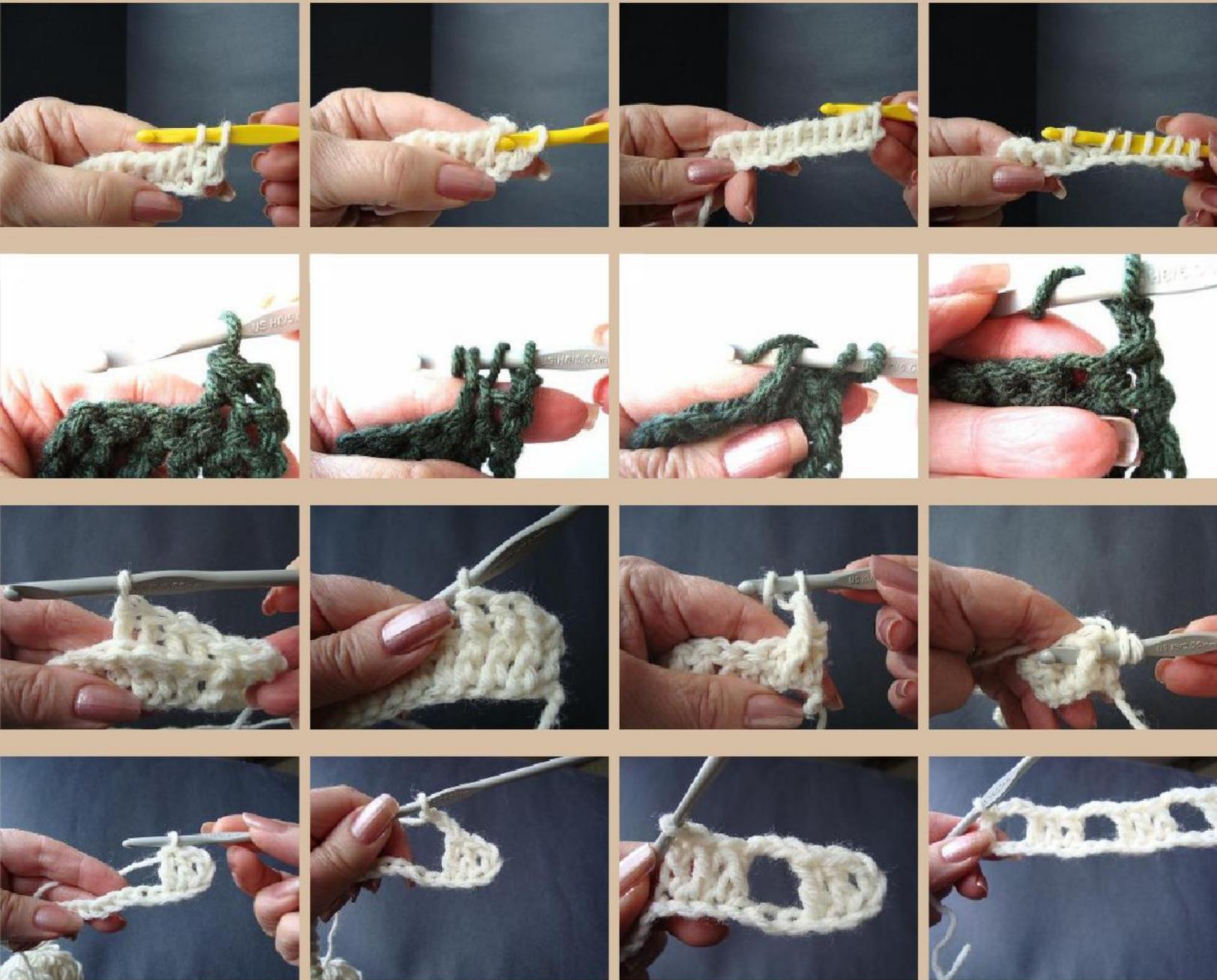


How Do I Crochet?



13 Basic Crochet Stitches & Free Beginner Crochet Afghan Patterns

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Letter from the Editors

Crochet patterns can definitely look like a foreign language if you're a beginner. The first step in learning how to crochet is to learn the basic crochet stitches. Once you've mastered the very basic crochet stitches, there are a handful of other easy crochet stitches to learn, such as the basketweave stitch, popcorn stitch, and checkerboard stitch, just to name a few! Each stitch produces a different effect and can add interesting and unique textures and patterns to your crocheted afghan.

As soon as you've got a good grasp of crochet stitches, it's time to start working on your first beginner crochet afghan pattern! Follow any one of the beginner crochet afghan patterns in this eBook and make yourself a blanket, or give one to a friend. Once you make your first afghan, you will want to make another, and another, and another! It's truly an addicting hobby. Crocheted afghans make great gifts for any occasion, including birthdays, weddings, baby showers, or just because!

Let our latest eBook, *How Do I Crochet? 13 Basic Crochet Stitches and Free Beginner Crochet Afghan Patterns*, be your go-to guide if you've been wondering "how do I crochet?" The crochet stitch tutorials and beginner afghans patterns included in this eBook will teach you everything you've ever wanted to know about how to crochet. Each step-by-step tutorial includes color pictures and detailed instructions. We've collected the best crochet tutorials and free beginner crochet afghan patterns for you to choose from. If you're looking for easy-to-read crochet stitch tutorials, or easy crochet afghan patterns for beginners, *How Do I Crochet? 13 Basic Crochet Stitches and Free Beginner Crochet Afghan Patterns* is a great place to start.

