

OFF THE HOOK!

Learn to crochet with Becky

STITCHES GUIDE (US TERMS)

Chain (ch)

- Yarn over and pull through the loop on your hook

Slip Stitch (sl st)

- Insert hook into the stitch
- Yarn over and pull through two

Single Crochet (sc)

- Insert hook into the stitch
- Yarn over and pull up a loop (2 loops on hook)
- Yarn over and pull through two

Extended Single Crochet (ext sc)

- Insert hook into the stitch
- Yarn over and pull up a loop (2 loops on hook)
- Yarn over and pull through one (2 loops on the hook)
- Yarn over and pull through two

Half Double Crochet (hdc)

- Yarn over
- Insert hook into the stitch
- Yarn over and pull up a loop (3 loops on hook)
- Yarn over and pull through three

Stacked Single Crochets

- Complete a single crochet as follows:
 - Insert hook into the stitch
 - Yarn over and pull up a loop (2 loops on hook)
 - Pause**
 - Out of the two loops on the hook, identify the one furthest away from the hook

Right handed people: this is the left loop

Left handed people: this is the right loop

- Yarn over and pull through two (1 loop on the hook)

To stack another one on top (**2 st sc**)

- *Re-insert hook under the identified loop (2 loops on the hook)
- Yarn over and pull through one (2 loops on the hook)
- Yarn over and pull through two*

To stack another single on top (**3 st sc**), repeat from * to *

Double Crochet (dc)

- Yarn over
- Insert hook into the stitch
- Yarn over and pull up a loop (3 loops on hook)
- Yarn over and pull through two (2 loops on the hook)
- Yarn over and pull through two

Treble crochet (tr)

- Yarn over **twice**
- Insert hook into the stitch
- Yarn over and pull up a loop (4 loops on hook)
- Yarn over and pull through two (3 loops on the hook)
- Yarn over and pull through two (2 loops on the hook)
- Yarn over and pull through two

Back Loop Only (BLO)

- When inserting your hook into the stitch, instead of going under the full stitch, only insert into the back thread

Front Loop Only (FLO)

- When inserting your hook into the stitch, instead of going under the full stitch, only insert into the front thread

Magic Ring (mr)

- Make a **very loose** slipknot
- Chain 1
- Work your stitches into the loose knot, working over the tail
- Pull the tail to close

Front Post (fp)

- When inserting your hook into the stitch below, instead of going under the stitch, go **around** the stitch, avoiding the V completely
- Insert your hook from front to back in the space next to the stitch closest to your hook
- Your hook should exit in the space on the other side of the hook from back to front

Back Post (bp)

- When inserting your hook into the stitch below, instead of going under the stitch, go **around** the stitch, avoiding the V completely
- Insert your hook from back to front in the space next to the stitch closest to your hook
- Your hook should exit in the space on the other side of the hook from front to back

Bobble Stitch (bo)

- Yarn over, insert hook into stitch and pull up a loop (3 loops on hook)
- Pull through two (2 loops on the hook)
- Yarn over, insert hook into the **same** stitch and pull up a loop (4 loops on hook)
- Pull through two (3 loops on the hook)
- Yarn over, insert hook into the **same** stitch and pull up a loop (5 loops on hook)
- Pull through two (4 loops on the hook)
- Yarn over, insert hook into the **same** stitch and pull up a loop (6 loops on hook)
- Pull through two (5 loops on the hook)
- Yarn over, insert hook into the **same** stitch and pull up a loop (7 loops on hook)
- Pull through two (6 loops on the hook)
- Yarn over and pull through all 6 loops

Puff Stitch (ps / pf / puff)

- Yarn over, insert hook into stitch and pull up a loop (3 loops on hook)
- Yarn over, insert hook into the **same** stitch and pull up a loop (5 loops on hook)
- Yarn over, insert hook into the **same** stitch and pull up a loop (7 loops on hook)
- Yarn over, insert hook into the **same** stitch and pull up a loop (9 loops on hook)
- Yarn over, insert hook into the **same** stitch and pull up a loop (11 loops on hook)
- Yarn over and pull through all 9 loops

