

Half Double Crochet



The Half Double Crochet (hdc) is a stitch which is taller than a Single Crochet (sc) but shorter than a Double Crochet (dc).

Now that you can complete a sc, the principals of hdc and dc are very similar, however, as mentioned previously, stitches are worked from the top so the first stitch of the row must be the helper stitch, which is worked from the bottom in order to reach the height of the stitch you are working.

The helper stitch for a Half Double Crochet is an Extended Single Crochet. When working a row of Half Double Crochet, the first stitch is always an Extended Single Crochet. Once that is completed, you can continue the row with Half Double Crochets.

The Half Double Crochet is the first stitch in which you will yarn over before inserting your hook into the stitch. This can be a bit tricky to do at first and easy to forget so it's important to check the number of loops on your hook as you go to ensure you complete the stitch correctly.

Half Double Crochet (hdc)

1. **Before inserting your hook into the stitch**, Yarn over
2. Insert hook into the stitch (or chain)
3. Yarn over
4. Pull the yarn through the stitch (or chain) (3 loops on the hook)
 - If you do not have three loops on the hook at this stage, you have either forgotten to yarn over before inserting your hook or pulled the yarn through more loops than just the stitch.
 - As you are learning, it is advised that instead of trying to correct what you have done, you go back to the beginning and start again to avoid confusion
5. **Once you have all three loops on the hook**, Yarn over
6. Pull through three loops (1 loop on the hook)

When starting a row of Half Double Crochets after you have completed a chain, always for your first stitch (ext-sc) in the **second chain** from the hook.

When turning your work to begin a subsequent row, do **not** skip a stitch.

Always work the the first stitch (ext-sc) in the **very first stitch** of subsequent rows.

