What you will need:

RED HEART® Team Spirit™: 6 (6, 7) skeins 980 Navy/Gold

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook: 5.5mm [US I-9]

Yarn needle

GAUGE: Four 3-dc groups = 4” (10 cm); 8 rows = 4” (10 cm) in poncho body pattern. 12 sts = 4” (10 cm); 8 rows = 4” (10 cm) in half double crochet (hdc). CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

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

To Fit Bust: 32-38 (40-46, 48-54)” [81.5-96.5 (101.5-117, 122-137) cm]

Finished Cowl Circumference: 24 (26, 28)” [61 (66, 71) cm]

Finished Lower Edge Circumference: 124 (136, 140)” [315 (345.5, 355.5) cm]

Finished Side Length: 20 (22, 22)” [51 (56, 56) cm], not including cowl. Note: Front point will hang about 10” (25.5 cm) lower than side edges.

Notes
1. Poncho is worked in one piece, in two sections: Cowl and body.
2. Cowl is worked first, back and forth in rows. Body of poncho is worked in joined rounds, beginning across one long edge of cowl.

PONCHO

Cowl
Ch 31.

Row 1: Hdc in 2nd ch from hook (skipped ch does not count as a st) and each ch across—30 hdc.

Rows 2–48 (52, 56): Ch 1 (does not count as a st), turn, working in back loops only, hdc in each st.

Joining Row: Ch 1, turn, fold piece in half matching sts of first and last row; working through both thicknesses, slip st in next st across to join piece into a circle.

Body

Round 1: Ch 1, working in ends of rows of long edge of cowl, sc in end of first row, *ch 2, sc in end of next row; repeat from * across, ch 2; join with slip st in first sc—48 (52, 56) sc and 48 (52, 56) ch-2 spaces.

Round 2: Slip st in first ch-2 space, ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same ch-2 space, 3 dc in each of next 23 (25, 27) ch-2 spaces, ch 3 (for front point), 3 dc in each of the next 24 (26, 28) ch-2 spaces, ch 3 (for back point); join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3—48 (52, 56) 3-dc groups and 2 ch-3 spaces.

Round 3: Slip st in next 2 dc, (slip st, ch 1, sc) in next space between 3-dc groups. *[ch 2, sc in next space between 3-dc groups; repeat from * to next ch-3 space, ch 2, (sc, ch 3, sc) in ch-3 space] twice, ch 2; join with slip st in first sc—50 (54, 58) sc, 48 (52, 56) ch-2 spaces, 2 ch-3 spaces.

Round 4: Slip st in first ch-2 space, ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same ch-2 space, 3 dc in each ch-2 space to next ch-3 space, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in ch-3 space] twice, 3 dc in each remaining ch-2 space around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3—52 (56, 60) 3-dc groups and 2 ch-3 spaces.

Round 5: Slip st in next 2 dc, (slip st, ch 1, sc) in next space between 3-dc groups. *[ch 2, sc in next space between 3-dc groups; repeat from * to next ch-3 space, ch 2, (sc, ch 3, sc) in ch-3 space] twice, *ch 2, sc in next space between 3-dc groups; repeat from ** around, ch 2; join with slip st in first sc—54 (58, 62) sc, 52 (56, 60) ch-2 spaces, 2 ch-3 spaces.

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FINISHING
Fringe (optional)
Cut 4 strands, each 10” (25.5 cm) long. Fold strands in half to form a loop. Insert crochet hook from wrong side through front ch-3 space. Place fold on hook and draw fold through, forming a loop. Thread ends of strands through loop and pull to tighten. Repeat to attach fringe to back ch-3 space and to every other space between 3-dc groups all the way around. Trim ends evenly. Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS
ch = chain; dc = double crochet; hdc = half double crochet; sc = single crochet; st(s) = stitch(es); () = work directions in parentheses into same st; [] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; * or ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.