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Letter from the Editors

Dear Crocheter,

It's important to be a lifelong learner because learning doesn't stop when you're done with school. By mastering a new crochet stitch, you not only better yourself as a crocheter, but you also open yourself to a whole new realm of crochet patterns.

With this awesome collection of new crochet stitches, you can teach yourself a new technique and crochet your way to new scarves, afghans, and so much more. You can learn the half double crochet stitch (p. 2) and the popular Catherine Wheel stitch (p. 18). These crochet stitches will help you learn to crochet all those patterns that you've seen but don't know how to create. Take a few hours each week to practice each one of these stitches, and you'll be on your way to being a master crocheter in no time.

You can find more illustrated crochet stitches, patterns, tips, tutorials and videos for free at AllFreeCrochet.com.

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Happy Hooking,

The Editors of All Free Crochet

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Learn the Half Double Crochet Stitch

By: [Emi Harrington for AllFreeCrochet](#)

If you're stumped on how to crochet a half double crochet stitch then this is the perfect tutorial for you. In only five easy steps you can learn this stitch to use every day in your crochet adventures. You'll be able to crochet so many more patterns because you learned this stitch. There are so many possibilities with the half double crochet, so don't be afraid to try something completely new and different. Now get out your yarn and hook to get started and don't forget that practice makes perfect.



Instructions:

1. Yarn over the hook once.



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

2



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

3



4. Hook onto the yarn again.

4



5. Pull through all 3 loops on the hook.

5



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How to Crochet the Long Stitch

By: [Roseanna Beck for AllFreeCrochet](#)

If you're looking to move to the next step in the crochet world, then learn How to Crochet the Long Stitch. This step-by-step crochet tutorial is easy to follow as the photos are nice and clear. You'll be able to quickly pick up this lovely crochet stitch quite quickly, especially if you've mastered the shell stitch. Creating the shell stitch allows you to work up the long stitch, which can result in a beautiful crochet pattern. Work up a crochet scarf or crochet afghan using this stitch.



Note:

- Special Stitch: Shell – (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in stitch or space as indicated.

Instructions:

1. Row 1: With color ch 34, Shell in 6th ch from hook , *skip 4 chs, Shell in next ch, repeat from * across to last 3 chs, skip 2 chs, dc in last ch, turn.



2. Row 2: Ch 3, Shell in each ch 1 space of Shell across, dc in last dc, turn.



3. Row 3: Ch 1, sc in first dc, ch 1, sc in ch 1 space of Shell, * skip 2 dc, working around previous row, dc in space between 2 rows below, (Photo 4) ch 1, sc in ch 1 space of Shell, ch 1, repeat from * across, sc in last dc, fasten off and turn,



How to Make a Cross Stitch

By: [Emi Harrington for AllFreeCrochet](#)

This eight step tutorial is great for those wanting to learn the cross stitch in crochet. Follow the steps and become a pro at this stitch. This eight-step tutorial is great for those wanting to learn how to cross stitch in crochet. Follow the steps and become a pro at this stitch. You'll even find a few bonus crochet patterns, on which you can practice your newly learned stitch skill. After all, practice makes perfect! And you'll get a beautiful piece that embodies the combination of crochet and cross stitch.



Instructions:

1. Start with a chain.



2. Double crochet in the 4th stitch from the hook.



3. Skip the next stitch. Double crochet in the next stitch.



4. From the back, make a double crochet in the skipped stitch.



5. One cross stitch completed.



6. Repeat steps 3 and 4 across the row.



7. One row of cross stitch completed.



8. Two rows of cross stitch completed.



Star Stitch Crochet Tutorial

By: [Tamara Kelly from Moogly](#)

Whether it's a new crochet stitch to learn or an easy shortcut for something (such as weaving in your ends), there's always something new to learn in crochet. Learn how to crochet the star stitch today with this free Star Stitch Crochet Tutorial. Sometimes called the Marguerite Stitch, this particular version of it has five spikes instead of three or four. Follow along with this free crochet tutorial to learn how it's done today. All you'll need is an H crochet hook and some light or DK weight yarn.



