

The Essential Crochet Stitch Directory

A Quick-Reference Guide to the 10 Most Common Stitches

Welcome to your essential crochet stitch library! Whether you are a beginner picking up a hook for the first time or an experienced maker looking for a quick reference, this directory breaks down the foundation stitches and foundational textures used in modern patterns.

Quick Reference Chart

Stitch Name	Abbreviation (US)	Turning Chain	Skill Level
Chain Stitch	ch	N/A	Beginner
Slip Stitch	sl st	0 ch	Beginner
Single Crochet	sc	1 ch	Beginner
Half Double Crochet	hdc	2 ch	Beginner
Double Crochet	dc	3 ch	Beginner
Treble Crochet	tr	4 ch	Intermediate
Moss Stitch (Linen Stitch)	sc / ch-1 space	1 ch	Advanced Beginner
Granny Stitch	dc cluster	3 ch	Advanced Beginner
Front Post Double Crochet	fpdc	3 ch	Intermediate
Bobble Stitch	bo	3 ch	Intermediate

Stitch Breakdown & Instructions

1. Chain Stitch

ch

Height: N/A **Skill Level:** Absolute Beginner

The absolute foundation of almost every crochet project, used to create your starting row.

1. Make a slip knot on your crochet hook.
2. Yarn over (wrap yarn over the hook from back to front).
3. Pull the hook through the loop on your hook to form a new loop. Repeat as needed.

2. Slip Stitch

sl st

Height: Flat **Skill Level:** Absolute Beginner

Used primarily for joining rounds, moving yarn across a row without adding height, or shaping edges.

1. Insert hook into the designated stitch.
2. Yarn over and pull yarn through both the stitch and the loop currently on your hook in one fluid motion.

3. Single Crochet

sc

Height: Short **Skill Level:** Beginner

Creates a dense, tight fabric ideal for blankets, dishcloths, and amigurumi (plushies).

1. Insert hook into the next stitch.
2. Yarn over and pull up a loop (2 loops on hook).
3. Yarn over again and pull through both loops on your hook.

4. Half Double Crochet

hdc

Height: Medium-Short **Skill Level:** Beginner

Slightly taller than a single crochet, offering a beautiful herringbone-like texture that builds quickly.

1. Yarn over, then insert hook into the next stitch.
2. Yarn over and pull up a loop (3 loops on hook).
3. Yarn over once more and pull through all 3 loops on your hook.

5. Double Crochet

dc

Height: Medium-Tall **Skill Level:** Beginner

A classic, highly versatile stitch that creates a flexible, draping fabric perfect for sweaters and shawls.

1. Yarn over, then insert hook into the next stitch.
2. Yarn over and pull up a loop (3 loops on hook).
3. Yarn over, pull through first 2 loops (2 loops remain on hook).
4. Yarn over, pull through remaining 2 loops.

6. Treble Crochet

tr

Height: Tall **Skill Level:** Intermediate

A very tall, open stitch that creates an airy, lace-like fabric. Excellent for breezy summer items.

1. Yarn over twice, then insert hook into the next stitch.
2. Yarn over and pull up a loop (4 loops on hook).
3. Yarn over, pull through first 2 loops (3 loops left).
4. Yarn over, pull through next 2 loops (2 loops left).
5. Yarn over, pull through last 2 loops.

7. Moss Stitch (Linen Stitch)

sc / ch-1 sp

Height: Dense Pattern **Skill Level:** Advanced Beginner

A simple repeating pattern alternating single crochets and chains to create a beautiful woven texture.

1. Work [1 sc, ch 1, skip 1 stitch] across the row.
2. On subsequent rows, work your single crochets directly into the ch-1 spaces created in the row below.

8. Granny Stitch

dc cluster

Height: Block Pattern **Skill Level:** Advanced Beginner

The foundational component of traditional granny squares, consisting of grouped double crochets.

1. Work 3 double crochets all directly into the exact same stitch or space (creating a cluster).
2. Chain 1 (or 2) to skip over the next set of stitches before working your next 3-dc cluster.

9. Front Post Double Crochet

fpdc

Height: Raised Texture **Skill Level:** Intermediate

Worked around the post of the stitch below rather than into the top loops, creating a raised ribbed effect.

1. Yarn over. Insert your hook from front to back, then back to front around the vertical "post" of the stitch below.
2. Yarn over and pull a loop up and around that post (3 loops on hook).
3. Complete the stitch like a standard double crochet (yarn over, pass through 2 loops; yarn over, pass through last 2).

10. Bobble Stitch

bo

Height: 3D Popcorn/Texture **Skill Level:** Intermediate

Combines several unfinished stitches into a single loop to pop outward, creating dramatic 3D texture.

1. Yarn over, insert hook into stitch, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops (1 unfinished dc made).
2. Repeat this process in the **same stitch** until you have 5 unfinished double crochets (6 loops on hook).
3. Yarn over and pull through all 6 loops on the hook at once. Secure with a chain stitch.