Happy Crocheting!

Sincerely,

Editors of AllFreeCrochetAfghanPatterns

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Abbreviations

A, B, C – Color A, Color B, Color, C, etc.

Bobble - (Yoh and draw up a loop. Yoh and draw through 2 loops on hook) 5 times in next st. Yoh and draw through all 6 loops on hook.

ch – chain

dc – double crochet

dec – decrease

dpn – double pointed needle

hdc – half double crochet

inc – increase

K – knit

k2tog – knit next two stitches together

kwise – knitwise

m1 – make 1

mm – millimeters

P – purl

p2tog – purl next two stitches together

pm or PM – place marker

pwise – purlwise

RS – right side

rem – remaining

rnd – round

sc – single crochet

sc2tog – single crochet two stitches together

sk – skip

sl st – slip stitch

sp(s) – space(s)

ssk – slip the next two stitches knit wise onto right hand needle, insert left hand needle into front loops of these stitches, knit together.

st(s) – stitch(es)

St st – stockinette stitch (knit right side rows, purl wrong side rows)

tbl – through back loop

tfl – through front loop

tog – together

tr – treble (or triple) crochet

WS – wrong side

yo – yarn over

*** or **** – repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated

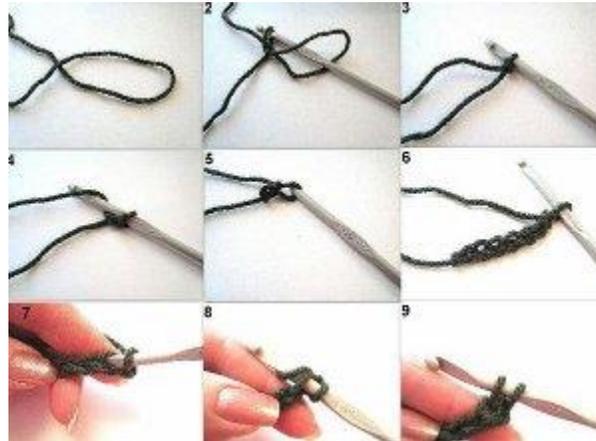
[] – work directions in brackets the number of times specified

Beginner Crochet Stitches

Chain Stitch and Single Crochet

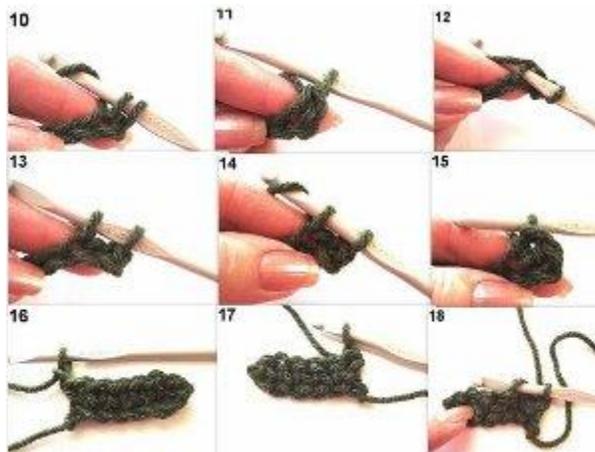
M.E. Harrington

Always wondered "how do I crochet" the chain stitch? Learn how with this easy-to-learn tutorial. This is great for beginners to learn, as it is the starting point for many crochet patterns.

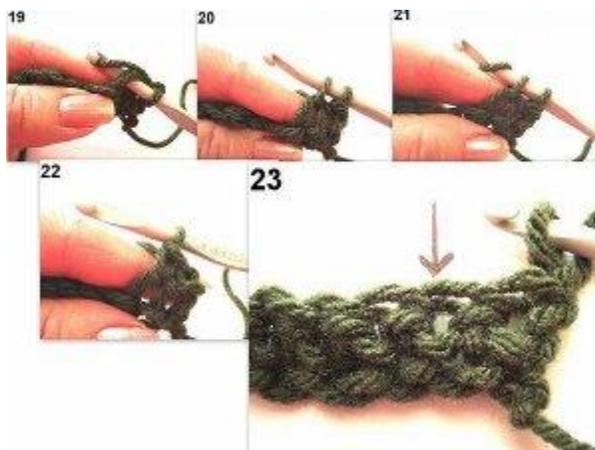


INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Make a loop.
2. Pass the hook through the loop, and pick up the yarn. (This is called yarn over, and abbreviated yo).
3. Pull the yarn through the loop.
4. Pick up the yarn again. (yo)
5. Pull through the loop on the hook.
6. Repeat step 4 and 5, until you have the required number of chain stitches called for in your pattern.
7. Photo 6 shows 7 chain stitches completed.
8. Insert the hook into the 2nd chain from the hook. Pick up the yarn. (yo)
9. Pull the yarn through the hook. (2 loops on the hook)



10. Pick up the yarn (yo).
11. Pull through the two loops on the hook. (One single crochet completed.)
12. Pass the hook through the next chain stitch.
13. Pick up the yarn, (yo), and pull through the chain stitch.
14. Pick up the yarn, (yo).
15. Pull through the 2 loops on the hook.
16. At the end of the row, chain 1.
17. Turn the work around to begin the next row.
18. Insert the hook through the next stitch.