Materials:

- H/8 or 5 mm hook
- DK Weight/Light Worsted Yarn

Instructions:

1. After making your starting chain, insert the hook into the 2nd ch from the hook and pull up a loop. Then do the same in the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th ch from the hook. This leaves you with 6 loops on the hook. Try to pull the last couple of loops up a bit higher than the others.



2. Yarn over and pull through all 6 loops.



3. Ch 1 to finish off the stitch. First Star made!



4. To start the next Star, insert the hook into the ch 1 just made, and pull up a loop.



5. Then insert the hook under the 2 strands on the side of the last spike or loop made in the previous stitch, and pull up a loop.



6. Then insert the hook into the same ch that the last loops of the previous stitch was worked in, and pull up a loop.



7. Finally, insert the hook into the next ch and pull up a loop, and then into the next ch and pull up a loop. Try to pull these last two loops up a little higher than the others.



8. Yarn over and pull through all 6 loops, then ch 1 to finish off the stitch. Second Star made!



9. Continue as for the second Star until the end of the chains, finishing the last Marguerite in the last ch.



10. To start the second row, you're going to start with a ch 3. But wait! Before you turn, before you chain, very carefully remove the hook from the active loop and replace it in the loop from the other direction. THEN turn and make your ch 3. This way the underside loop of the chains is on the "inside" of the row, and the Vs are on the outside edge – a much nicer look (at least in my opinion – feel free to try it both ways and see what you think!). Oh, and make sure that the chains are nice and loose – you'll be working into all 3 eventually!



11. After the ch 3, insert your hook in the 2nd ch from the hook and pull up a loop. Then do the same in the 3rd ch, then in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd st of the row.



12. Yarn over and pull through all 6 loops, then ch 1 to finish off the stitch. First Star of the second row made!



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13. Continue making Stars to the end of the row, working them as you did the second and subsequent stars of the 1st row. When you get to the end of the row, the last loop will be in the ch that you skipped when you made the very first Star! This is why, as you make each row, you're going to want to have made all 3 chs at the beginning of the previous row nice and loose. Working into that skipped ch is no fun when it's tight!



14. And that's all there is to it! Just repeat the directions for the second row until you've got the length you want. To work the Star Stitch or Marguerite Stitch in the round, you'll start with a multiple of 2 plus 1, and save that ch 3 until after you've joined in a circle.
15. If you're curious about the 4 spike Marguerite – it's easy as can be! Just skip the 3rd loop in the version above – work the loops in the 2nd ch, 4th ch, 5th ch, and 6th chain for the first st. Then make the next 4 spike Marguerite by working into the ch 1 that closed the previous st, the same ch that the last loop was worked in, and the next 2 chains. Easy peasy!

Learn the Catherine Wheel Stitch

By: [Marie Segares from Underground Crafter](#)

Have you always wanted to learn the classic Catherine Wheel stitch pattern? This stitch pattern and photo tutorial can help you! It's a beautiful stitch that you can use with almost any kind of crochet pattern: scarves, blankets, hats, etc. This special crochet stitch looks best in a design with a variety of colors because the colors accentuate the pattern well. You'll be able to find a myriad of patterns on AllFreeCrochet that use the Catherine Wheel stitch. Use any size yarn in at least two colors with an appropriate hook.



Note:

- To avoid puckering, work decreases and color changes loosely.

Instructions:

1. With CA, ch any multiple of 10 sts, + 7 sts.
2. **Foundation row:** Turn, sk first ch, sc in next 2 ch, *sk 3 ch, 7 dc in next ch, sk 3 ch, sc in next 3 chs; rep from * across to last 4 ch, sk 3 ch, 4 dc in last ch, changing to CB in last yo of final dc.
3. **Row 1:** Turn, ch 1, sc in first 2 sts, *ch 3, dc7tog, ch 3, sc in next 3 sts; rep from * across to last 4 sts, ch 3, dc4tog in last 4 sts.
4. **Row 2:** Turn, ch 3 (counts as first dc, here and throughout), 3 dc in first st, *sk 3 chs, sc in next 3 sts, sk 3 ch, 7 dc in next st; rep from * across to last 5 sts, sk 3 chs, sc in next 2 sts, changing to CA in last yo of final sc.
5. **Row 3:** Turn, ch 3, sk first st, dc3tog, *ch 3, sc in next 3 sts, ch 3, dc7tog; rep from * across to last 2 sts, ch 3, sc in next 2 sts.
6. **Row 4:** Turn, ch 1, sc in first 2 sts, *sk 3 ch, 7 dc in next st, sk 3 ch, sc in next 3 sts; rep from * across to last 4 sts, sk 3 ch, 4 dc in last st, changing to CB in last yo of final dc.

