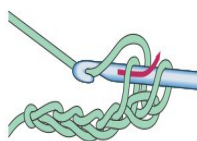


Single Crochet

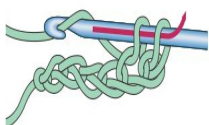
This is the most basic fabric-building stitch. It makes a tight fabric with very little stretch or give, making it great for crocheted toys that will be stuffed firmly.

1 Work the specified number of chain stitches to make a foundation chain. Turn the work so you're ready to work back along the chain you've just formed.

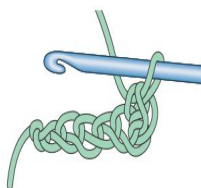
2 For single crochet, you'll skip one chain stitch (the turning chain) and insert your hook from front to back into the next chain on the hook. Yarn over hook and pull the hook through the chain stitch.



3 You'll now have two loops on the hook. Yarn over hook and pull the hook through both loops on the hook.



4 You'll have one loop remaining on the hook. Congratulations! You've just completed a single crochet stitch.

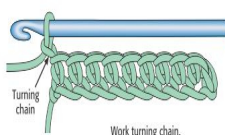


5 Continue working single crochet across the foundation chain, working one single crochet stitch into each remaining chain stitch.

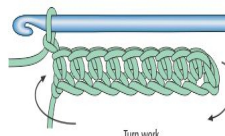
TIP.

Single Crochet on Subsequent Rows

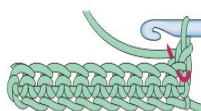
Once you've completed a row of single crochet, chain one (turning chain), and turn your work. Now what? The completed row doesn't quite look like the foundation chain did. But look closely and you'll notice the parts of the stitches you've just made. To work the next row of single crochet, you have the choice of working through the front loop only, both loops of a stitch, or the back loop only. Most patterns will specify when to work through the front or back loop only; if nothing is specified, work through both loops.



Work turning chain.



Turn work.

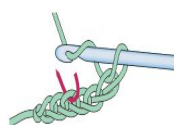


Insert hook underneath both loops of first stitch.

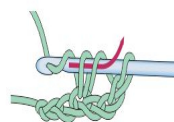
Double Crochet

Double crochet is taller than single crochet, and makes a softer, more flexible fabric.

1 To work double crochet into a foundation chain, yarn over hook, skip two or three chain stitches (depending on whether your pattern calls for two or three turning chains), and insert the hook into the next chain from front to back.



2 Yarn over hook and pull the hook through the chain stitch. You'll have three loops on your hook. Yarn over again and pull the hook through two of the loops on the hook. You'll now have two loops remaining on the hook.



3 Yarn over hook and pull the hook through the remaining two loops on the hook. You now have completed a double crochet stitch and have one loop on the hook.

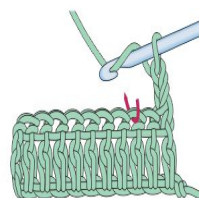


4 Yarn over hook, insert the hook into the next chain stitch, and repeat steps 2 and 3 to make additional double crochet stitches.

TIP.

Double Crochet on Subsequent Rows

As for single crochet, when you reach the end of the foundation chain, work the required number of turning chains, and then turn your work. Yarn over hook, insert the hook into the designated part of the stitch (front, back, or both loops), and work double crochet stitches as described above across the row.



Starting row 2 of double crochet.