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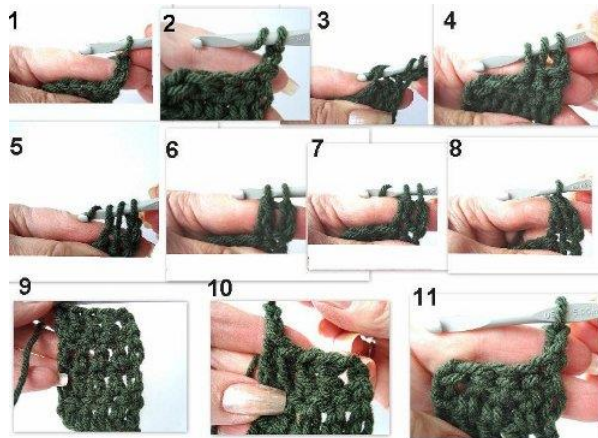
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## Double Crochet Stitch

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You've learned how to crochet the single crochet stitch, but now you're asking yourself, "how do I crochet the double crochet stitch?" The Double Crochet Stitch is one of the most important stitches in crochet. Learn how today with this easy tutorial.



### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. To begin a row of double crochet stitches, first chain 2.



2. Yarn over the hook one time.



3. Insert the hook through the next stitch. Yarn over and pull through. (Note: insert the hook into the 2nd stitch of the previous row, as the chain 2 takes the place of the first double crochet.)



4. You now have 3 loops on the hook.



5. Pick up the yarn.



6. Pull through 2 loops on the hook.



7. Pick up the yarn.



8. Bring it through two loops (You now have only one loop on the hook.)



9. 4 rows of double crochet stitches completed.



10. At the end of the row, chain 2.



11. Turn the work to begin the next row of double crochet stitches. Repeat from step 2 for the next row of stitches (Step 1 and step 11 are the same.)



## Rainbow Days Afghan

Coats & Clark

Springtime may bring the rain clouds, but the rain clouds also can bring rainbows! Get a head start on enjoying the colors of the rainbow with this Rainbow Days Afghan. This easy crochet afghan pattern is perfect for beginners.

**Finished Size: Approximately 42" x 48"**



### Materials:

- RED HEART® “Hokey Pokey™” Art. E718 (4 ounce skeins): 5 ½ Ounces each No. 7113 Periwinkle CA, No. 7111 Blue Bonnet CB, No. 7110 Spearmint CC, No. 7109 Sunshine CD, No. 7108 Tangerine CE, and 7107 Bubblegum CF.
- Crochet Hook: 5 mm [US H-8].
- Yarn needle.

### Gauge:

14 sts = 4"; 8 rows = 4" in pat. CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

### Gauge Swatch:

Ch 35, then work in pat across 34 sts (two waves) for 8 rows. Swatch should measure approximately 9 ¾" wide by 4" high.

### Special Abbreviations:

dc2tog (worked over 2 sts, whether those sts are sc, dc or dc2tog) = [yo and draw up a lp in next st, yo and draw through 2 lps] twice, yo and draw through all 3 lps on hook.

dc inc (worked in one st, whether that st is sc or dc) = 2 dc in next st.

sc color change = draw up a lp in next st, drop color in use, with next color to be used yo and draw through both lps on hook

**Instructions:**

With CA ch 147.

**Foundation Row (Right Side):** Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across; turn - 146 sc.

**Row 1 (WRONG Side):** Ch 2, dc in first st, dc2tog, dc in next 5 sts, [dc inc] twice, dc in next 5 sts, \* [dc2tog] twice, dc in next 5 sts, [dc inc] twice, dc in next 5 sts; rep from \* to last 3 sts; dc2tog, dc in last st; turn.

**NOTE:** The "ch 2" is a turning chain *ONLY* and is *NOT* to be counted as a stitch. Do *NOT* work into the ch 2.

**Rows 2 and 3:** Rep Row 1.

**Row 4:** Ch 1, sc in each st across changing to CB in last sc; turn.

**Rows 5-8:** With CB, rep Rows 1-4 changing to CC in last sc of Row 8.

**Rows 9-12:** With CC, rep Rows 1-4 changing to CD in last sc of Row 12.

**Rows 13-16:** With CD, rep Rows 1-4 changing to CE in last sc of Row 16.

**Rows 17-20:** With CE, rep Rows 1-4 changing to CF in last sc of Row 20.

**Rows 21-24:** With CF, rep Rows 1-4 changing to CA in last sc of Row 24.

**Rep Rows 1-24 three more times;** do not change color or turn at end of last row. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

**NOTES:** The waves are formed by the increases and decreases; the stitch count remains constant across every row. Work a gauge swatch to become familiar with the pattern and to check your gauge.

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