7. Rep Rows 1-4 until desired length is reached, ending on Row 2 or 4 for curved edge or on Row 1 or 3 for straight edge.
8. **Changing Colors** - In this pattern, you always change colors in the last yarn over of the final stitch of the row.
9. To change colors with single crochet at the end of Row 2:

- a. Insert hook in last stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop (photo 1),



- b. Yarn over with CB (photo 2)



- c. Draw CB through both loops (photo 3)



10. To change colors with double crochet at the end of Row 4:

- a. Yarn over, insert hook in last stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops, yarn over with CA (photo 4)



- b. Draw CA through both loops (photo 5).



11. You can carry the unworked colors up the side of your piece if you prefer not to weave in ends. If you are carrying yarn, remember not to pull the new color through too tightly or you'll pucker your piece. Alternatively, you can fasten off the unworked color at each color change and weave in the ends.

12. **Decreasing** - In Row 1, you'll encounter your first decrease in this pattern, the dc7tog. After you master this, the rest of the decreases in the Catherine Wheel are quite simple.

a. Yarn over



b. Insert hook in next st



c. Yarn over



d. Draw up a loop



e. Yarn over



f. Draw through 2 loops.



13. Now you'll repeat these steps in each of the next 6 stitches (across a total of 7 stitches).

14. You'll end each repeat of steps 1-6 with an additional loop on the hook, until you end up with 8 loops (picture 6).



15. Then yarn over and draw through all 8 loops (picture 8).



16. Later in the pattern, you'll complete a dc3tog and dc4tog. Start with steps 1-6 again, but don't repeat as often.
- For the dc3tog, yo and draw through when you have 4 loops left on the hook (picture 2).
 - For the dc4tog, yo and draw through when you have 5 loops left on the hook (picture 3).



Learn the Tread Stitch

By: [Rhondda Mol from Oombawka Design Crochet](#)

Try your hand at this Unique Crochet Tread Stitch to work up some new crochet patterns of your choice. When you look closely, there seems to be little triangles and rectangles that work together to create a neat pattern from this crochet stitch. We love how intricate it looks despite the fact that this stitch is easy. All it takes is a foundation chain and some newfound ways to use your trusty double crochet stitch, and then you have the unique tread stitch. Bring some life to your afghans, towels, and more by learning to crochet something new today.



Materials:

- Medium/Worsted Weight Yarn
- H/8 or 5 mm hook

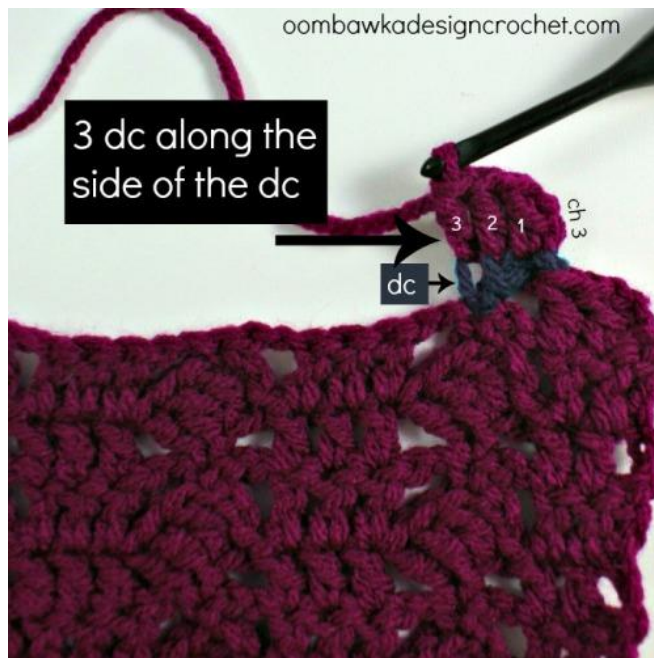
Notes:

- Finished Measurements when blocked 8" x 8" (3 dc sts = approximately 1")
- **Stitch Pattern Multiple:** multiple of 8 sts + 3 sts; add 2 more sts for the beginning chain
- **Abbreviations:** st – stitch, sts – stitches, ch – chain, chs – chains, dc – double crochet, tch – turning chain, sc – single crochet, R – row, RS – right side, repeat from * to * – repeat the instructions between the two * * as specified

Instructions:

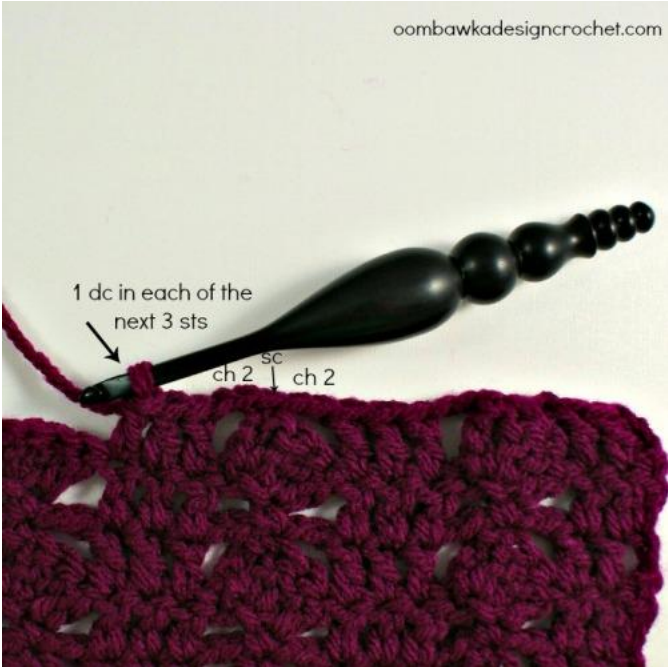
1. Chain 29 sts
2. R1 (RS): skip the first 3 chs (these skipped sts count as 1 dc), 1 dc into each of the next 2 chs, *skip the next 2 chs, 1 dc in the next ch, ch 3, work 3 dc sts evenly into the side of the last dc st you crocheted, skip the next 2 chs, 1 dc into each of the next 3 chs* repeat from * to * across, turn

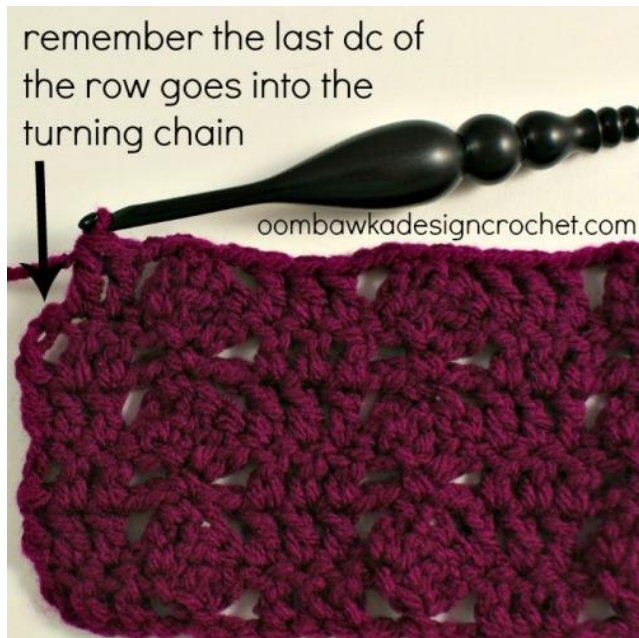




3. R2: ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), skip the 1st st, 1 dc in each of the next 2 sts, *ch 2, 1 sc into the top ch (the 3rd ch st you made), ch 2, skip the rest of the sts worked into the side of the dc st, 1 dc in each of the next 3 sts* repeat from * to * across, working the last dc of the row in the top of the tch, turn







