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RED HEART

CROCHET SKILL LEVEL
EASY

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Boutique Swanky™:
2 balls 9012 Tuxedo **A**

RED HEART® Soft®: 1 ball 4614 Black **B**

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook:
6mm [US J-10]

Yarn needle, pompom maker or 2" (5 cm) piece of heavy cardboard

GAUGE: 16 sts = 4" (10 cm);
6 rows = 4" (10 cm) in double crochet. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size hook to obtain gauge.

[4] MEDIUM RED HEART® Boutique Swanky™, Art. E819 available in 3.5 oz. (85 g), 202 yd (185 m) balls

[4] MEDIUM RED HEART® Soft®, Art. E728 available in solid color 5 oz (141 g), 256 yd (234 m), print 4 oz (113 g), 204 yd (187 m), and heather 4oz (113g), 212 yd (194m) balls

Mystical Cape

Whip up a little black magic with your crochet hook! You'll wear this beguiling black cape for Halloween and long after!

Directions are for size Small. Changes for sizes Medium, Large, and X-Large are in parentheses

Cape measures 13½ (15, 16½, 18)" [34 (38, 42, 45.5) cm] at neck edge, 54 (60, 66, 72)" [137 (152.5, 167.5, 183) cm] at lower edge, and 12 (13, 14, 15)" [30.5 (33, 35.5, 38) cm] long including edging

Special Stitch
Picot = Ch 3, slip st in 3rd ch from the hook.

Special Technique
Join with sc = Place a slip knot on hook, insert hook in indicated stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through both loops on hook.

Notes
1. Lower section of cape is made first and then collar is worked from first row of lower section.
2. To determine the best size, measure the wearer from shoulder to shoulder and multiply that number by 3. Follow the size with the lower edge measurement that is closest to that number.

CAPE
Lower Section
With **A**, ch 55 (61, 67, 73).
Row 1 (right side): Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn—54 (60, 66, 72) hdc.
Row 2: Ch 6 (counts as first dc, ch 3 here and throughout), dc in next st, *ch 3, dc in next st; repeat from * across, turn—54 (60, 66, 72) dc and 53 (59, 65, 71) ch-3 spaces.

Row 3: Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), 3 dc in first ch-3 space, *ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-3 space; repeat from * across, dc in 3rd ch of beginning ch, turn—161 (182, 200, 218) dc and 52 (58, 64, 70) ch-1 spaces.
Row 4: Ch 6, dc in next ch-1 space, *ch 3, dc in next ch-1 space; repeat from * across, ch 3, dc in top of beginning ch, turn—54 (60, 66, 72) dc and 53 (59, 65, 71) ch-3 spaces.
Rows 5–16 (18, 20, 22): Repeat Rows 3 and 4 six (seven, eight, nine) times.
Fasten off.

Collar
Row 1 (right side): With right side facing, join **B** with slip st in first hdc of Row 1, ch 3, dc in each st across, turn—54 (60, 66, 72) dc.
Row 2–5: Ch 3, dc in each st across, turn.
Fasten off.

Edging
Round 1: With right side of collar facing, join **B** with sc in any st at center of last row, sc in each st across; ch 51, sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across (first tie made); working down first side, 2 sc in end of each row; working across last row of lower section, ch 3, (2 dc, picot, 2 dc) in each ch-3 space, ch 3, slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch; working up other side, 2 sc in end of each row; ch 51, sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across (2nd tie made), sc in remaining sts; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

FINISHING
With a strand of **A** and **B** held together, following pompom maker directions, make two 2" (5 cm) pompoms or make pompoms as follows: Wrap yarn around 2" (5 cm) piece of heavy cardboard (the more wraps, the fuller

the pompom). Gently remove wraps from cardboard. Cut a 12" (30.5 cm) length of **B** and tie it tightly around center of wraps. Do not cut the ends of this center tie. Cut ends of wraps. Fluff and trim pompom. Use ends of center tie to attach one pompom to end of each tie.

Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, B = Color A, Color B; **ch** = ch; **dc** = double crochet; **hdc** = half double crochet; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **( )** = work directions in parentheses in same st; ***** = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.