19. Pick up the yarn. (yo)
20. Pull it through the stitch.

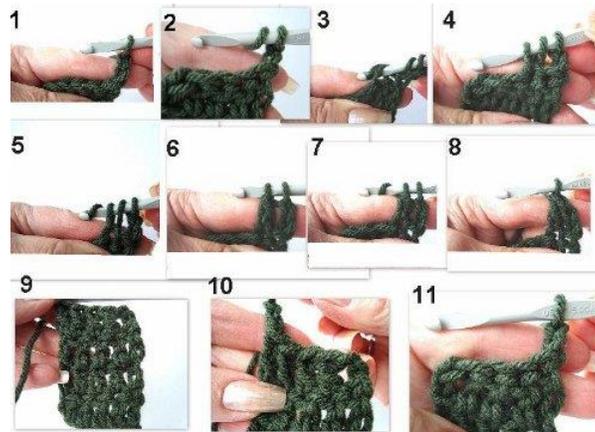
21. Pick up the yarn (yo)
22. Pull it through both loops on the hook. (2nd single crochet completed.) Repeat steps 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22 for each single crochet stitch.

NOTE: When beginning a row, insert the hook into the 2nd stitch of the row. See the arrow in image. The chain 1 at the beginning of the row takes the place of the first single crochet.

Double Crochet Stitch

M.E. Harrington

You've learned how to crochet the single crochet stitch, but now you're asking yourself, "how do I crochet the double crochet stitch?" The Double Crochet Stitch is one of the most important stitches in crochet. Learn how today with this easy tutorial.



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. To begin a row of double crochet stitches, first chain 2.



2. Yarn over the hook one time.



3. Insert the hook through the next stitch. Yarn over and pull through. (Note: insert the hook into the 2nd stitch of the previous row, as the chain 2 takes the place of the first double crochet.)



4. You now have 3 loops on the hook.



5. Pick up the yarn.



6. Pull through 2 loops on the hook.



7. Pick up the yarn.



8. Bring it through two loops (You now have only one loop on the hook.)



9. 4 rows of double crochet stitches completed.



10. At the end of the row, chain 2.



11. Turn the work to begin the next row of double crochet stitches. Repeat from step 2 for the next row of stitches (Step 1 and step 11 are the same.)



Basketweave Stitch

M.E. Harrington

Follow this great tutorial to learn how to crochet this dense stitch. In order to make the basketweave stitch, you will need to know the chain stitch, and the double crochet stitch. This stitch is achieved by manipulating a double crochet stitch, first in the front of the stitch of the previous row, and then in the back of the stitch. These stitches are referred to as front post stitch, and back post stitch. These examples are shown using a larger than usual hook to show the stitches clearly. When completed with a smaller hook, you will achieve a denser, textured stitch.



Instructions:

1. First make a foundation piece on which to make your stitches: Chain 22.



2. Double crochet in the 3rd stitch from the hook, and in each stitch of the chain



3. **How to do the front post stitch:** Chain 2 and turn. Yarn over, insert the hook under the post of the next double crochet of the previous row.



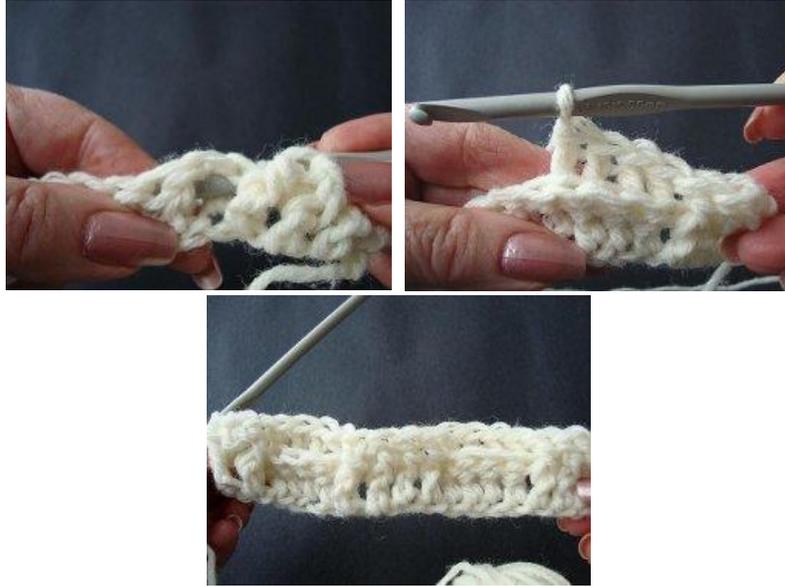
4. Then yarn over, and complete a double crochet stitch.



5. Repeat from * in the next 2 stitches. This gives you a total of 4 front post stitches. (The first chain 2 takes the place of the 1st double crochet.)



6. **How to do the back post stitch:** *Insert the hook behind the next double crochet of the previous row, and complete a double crochet. Repeat from * for 3 more times.



Notes:

(Photo above shows the foundation row of double crochet, and one row of alternating front post and back post stitches.)

When you arrive at the end of the row, chain 2 and turn. Repeat steps 3 and 4 throughout the construction of your project.

(You will always begin with only 3 double crochet stitches, as the chain 1 takes the place of the first double crochet. Then continuing across the row, you will alternate 4 front post stitches, and 4 back post stitches.)