4. R3: ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), skip the 1st st, 1 dc in each of the next 2 sts, *skip the 2 chs, 1 dc in the next sc, ch 3, work 3 dc sts evenly into the side of the last dc st you crocheted, skip the next 2 chs, 1 dc in each of the next 3 sts*; repeat from * to * across, working the last dc of the row in the top of the tch, turn
5. Repeat R2 and R3 – 4 times
6. Repeat R2 one more time then proceed to edging
7. **Edging:**
 - a. ch 1, turn so the RS of your work is facing you, sc across the top row evenly a total of 27 times,
 - b. ch 1, turn to work along the row ends, sc across the row ends evenly a total of 27 times,
 - c. ch 1, turn to work along the starting chain row, sc across the starting chain row evenly a total of 27 times,
 - d. ch 1, turn to work along the row ends, sc across the row ends evenly a total of 27 times, finish off and weave in ends

Learn the Pretty Pebble Stitch

By: [Rhonda Mol from Oombawka Design Crochet](#)

The Pretty Pebble Stitch is one of the most unique crochet stitches I've seen. To me, it almost looks like seashells dispersed throughout the crochet design. This crochet stitch is also fairly similar to the popcorn stitch in the sense that it makes little clusters, but they are more spread out and have their own creative look to them. Follow this photo tutorial to learn everything you need to know about the pebble stitch and you'll be ready to use it in anything you decide to work up.



Materials:

- Medium/Worsted Weight Yarn
- I/9 or 5.5 mm hook

Notes:

- Finished Measurements when blocked: 8" x 8"
- Gauge: (1 sc, CL) x 3 = 2 inches
- Chain multiple: 4 + 2 sts
- Stitch name: Pebbles from The Big Book of Crochet Stitches, Jean Leinhauser and Rita Weiss

- Abbreviations: R – row, sc, single crochet, ch – chain, chs – chains, YO – yarn over the hook, CL – cluster (see special stitches below), RS – right side, * to * – repeat instructions between the stars the number of times indicated
- Special Stitches: Cluster (CL): (YO, insert hook into the stitch indicated and draw up 1 loop) 3 times. YO and draw through all 7 loops on the hook.

Instructions

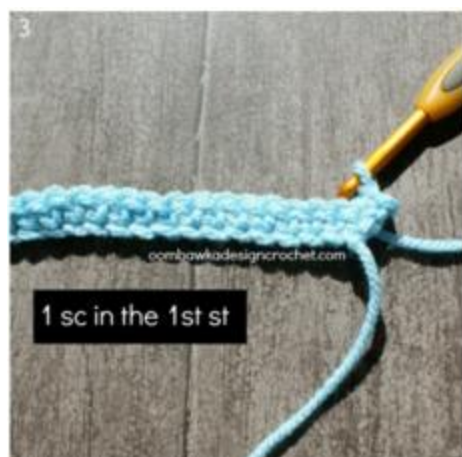
1. R1 (RS):
 - a. Chain 22 sts.



- b. Beginning in the 2nd ch from the hook, 1 sc in each st across, ch 1, turn.

