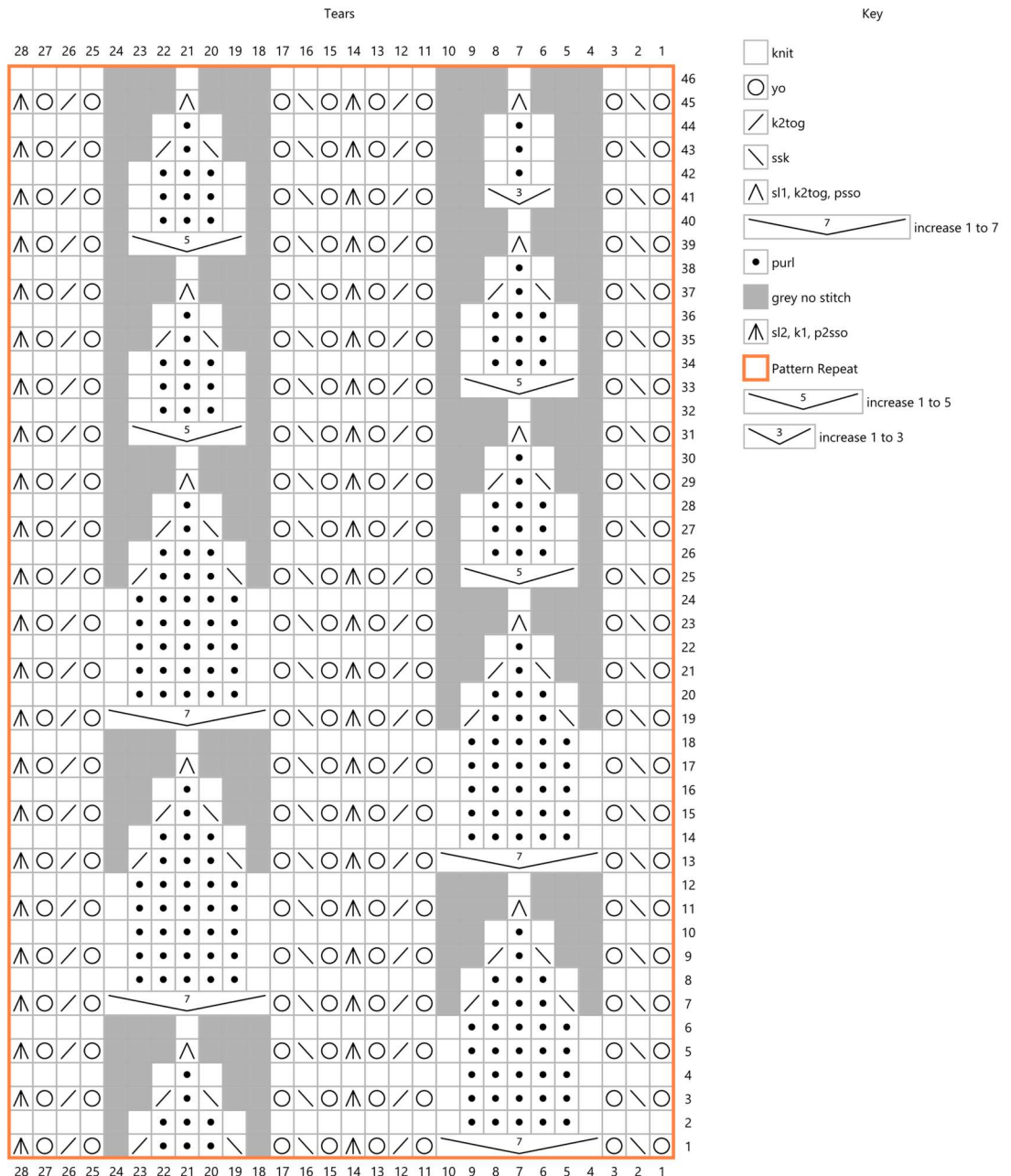
Decrease round – (K10, K2tog) ten times – 110 sts.

Pattern Notes

Start all odd # rows as follows;

After working last st of even round, with YB slip first st of the round, bring YF to make the YO.

Continue working in the round – working from the written or charted pattern. Repeat the chart 5 times around the needle. Use the written version to check the stitch count for each round.



Written Tears



Round 1: (Yo, ssk, yo, incto7, yo, k2tog, yo, sl2, k1, p2sso, (yo, ssk) × 2, p3, (k2tog, yo) × 2, sl2, k1, p2sso) 5 times. (130 sts)

Round 2: (K4, p5, k9, p3, k5) 5 times. (130 sts)

Round 3: (Yo, ssk, yo, k1, p5, k1, yo, k2tog, yo, sl2, k1, p2sso, (yo, ssk) × 2, p1, (k2tog, yo) × 2, sl2, k1, p2sso) 5 times. (120 sts)

Round 4: (K4, p5, k9, p1, k5) 5 times.

