

## Basic Crochet Stitches

### Chain Stitch (ch)

Create a slip knot. Yarn over and pull through loop. Continue yarning over and pulling through loop.

### Slip Stitch (sl st or ss):

Foundation row - Do not skip any. Insert hook into hole. Yarn over and pull through *both loops*. You should only have one loop left on your hook.

### Single Crochet (sc):

Foundation row - skip 1. Insert hook into hole. Yarn over and pull the yarn through that loop. You will now have 2 loops over your hook. Yarn over and pull through both loops.

### Double Crochet (dc):

Foundation row - skip 2 or 3. Yarn over. Insert hook (one loop already on) into hole. Yarn over again. Pull loop through. You now have three loops on your hook. Yarn over again and pull through two loops. Yarn over and pull through both remaining loops.

### Half Double Crochet (hdc):

Foundation row - skip 2. Yarn over. Insert hook (one loop already on) into hole. Yarn over again. Pull loop through. You now have three loops on your hook. Yarn over again and pull through *all 3 loops*.

### Treble Crochet (tr):

Foundation row - skip 3 or 4. Yarn over twice. Insert your hook (two loops already on) into hole. Yarn over again. Pull loop through. You now have four loops on your hook. Yarn over and pull through two loops. Yarn over again and pull through two loops. Yarn over and pull through both remaining loops.

### Popcorn/Bobble Crochet (pop, pc or p/bo):

Foundation row - Stitches are worked within a row. (5 unfinished dc in same space) YO. Insert hook (one loop already on) into hole. YO again. Pull loop through. You now have 3 loops on your hook. YO again and pull through 2 loops. YO again. Insert hook *in same hole*, YO. Pull loop through. You now have 4 loops on your hook. YO again and pull through 2 loops. (3 left on hook) YO again. Insert hook *in same hole*. YO. Pull loop through. You now have 5 loops on your hook. YO again and pull through 2 loops. (4 left on hook) YO again. Insert hook *in same hole*. YO. Pull loop through. You now have 6 loops on your hook. YO again and pull through 2 loops. (5 left on hook) YO again. Insert hook *in same hole*. YO. Pull loop through. You now have 7 loops on your hook. YO again and pull through 2 loops. (6 left on hook) YO. Pull *through all 6 remaining stitches*. (1 left on hook) Finish as pattern dictates: with additional locking chain stitch or next pattern stitch.

### Shell/Fan Crochet Stitches:

Foundation row - skip 2 or 3 (Stitches are worked within a row). Usually secured with sc before and after. 5 complete double crochet stitches in same hole. (Sc, 5 dc, sc) or (sc, sk next st, 5 dc, sk next st, sc)

**Front Loop (fl)**

Insert your hook into *only* the loop closest to you, *not* both.

**Back Loop (bl)**

Insert your hook into *only* the loop farthest to you, *not* both.

**Extended Single Crochet (exsc)**

Foundation Row - skip 2. Insert hook into the. Yarn over. Pull loop through. (Two loops on hook) Yarn over and pull through *one loop only*. Yarn over again and pull through both loops.

**Double Treble Crochet (dtr)**

Foundation row - skip 4 or 5. Yarn over three times. Insert your hook (three loops on hook) into hole. Yarn over again. Pull loop through. Five loops on hook. Yarn over and pull through two loops. Yarn over and pull through two loops again. Yarn over and pull through two loops again. Yarn over and pull through both remaining loops.

**Popcorn Stitch (pop, pc or p)/Bobble Stitch (bo)**

Foundation row - skip based on stitch height. Yarn over. Insert your hook (one loop already on) into hole. Yarn over again. Pull loop through. Three loops on hook. Yarn over again and pull through two loops. Your first “unfinished” double crochet is made. Repeat this step 4 more times, leaving all loops on your hook. You now have six loops on your hook. Yarn over and pull *through all six (6) loops*. Yarn over and pull through loop to make a locking chain.

**Cluster Stitch (cl)**

Foundation row - skip based on stitch height. A cluster stitch is a group of crochet stitches only connected at the top. Similar to the popcorn/bobble stitch. Work each stitch to just before last yarn over and pull through, leaving them unfinished. Continue working your stitches (and collecting the last loops on your hook). Yarn over and pull through all the loops on the hook to connect the cluster. (You can work a chain stitch to close.)

**Puff Stitch (ps)**

Foundation row - skip 2. Yarn over. Insert hook (one loop already on) into hole. Yarn over again. Pull loop through. Three loops on hook. You now have an unfinished half double crochet. Repeat this into same hole as many times as desired. (Three is standard.) On last stitch, yarn over and pull through *all loops* left on your hook. (You can work a chain stitch to close.)

**Bullion Stitch (bs)**

Foundation row - skip 2 or 3 - based on number of wraps. Wrap the working yarn around hook desired number of times. (Usually 7-10 - can be more.) Insert hook into hole. Yarn over and pull through one loop. This “locks” stitch in place. Yarn over again and pull through *all remaining loops* on your hook. (Work stitches off one by one if needed.) Yarn over and pull through. This “locks” top of stitch.

**Spike Stitches**

Foundation row - skip based on stitch height. Spike stitches are standard crochet stitches worked into rows below the current working row.

### **Front Raised Stitches**

Foundation row- skip based on stitch height. Insert hook *between* the first and second stitch, from front to back. Bring hook back to the front between the second and third stitch (stem of stitch on row below on hook). Yarn over, pull yarn back around stem and complete stitch normally. A ridge will form on the back side of work.

### **Back Raised Stitches**

Foundation row - skip based on stitch height. Insert hook *between* the first and second stitch, from back to front. Bring hook to the back between the second and third stitch (stem of stitch on row below behind hook). Yarn over, pull yarn back around the stem and complete stitch normally. A ridge will form on the front side of your work.

### **Surface Crochet/Overlaid Chain (och)**

Foundation row - does not apply. Hold yarn at the back of work. Insert hook to catch a loop. Pull loop up through the fabric. Insert hook into the next spot you want to crochet. Yarn over, pull through fabric *and* the loop on hook. (A series of “v”s appear on top, dashed lines appear on back. To put dashed lines on right side, work from wrong side.)