

Little Superhero Cape

A miniature cape and headband for your favourite soft toy.



At a Glance

Level Easy; measuring required	Terms US crochet
Yarn DK / light worsted cotton	Hook 3.5 mm (E)
Size Made to measure; example cape about 9.4 × 15 cm before edging	Includes Cape + headband only; toy pattern not included

Before You Begin

Measure the actual toy and check the fit as you work. Finished dimensions vary with yarn, tension and edging. Project images are AI-generated illustrations, not photographs of a tested sample.

Abbreviations

ch chain · **sc** single crochet · **sl st** slip stitch · **st(s)** stitch(es)

Prepare & measure

Materials

- Cape: approximately 25 g / 37.5 m (41 yd) DK cotton.
- Headband: approximately 3 g / 4.5 m (5 yd) contrasting DK cotton.
- 3.5 mm crochet hook, tapestry needle, scissors, removable stitch markers, measuring tape and pins.
- Your chosen soft toy. A narrow ribbon may replace the cape's yarn cord.

Yarn quantities are reference amounts for a small toy, not a guarantee for every size. Keep extra yarn available for larger accessories.

Tension & construction

Reference tension: 11 sc and 11 rows over 5 cm (about 2 in). Exact gauge is less important than matching the intended measurements. The cape is worked sideways: each row forms its length, while the accumulated rows form its width.

Work through both loops unless stated otherwise. The turning ch does not count as a stitch. Count the stitches in the first row and keep that number unchanged throughout the cape body.

Take three measurements

Measure	How to measure	Example
Back length	From the intended neckline down the toy's back.	10 cm
Back width	Across the back where the cape will sit.	7.5 cm
Head circumference	Around the head at the intended headband position.	23 cm

Calculate the cape size

Cape length = back length × 1.5

Example: $10 \times 1.5 = 15$ cm.

Cape width = back width × 1.25

Example: $7.5 \times 1.25 = 9.375$ cm; aim for about 9.4 cm.

Measure the fabric without stretching it. These are body dimensions before edging; the finished cape will be slightly larger. If between rows, choose the closest practical fit and check it against the toy.

Crochet the cape

1 / Work the rectangular body

Foundation: With the cape colour, make a chain approximately equal to your calculated cape length. Check it relaxed, including the active loop when measuring.

Row 1: Starting in the second chain from the hook, work 1 sc into every chain. Ch 1 and turn.

Row 2: Work 1 sc into every stitch. Ch 1 and turn. Repeat this row until the accumulated rows measure the calculated cape width. Record your row count. Leave the yarn attached.

2 / Mark the top edge

Rotate the rectangle so you can work across the short edge beside the hook. This will become the neckline. Divide your number of rows by 3 and round to the nearest whole number to estimate the number of marker positions. Example: $21 \text{ rows} \div 3 = 7 \text{ markers}$.

Spread those markers evenly across the neckline. Use the row ends as anchor points. Check that the spacing is reasonably uniform before adding the loops.

3 / Make the cord eyelets

Count the row ends between your current position and the next marked anchor. Chain one more than that number, then sl st into the marked row end. For example, a gap of 2 row ends uses ch 3. Repeat across the marked positions.

At the last gap, make a chain one longer than the remaining row-end gap, then sc into the first available stitch on the adjoining long side. The chain arches should lie gently along the neckline, without pulling it tight or forming oversized loops.

4 / Edge the remaining sides

Continue with sc around the other three edges. Along the foundation edge, work into the unused chain loops; along the opposite short edge, space the sc evenly into row ends; along the final long edge, work into the stitches. Place 2 sc in each corner stitch or corner position.

Join to the starting neckline chain with a sl st. Fasten off and weave in the ends. If the edging waves or pulls inward, adjust the spacing along the row ends so the cape lies flat.

Headband & assembly

5 / Make the headband centre

Sizing clarification: Use one-third of the head circumference as a starting length for the centre panel. A 23 cm head gives about 7.7 cm. This resolves the conflicting division-by-two worked example; the one-third choice is an editorial interpretation and has not been physically tested. Confirm fit on the toy before finishing.

With the headband colour, chain to approximately that length, measured relaxed. Starting in the second chain from the hook, work 1 sc in each chain. Ch 3, then rotate to work along the opposite side of the foundation chain. Work 1 sc into each unused chain loop. Ch 3 and sl st into the first sc to join. Fasten off and weave in the ends.

6 / Add the two headband ties

Join yarn in a ch-3 space at one end of the centre panel. Chain a tie approximately as long as the centre panel's starting chain. Starting in the second chain from the hook, sl st back along the tie. Sl st into the attachment space, fasten off and weave in the ends. Repeat at the other end.

Wrap the headband around the toy and check that the ties meet comfortably at the back. Extend the ties if needed for a loose bow. Do not stretch the centre panel to make it fit.

7 / Thread and fit the cape

Cut a yarn cord approximately two to three times the cape width. Thread it through the neckline eyelets, leaving the ends balanced. Gather the top gently to fit the toy's shoulders. Add length if the cord is too short to tie without tightening around the neck. Narrow ribbon is an optional alternative.

Place the cape over the toy's back and tie a loose bow at the front. Position the headband across the forehead and tie it at the back. Tuck in or shorten excessive loose ends while retaining enough length for an easy bow.

Use note

These miniature accessories are intended for display toys, not for children to wear. Loose cords and detachable accessories are unsuitable for unattended play by babies or young children. Remove the accessories before giving the toy to a young child.

Finish with care



Final project check

- The cape body lies flat and the edging does not curl or flare.
- The top eyelets are secure and the cord slides through smoothly.
- The cape rests on the shoulders without pulling around the neck.
- The headband sits comfortably and its ties fasten without stretching.
- All yarn ends are woven in securely and any pins are removed.

Care & finishing

Gently shape the pieces to the intended dimensions, following your yarn's care instructions. Let them dry flat before fitting. Avoid high heat and do not iron the yarn unless its label explicitly allows it.

Pattern notes

This edition has been checked for written clarity and internal calculations, but has not been physically crocheted-tested. Use the measurements and fit checks throughout. The generated images are styling guides; follow the written construction for stitch placement.

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