Round 5: (Yo, ssk, yo, k1, p5, k1, yo, k2tog, yo, sl2, k1, p2sso, yo, ssk, yo, sl1, k2tog, psso, yo, k2tog, yo, sl2, k1, p2sso) 5 times. (110 sts)

Round 6: (K4, p5, k13) 5 times.

Round 7: ((Yo, ssk) × 2, p3, (k2tog, yo) × 2, sl2, k1, p2sso, yo, ssk, yo, incto7, yo, k2tog, yo, sl2, k1, p2sso) 5 times. (130 sts)

Round 8: (K4, p3, k9, p5, k5) 5 times. (130 sts)

Round 9: ((Yo, ssk) × 2, p1, (k2tog, yo) × 2, sl2, k1, p2sso, yo, ssk, yo, k1, p5, k1, yo, k2tog, yo, sl2, k1, p2sso) 5 times. (120 sts)

Round 10: (K4, p1, k9, p5, k5) 5 times.

Round 11: (Yo, ssk, yo, sl1, k2tog, psso, yo, k2tog, yo, sl2, k1, p2sso, yo, ssk, yo, k1, p5, k1, yo, k2tog, yo, sl2, k1, p2sso) 5 times. (110 sts)

Round 12: (K12, p5, k5) 5 times.

Rounds 13 - 24: Repeat rounds 1 - 12.

Round 25: (Yo, ssk, yo, incto5, yo, k2tog, yo, sl2, k1, p2sso, (yo, ssk) × 2, p3, (k2tog, yo) × 2, sl2, k1, p2sso) 5 times. (120 sts)

Round 26: (K4, p3, k9, p3, k5) 5 times.

Round 27: (Yo, ssk, yo, k1, p3, k1, yo, k2tog, yo, sl2, k1, p2sso, (yo, ssk) × 2, p1, (k2tog, yo) × 2, sl2, k1, p2sso) 5 times. (110 sts)

Round 28: (K4, p3, k9, p1, k5) 5 times.

Round 29: ((Yo, ssk) × 2, p1, (k2tog, yo) × 2, sl2, k1, p2sso, yo, ssk, yo, sl1, k2tog, psso, yo, k2tog, yo, sl2, k1, p2sso) 5 times. (90 sts)

Round 30: (K4, p1, k13) 5 times.

Round 31: (Yo, ssk, yo, sl1, k2tog, psso, yo, k2tog, yo, sl2, k1, p2sso, yo, ssk, yo, incto5, yo, k2tog, yo, sl2, k1, p2sso) 5 times. (100 sts)

Round 32: (K12, p3, k5) 5 times.

Round 33: (Yo, ssk, yo, incto5, yo, k2tog, yo, sl2, k1, p2sso, yo, ssk, yo, k1, p3, k1, yo, k2tog, yo, sl2, k1, p2sso) 5 times. (120 sts)

Round 34: Repeat round 26.

Round 35: Repeat round 27. (110 sts)

Round 36: Repeat round 28.

Round 37: Repeat round 29. (90 sts)

Round 38: Repeat round 30.

Round 39: Repeat round 31. (100 sts)

Round 40: Repeat round 32.

Round 41: (Yo, ssk, yo, incto3, yo, k2tog, yo, sl2, k1, p2sso, yo, ssk, yo, k1, p3, k1, yo, k2tog, yo, sl2, k1, p2sso) 5 times. (110 sts)

Round 42: (K4, p1, k9, p3, k5) 5 times.

Round 43: (Yo, ssk, yo, k1, p1, k1, yo, k2tog, yo, sl2, k1, p2sso, (yo, ssk) × 2, p1, (k2tog, yo) × 2, sl2, k1, p2sso) 5 times. (100 sts)

Round 44: (K4, p1, k9, p1, k5) 5 times.



Round 45: ((Yo, ssk, yo, sl1, k2tog, pssso, yo, k2tog, yo, sl2, k1, p2sso) × 2) 5 times. (80 sts)
Round 46: Knit.



Finishing

Round 45 – decrease round – working with smaller needles – s1, (K5, S2KP) 10 times – 60 sts. This neckline blocks out quite large, approx. 32 inches.

For a tighter neckline, work the decrease row as follows; (K2tog, K3, S2KP) 10 times – 50 sts. This neckline would be closer to 27 – 28 inches.

Round 46 – purl.

Round 47 – knit.

Round 48 – purl.

Round 49 – bind-off in knit.

Weave in all ends and block.