YOU WILL ALWAYS BEGIN WITH THE SAME STITCH AS THE LAST 4 STITCHES OF THE PREVIOUS ROW. That means if you finished with 4 front post stitches, you will begin the next row with 4 front post stitches.



(Above photo shows 6 rows completed of basket-weave stitch, plus the foundation row of double crochet stitches.)

Cable Stitch

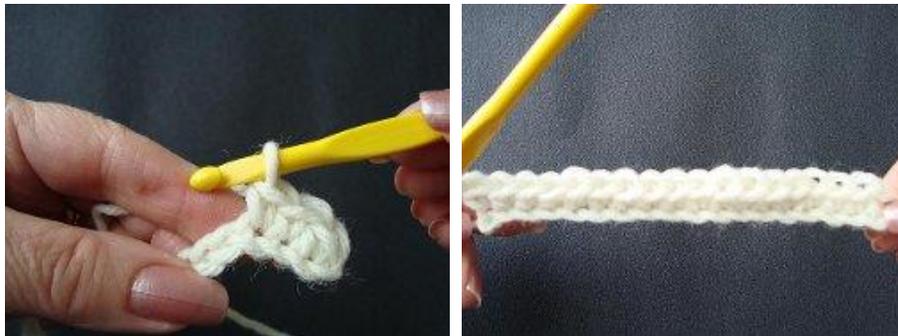
By M.E. Harrington

How do I crochet the cable stitch? Learn how to crochet this classic crochet stitch in only eight steps. This is an easy crochet tutorial for you to follow; only four stitches are needed to do the cable stitch.



Instructions:

1. In order to make a crocheted cable you will need 4 stitches. Therefore chain in multiples of 4, plus add 3. For example, 4 cables would be 16 stitches, plus 3, equals 19, therefore chain 19 stitches. Single crochet in the 2nd stitch from the hook, and in each stitch of the chain.



2. Chain 3 and turn.



3. Skip the next stitch, double crochet in each of the next 3 stitches.



4. Insert the hook, from front to back, into the first stitch skipped.



5. Draw up a loop, loosely, bring it to the top of the last double crochet worked, and finish the double crochet with yarn over, and through the loops.



6. Repeat steps 3, 4, and 5 across the row. End the row with a double crochet in the last stitch

7. Chain 1 and turn, single crochet in each stitch across the row.



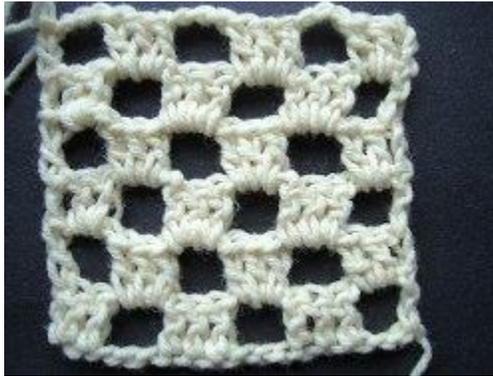
8. Repeat the steps, starting at step 2.
9. Photo shows 3 rows of cable stitch completed.



Checkerboard Stitch

By M.E. Harrington

How do I crochet the checkerboard stitch? We're glad you asked, because it's a really neat stitch. You can use just one for a dishcloth or crochet the squares together for a really neat-looking afghan. Learn how to crochet the checkerboard stitch with this step-by-step guide.



Instructions:

1. Start with a chain. Double crochet in the 3rd stitch from the hook, and in the next stitch.



2. Chain 3.



3. Skip the next 3 stitches. Double crochet in each of the next 3 stitches.



4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 across the row. Always end with a double crochet in the last stitch.



5. Chain 3 and turn.



6. Make 2 double crochet in the chain 3 space of the previous row. (The chain 3 takes the place of the first double crochet.)



7. Chain 3, make 3 double crochet in the chain 3 space of the previous row.



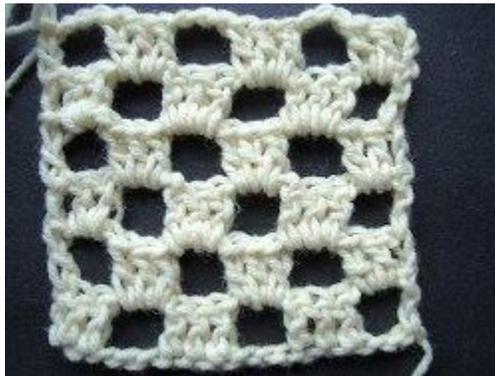
8. Repeat step 6 across the row.



9. Photo shows 3 rows of checkerboard stitch completed.



10. One checkerboard square is shown below:



Half Double Crochet Stitch

By M. E. Harrington

If you're wondering "how do I crochet the half double crochet stitch," then this is the perfect tutorial for you. In only five easy steps you can learn this simple crochet stitch to use every day in your crochet adventures.

Instructions:

1. Yarn over the hook once.



2. Pass the hook through the next stitch, and hook onto the yarn.



3. Pull the yarn through the stitch. (3 loops on the hook.)



4. Hook onto the yarn again.

4



5. Pull through all 3 loops on the hook.

5



Popcorn Stitch

M. E. Harrington

Tired of wondering "how do I crochet the popcorn stitch?" It turns out that crocheting a popcorn stitch is quite easy if you have the proper directions on how to do so. This great tutorial will show you how to crochet the popcorn stitch. All you do is make a cluster of double crochet stitches in the same stitch.