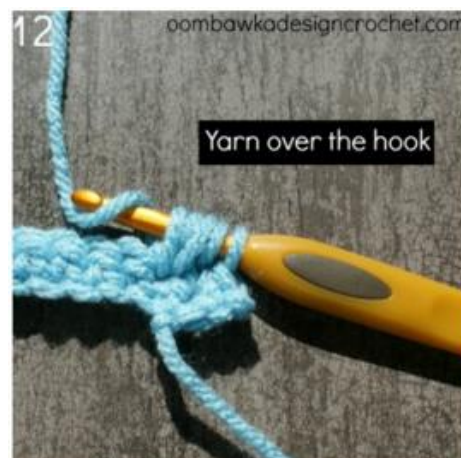
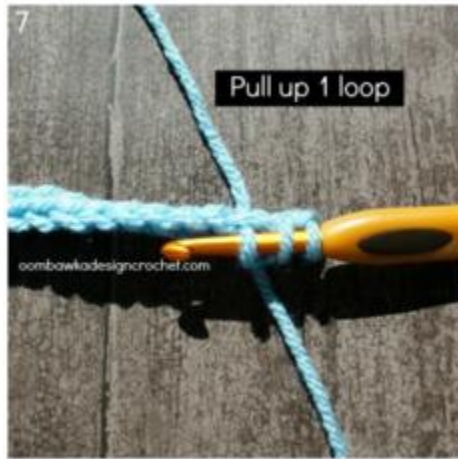


2. R2:
 - a. 1 sc in the 1 st st.



b. *CL in the next st, 1 sc in the next st*, repeat from * to * across, ch 1, turn.









3. R3: 1 sc in each st across, ch 1, turn
4. R4: 1 sc in each of the 1st 2 sts, CL in the next st. *1 sc in the next st, CL in the next st*, repeat from * to * across, 1 sc in each of the last 2 sts, ch 1, turn
5. R5: 1 sc in each st across, ch 1, turn
6. Repeat Rows 2-5, 4 times
7. Repeat Rows 2 & 3 once. Proceed to edging.
8. This should bring you to approximately 7.5 inches (stretched slightly). This square requires some blocking to reach the correct shape.

9. Edging:

- a. Begin working along the row ends (RS facing you – the bumpy side). 2 sc in the corner stitch, 1 sc in each row end to the corner.
- b. Turn to work along the starting chain row, 2 sc in the first corner stitch, 1 sc in each st across to the corner.
- c. Turn to work along the row ends, 2 sc in the first corner stitch, 1 sc in each row end to the corner.
- d. Turn to work along the final row, 2 sc in the 1st st, 1 sc in each st across, finish off using the invisible join technique.

How to Crochet the Glover Stitch

By: [Candy Lifshes from Meladora's Creations](#)



This picture tutorial will help you learn how to crochet the wonderfully textured Glover stitch. It's extremely versatile and always has an interesting pattern. No matter what angle you look at it from, it looks different and is a great stitch for so many different patterns. You'll love making dishcloths, hats, and evens scarves with this amazing stitch. You can use whatever hook size or yarn you would like for it. This stitch would make a lovely baby blanket with bulky yarn, if you're in need of ideas. Let's get started right now!

Notes:

- Abbreviations:
 - ch = Chain
 - sl st = Slip Stitch
 - st = Stitch
 - YO = Yarn Over
 - = repeat what is in between for row
- **Special Stitch:** Glover stitch – Insert your hook into the next stitch, pull up a loop (2 loops on hook) YO and insert your hook into next stitch and pull up a loop (4 loops on hook) YO and pull through all 4 loops and ch 1.
- At the very end of the row always remember to chain 2 because one of these chains will count as your first stitch of the row.
- This stitch is done in multiples of 2+1

Instructions:

1. To start: Ch in multiples of 2 + 1 until desired size is reached. (see above for sizing)

2. Row 1

- a. Insert your hook into the next stitch, pull up a loop (2 loops on hook)



- b. YO and insert your hook into next stitch and pull up a loop (4 loops on hook) YO and pull through all 4 loops and ch 1. * repeat for row. At the end of your row ch 2 and turn.



3. Row 2

- a. Insert your hook into front loop only of next stitch



- b. pull up a loop (2 loops on hook)



- c. YO and insert your hook into next stitch going through both loops



- d. Pull up a loop (4 loops on hook) YO and pull through all 4 loops and ch 1.



- e. * repeat for row. At the end of your row ch 2 and turn. See picture below for help if needed.



4. At the very end of the row always remember to chain 2 because one of these chains will count as your first stitch of the row.
5. You want to repeat row 2 to continue project. Always be sure you're going into the correct loops and chaining when you need to.



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