Not all puff stitches have 11 loops. some have as little as 5 so check the pattern notes before starting

Popcorn Stitch (pc / pop)

- Work 5 double crochets into the same stitch
- Pull up the active loop on your hook (so you don't lose it) and remove your hook
- Insert your hook into the first double crochet of the five from front to back
- Insert your hook into the loose active loop and tighten it
- Pull the active loop through the first double crochet stitch to close
- ch1 to lock in place

"Fastening Off" at the end of every work is when you cut the yarn, chain 1 and pull the tail all the way through the chain to make a knot

The first stitch of every hdc row is an ext sc

The first stitch of every dc row is 2 st sc

The first stitch of every tr row is 3 st sc

Don't forget! Bobbles are always worked from the back of the work

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Increase (inc)

- This is simply putting more than one stitch in the stitch below
- If you see "inc", this usually means two stitches in the same stitch
- Any more than two will be stated in the pattern

For example a *sc3inc* means 3 single crochets in the same stitch

Single Crochet Decrease (dec)

- Insert hook into stitch
- Yarn over and pull up a loop (2 loops on the hook)
- Insert hook into **next** stitch
- Yarn over and pull up a loop (3 loops on the hook)
- Yarn over and pull through all three loops

Single Crochet Invisible Decrease (inv dec)

- Insert hook under *front loop* of stitch
- Insert hook under *front loop* of next stitch (3 loops on the hook)
- Yarn over and pull through two (2 loops on the hook)
- Yarn over and pull through two

Single Crochet 3 Decrease (sc3tog)

- Insert hook into stitch
- Yarn over and pull up a loop (2 loops on the hook)
- Insert hook into **next** stitch
- Yarn over and pull up a loop (3 loops on the hook)
- Insert hook into **next** stitch
- Yarn over and pull up a loop (4 loops on the hook)
- Yarn over and pull through all four loops

Double Crochet 2 Decrease (dc2tog)

- Yarn over and insert hook into the stitch
- Yarn over and pull up a loop (3 loops on the hook)
- Yarn over and pull through two (2 loops on the hook)
- Yarn over and insert your hook into the **next** stitch
- Yarn over and pull up a loop (4 loops on the hook)
- Yarn over and pull through two (3 loops on the hook)
- Yarn over and pull through three

Half Double Crochet 2 Decrease (hdc2tog)

- Yarn over and insert hook into the stitch
- Yarn over and pull up a loop (3 loops on the hook)
- Yarn over and insert your hook into the **next** stitch
- Yarn over and pull up a loop (5 loops on the hook)
- Yarn over and pull through all five

Half Double Crochet 3 Decrease (hdc3tog)

- Yarn over and insert hook into the stitch
- Yarn over and pull up a loop (3 loops on the hook)
- Yarn over and insert your hook into the **next** stitch
- Yarn over and pull up a loop (5 loops on the hook)
- Yarn over and insert your hook into the **next** stitch
- Yarn over and pull up a loop (7 loops on the hook)
- Yarn over and pull through all seven-

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- Yarn over and insert your hook into the **next** stitch
- Yarn over and pull up a loop (5 loops on the hook)
- Yarn over and pull through two (4 loops on the hook)
- Yarn over and pull through all four

Picot (pronounced "peek-oh") (p)

- Identify the final two loops you pulled through on the previous stitch
- Chain 3
- Insert hook under two loops identified from previous stitch (3 loops on the hook)
- Yarn over and pull through three

Fastening Off

- When you have completed the last stitch:
- Chain 1
- Cut the yarn
- Pull the tail all the way through
- Pull tail to tighten

Invisible join

- When you have completed the last stitch:
- Cut the yarn, leaving a tail
- pull the tail all the way trough the last stitch
- Thread the tail onto a darning needle
- Insert the darning needle under both lines of the second stitch of the round from front to back
- Insert the darning needle in the middle of the last stitch of the round and exit out the back

You have now created a join that looks like a stitch

- This should only be pulled tight enough to replicate the sizes of the other stitches.de
- Weave in the tail to secure

Crochet patterns will be made up of these stitches. For example, shell stitches and C2C is not listed here as they are both made of double crochets, which are explained in this guide