Instructions:

1. Chain a foundation chain which can be divided by 3. Single crochet in the 2nd stitch from the hook and in each stitch of the chain.



- Chain 1 and turn, single crochet in the next 2 stitches. * In the next stitch, make 5 double crochet, keeping the last loop of each stitch on the hook.



- Slip stitch into all the 6 loops on the hook.



- Single crochet in the next 3 stitches



- Repeat step 2, 3, and 4 across the row, beginning at * in step 2.

- Chain 1 and turn, single crochet in each stitch across the row. (In the popcorn stitch, single crochet in the center stitch.)



(Single crochet in the center stitch of the back side of the popcorn stitch.)

- Repeat the sequence of steps 2, 3, 4, 5, for the number of rows required to complete your project.



(2 rows of popcorn stitch completed)



(3 rows of popcorn stitch completed.)

Tunisian Stitch

M.E. Harrington

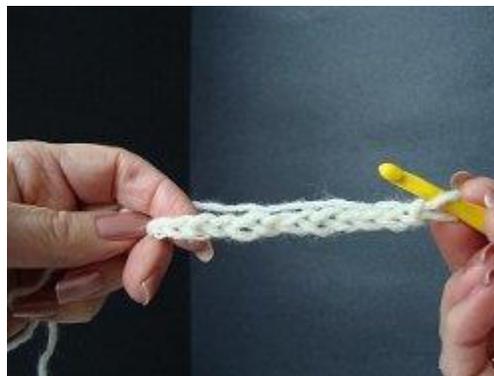
Wondering to yourself, "how do I crochet the Tunisian stitch?" Follow this step by step tutorial to learn how to crochet the famous Tunisian crochet stitch, also known as the afghan stitch, railroad knitting, tricot crochet, and shepherds knitting.

Unless you have a traditional Tunisian crochet hook, which is a very long handled crochet hook, then Tunisian crochet is really only practical for making smaller items, such as wallets, headbands, belts, and other small items which don't require more than a dozen stitches across the row. That's because all the stitches stay on the hook, and any more than that, they will fall off the back end of the hook!

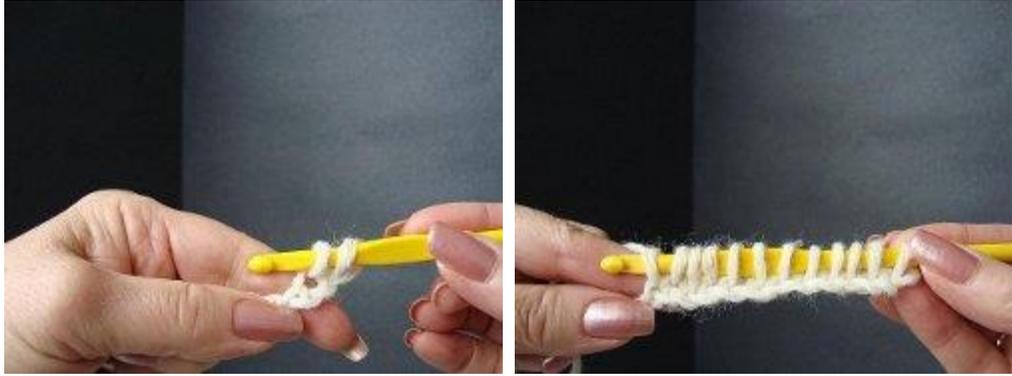


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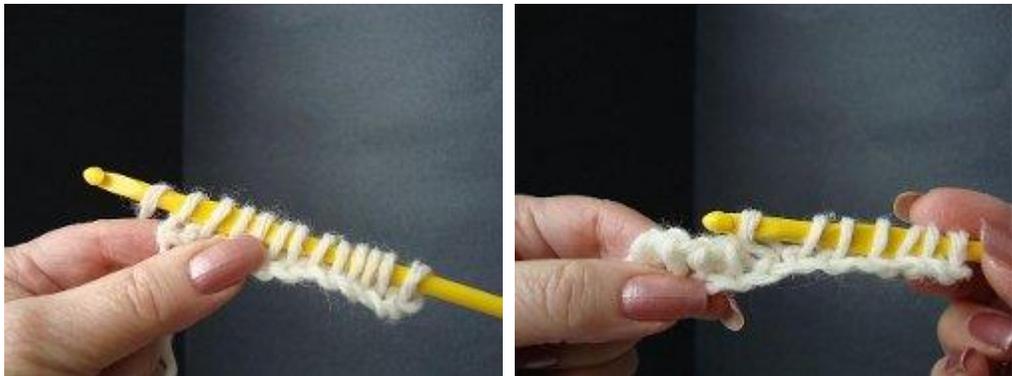
1. Chain as many stitches as your project requires.



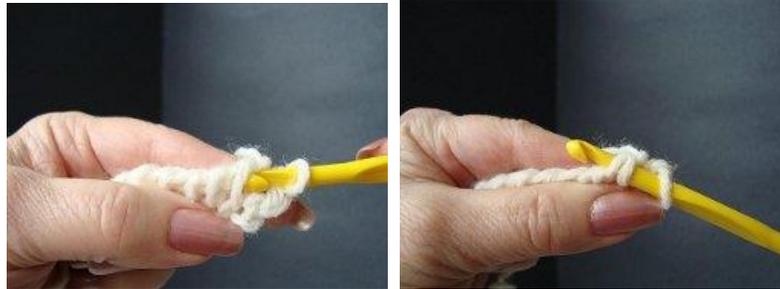
2. Then work back down the chain, as though making the first half of a single crochet, but keeping that loop on the hook as you progress down the row. At the end of the row, you will have as many loops on your hook as your chain (minus 1 to accommodate the turn.) If you had a chain of 13 stitches, you will have 12 loops on the hook.



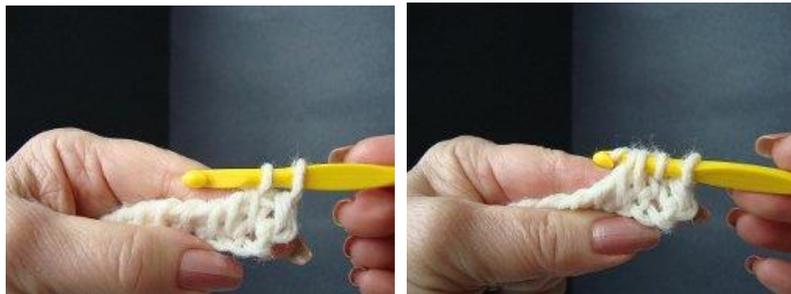
3. Now, do not turn the work, * yarn over, and pull through 2 loops. Repeat from * all across the row, until you have only one loop remaining on the hook.



4. Proceed back down the row again, picking up a loop at each stitch. (Pass the hook through the stitch that looks like a knitting stitch, and pass right through to the other side. (2nd photo below.)). Count the number of loops on the hook to maintain the correct number of stitches in each row. (It's easy to miss the last stitch if you are not counting!)



5. Yarn over, and pull through to the front, keeping the loop on the hook.



6. Continue down the row.



7. Tunisian stitch, viewed from the back side:



Easy Crochet Afghan Patterns for Beginners

World's Easiest Crocheted Afghan

Suzetta of [Suzie's Stuff](#)

New to the world of crocheted afghans? Make the World's Easiest Crocheted Afghan. It's pretty and best of all, it's easy! Feel free to adjust the size and colors of this easy crochet afghan pattern. The fringe is added at the end.

SIZE: 40 x 56 inches, excluding fringe



Materials:

- Worsted weight yarn
- I (5.5 mm) crochet hook

Notes:

- Amount of yarn will depend on how large you make your afghan. The one above used 32 ounces.
- Afghan in photo was crocheted with two rows of each color. It looks nice worked with only one row of each color.
- Rather than count stitches, just make a long chain and when you crochet the first row, crochet as far as you like for the length of your afghan. Cut off remaining chains.
- When starting and ending rows leave an 8 inch tail to be included in fringe.

Base Instructions:

1. Leaving an 8 inch tail, chain 211 stitches for foundation. This will be about 60 inches. If you want your afghan longer, start with a longer chain.
2. Row 1: Hdc in third stitch from hook and in each remaining chain. If changing colors fasten off. Remember to leave an 8 inch tail.
3. Row 2 and all remaining rows: Turn. Join new color, if needed, with a slipstitch. Ch 2, hdc in blo (back loop only) of each hdc, being sure to go into first stitch.

4. Change colors as you like. Making afghan the width you want.
5. To finish, work a row of slip stitches in last row. This stabilizes the edge and makes it resemble the beginning edge.

Fringe:

1. To cut yarn pieces for fringe, wrap around a book or other object about 8 inches in height. Cut on one edge so that you have umpteen pieces of yarn about 16 inches long.
2. Fold three pieces of fringe in half. Using your crochet hook, pull the loop through between hdc on end of afghan. If that space has a yarn tail, pull the tail and the ends of the fringe pieces through the loop. Tighten up and repeat across in every hdc on both ends of afghan. Tie an overhand knot close to the knot formed by pulling the ends through the loop.
3. When your fringe is complete, lay the afghan flat and smooth out the fringe. Using a piece of cardboard as a guide, trim the fringe evenly.

Rainbow Days Afghan

Coats & Clark

Springtime may bring the rain clouds, but the rain clouds also can bring rainbows! Get a head start on enjoying the colors of the rainbow with this Rainbow Days Afghan. This easy crochet afghan pattern is perfect for beginners.

Finished Size: Approximately 42" x 48"



Materials:

- RED HEART® “Hokey Pokey™” Art. E718 (4 ounce skeins): 5 ½ Ounces each No. 7113 Periwinkle CA, No. 7111 Blue Bonnet CB, No. 7110 Spearmint CC, No. 7109 Sunshine CD, No. 7108 Tangerine CE, and 7107 Bubblegum CF.
- Crochet Hook: 5 mm [US H-8].
- Yarn needle.

Gauge:

14 sts = 4"; 8 rows = 4" in pat. CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

Gauge Swatch:

Ch 35, then work in pat across 34 sts (two waves) for 8 rows. Swatch should measure approximately 9 ¾" wide by 4" high.

Special Abbreviations:

dc2tog (worked over 2 sts, whether those sts are sc, dc or dc2tog) = [yo and draw up a lp in next st, yo and draw through 2 lps] twice, yo and draw through all 3 lps on hook.

dc inc (worked in one st, whether that st is sc or dc) = 2 dc in next st.

sc color change = draw up a lp in next st, drop color in use, with next color to be used yo and draw through both lps on hook

Instructions:

With CA ch 147.

Foundation Row (Right Side): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across; turn - 146 sc.

Row 1 (WRONG Side): Ch 2, dc in first st, dc2tog, dc in next 5 sts, [dc inc] twice, dc in next 5 sts, * [dc2tog] twice, dc in next 5 sts, [dc inc] twice, dc in next 5 sts; rep from * to last 3 sts; dc2tog, dc in last st; turn.

NOTE: The "ch 2" is a turning chain ONLY and is NOT to be counted as a stitch. Do NOT work into the ch 2.

Rows 2 and 3: Rep Row 1.

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in each st across changing to CB in last sc; turn.

Rows 5-8: With CB, rep Rows 1-4 changing to CC in last sc of Row 8.

Rows 9-12: With CC, rep Rows 1-4 changing to CD in last sc of Row 12.

Rows 13-16: With CD, rep Rows 1-4 changing to CE in last sc of Row 16.

Rows 17-20: With CE, rep Rows 1-4 changing to CF in last sc of Row 20.

Rows 21-24: With CF, rep Rows 1-4 changing to CA in last sc of Row 24.

Rep Rows 1-24 three more times; do not change color or turn at end of last row. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

NOTES: The waves are formed by the increases and decreases; the stitch count remains constant across every row. Work a gauge swatch to become familiar with the pattern and to check your gauge.

Foolproof Afghan

[Mary Ann Frits for Red Heart Yarn](#)

If you're still learning how to crochet, this is a great project for beginners. This Foolproof Afghan is so easy, even an idiot could make it! If you're looking for an easy crochet afghan pattern that you can mindlessly work on while watching TV, then this is the perfect pattern for you! Get started on this simple project today. Use any color yarn you want.

Finished Size: Approximately 32" x 37"



Materials:

- RED HEART® "Super Saver®" Jumbo: 1 Skein 0378 Claret
- Crochet Hook: 8 mm [US L-11].
- Yarn needle

Gauge:

2 repeats (two cluster groups and two FPdc) = 3"; 4 rows = 3" in pattern. CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

Special Abbreviations:

CL (Cluster) = [Yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops] twice all in specified stitch, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

Instructions:

FPdc (front post double crochet): yarn over, insert hook from front to back to front around the post of indicated stitch and draw yarn through, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice.

BPdc (back post double crochet): yarn over, insert hook from back to front to back around the post of indicated stitch and draw yarn through, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice.

Throw:

Ch 83.

Row 1 (Wrong Side): (CL, ch 2, CL) all in 5th ch from hook, skip next ch, dc in next ch, * skip next ch, (CL, ch 2, CL) all in next ch, skip next ch, dc in next ch; repeat from * across; turn – 20 cluster groups.

Row 2 (Right Side): Ch 3, (CL, ch 2, CL) all in next ch-2 space, * FPdc around next dc, (CL, ch 2, CL) all in next ch-2 space; repeat from * to last st; dc in top of beginning ch; turn.

Row 3: Ch 3, (CL, ch 2, CL) all in next ch-2 space, * BPdc around next st, (CL, ch 2, CL) all in next ch-2 space; repeat from * to last st; dc in top of ch-3; turn.

Rows 4-49: Repeat Rows 2 and 3 twenty three (23) times.

Border-Rnd 1: Ch 1, work sc evenly around all 4 sides, working 3 sc in each corner; join with a slip st in first sc.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, working from LEFT TO RIGHT, sc in each sc around (Reverse sc); join. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Pink N' Grey Blanket

Crafts by Starlight for [Crafttown](#)

Easy crochet patterns don't get much better than this fun baby afghan. Make a Pink N' Grey Blanket for your next shower! It's warm enough for the winter but light enough for a small child to curl up with. This simple shell pattern is made from multiples of 6 + 3 + 1.

Finished Size: 58" x 38"



Materials:

- Wool-Ease yarn colors: 1 skein Rose Heather, 2 Skeins blush heather, 8 skeins Grey Heather
- Size J crochet hook.

Abbreviations:

CC = Change Color
SP(S) = Space(s)
SL = Slip Stitch
CH = Chain
SC = Single Crochet
DC = Double Crochet
Shell = 5 DC in next sp

Base Instructions:

Grey Heather: Ch 154

Row 1: 2 Dc in 4th CH from hook, * Sk 2 sps, SC, Sk 2 sps, Shell, Rep from * across to last 6 sts, SK 2 sps, SC, Sk 2sps, 3 Dc in last sp, Ch 3, turn.

Row2: Sk 3 sps, * SC in SC sp, Ch 2, Sk 2 sps, SC in middle SC sp in shell, CH 2, SK 2 sps, rep from * across, Ch 1, turn.

Row 3: SC, * SK Ch 2 sp, Shell in SC sp, Sk Ch 2 sp, SC in SC sp, Rep from * across, end with SC in last sp, Ch 3, turn.

Row 4: Sk 3 sp * SC in middle DC in Shell, Ch 2, Sk 2 sps, SC, Sk 2 sps, rep from * across ending with SC in last sp, CH 3, turn.

Row 5: 2 Dc in 1st sp, * Sk CH 2 sp, SC in SC sp, Sk CH 2 sp, Shell in SC sp, rep from * across to last 6 sps, Sk Ch 2 sp, Sc, Sk CH 2 sp, 3 DC in last sp, CH 3, turn.

Rep rows 2-5 and CC every 3rd Rep of row 2 to Rose Heather for just that row.

Rep until there are 10 Rose Heather Stripes and end with 5 Rows of Grey shells, End with row 4

Border:

Rose heather

Row 1: DC around the perimeter of blanket, and DC 4 in the corner sps, Sl to First DC made, CC to Blush heather, Ch 1, turn.

Row 2: SC around blanket, In 4 corner sps in prev. row (2SC, Ch 3, 2 Sc), SL to 1st Sc made, Ch 2, turn.

Row 3: DC around blanket, In Corner Ch 3 sp (DC, CH 3, DC) SL to 1st DC made ch 1, turn.

Row 4: In corner Sps (SC, DC 7, SC), Rep the following around the blanket: *SC, SK 2 sps, In next sp (3 DC, Ch 3, 3 DC), SC 2 sps, Rep from * around, Note: at times coming near a corner you may have to squeeze in a shell or leave it out. That is up to you. All depends on how many sts you put around the perimeter in row 1.

NOTE:For a reference, there are 149 sts along the top and bottom of blanket while the sides were 180. Along the sides, there are 16 sts between the pink stripes and DC on the strip itself. That way the stitches are evenly spread out.

Beginner's Round Ripple

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If you're just learning to crochet, you've got to try this pattern. The Beginner's Round Ripple is easy enough for beginners but still looks impressive. It will look fabulous in any room of your home. Use the colors suggested below, or select your own! Just follow the free crochet ripple afghan pattern and you won't be sorry.



Materials:

- Color A - Turqua (1 skein, 7 oz, 364 yards) Red Heart Super Saver 4 ply Worsted Weight
- Color B - White (1 skein, 7 oz, 364 yards) Lion Brand Vanna's Choice
- Color C - Light Teal (1 skein, 7 oz, 364 yards) Red Heart Super Saver 4 ply Worsted Weight
- Size I - 8 - 5.50 MM
- Yarn Needle

Special Stitches:

V-stitch: (dc, ch 2, dc) in indicated ch sp or between 2 stitches indicated.

Shell: (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in indicated ch sp.

Instructions:

Using color A ch 4, join with a slip st in 4th ch from hook to form a ring.

1. **Round 1:** Ch 3, dc in ring, ch 2, *(2 dc, ch 2) repeat from * 4 more times in ring; join with slip st in top of beg ch-3. Finish Off. (12 dc, 6 ch-2)
2. **Round 2:** Using color B join with slip st in any ch-2 sp, ch 3, (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, ch 1, *(shell, ch 1) in ch-2 sp, repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of beg ch-3. Finish off. (24 dc, 6 ch-1 sps, 6 ch-2 sps)
3. **Round 3:** Using color C join with a slip st in any ch sp, ch 3, (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same ch sp, *shell in next ch sp, repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of beg ch-3. Finish off. (48 dc, 12 ch-2 sps)
4. **Round 4:** Using color B join with a slip st in 2nd dc of any shell, ch 3, shell in ch-2 sp, dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, *dc in next st, shell in ch-2 sp, dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of beg ch-3. (72 dc, 12 ch-2 sps)

5. **Round 5:** Slip st into next st, ch 3, dc in next st, *V-st in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 2 sts, skip next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, repeat from * around, sk last 2 sts; join with slip st in top of beg ch-3. Finish off. (72 dc, 12 ch-2 sps)
NOTE: In this and all rounds you wish to change yarn colors, join new color with a slip stitch ONE stitch to the left of the slip stitch you just completed which joined the last round together and then you finished off.
6. **Update:** As you start a new color of yarn, work the round in back loops throughout the round. After this initial yarn color change, work the rounds using both loops until you change yarn colors again.
7. **Round 6:** Using color A join with a slip st ONE stitch to the left of the slip st that you just completed when you joined the last round together, working in back loops throughout the round, ch 3, dc in BL of next st, *shell in next ch-2 space, dc in BL of next 2 sts, sk 2 sts, dc in BL of next 2 sts, repeat from * around, sk last 2 sts; join with slip st in top of beg ch-3. (96 dc, 12 ch-2 sps)
8. **Round 7:** Slip st into next st, ch 3, dc in next 2 sts, *shell in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 3 sts, skip 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts, repeat from * around, sk last 2 sts; join with slip st in top of beg ch-3. (120 dc, 12 ch-2 sps)
9. **Round 8:** Slip st into next st, ch 3, dc in the next 3 sts, *V-st in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 4 sts, sk 2 sts, dc in next 4 sts, repeat from * around, sk last 2 sts; join with slip st in top of beg ch-3. (120 dc, 12 ch-2 sps)
10. **Round 9:** Slip st into next st, ch 3, dc in next 3 sts, *shell in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 4 sts, sk 2 sts, dc in next 4 sts, repeat from * around, sk last 2 sts; join with slip st in top of beg ch-3. (144 dc, 12 ch-2 sps)
11. **Round 10:** Slip st into next st, ch 3, dc in next 4 sts, *shell in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 5 sts, sk 2 sts, dc in next 5 sts, repeat from * around, sk last 2 sts; join with slip st in top of beg ch-3. (168 dc, 12 ch-2 sps)

Pattern continues repeating rounds as pattern established always working 1 round with V-st, and 2 rounds with a shell. Continue repeating rounds 8, 9 and then 10. This will allow your blanket to lay smoother and not increase so quickly.

The number of DC will increase on each round as you work stitches in the ch-2 spaces.

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