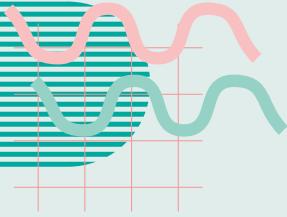




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*We've all been there: a stitch doesn't look right, a row feels wonky, and suddenly you're questioning everything.*



*This mini-guide is here to help you pause, troubleshoot, and feel calmer and more confident when your crochet isn't behaving.*

*Because no matter your experience level, learning crochet involves trial, adjustment and growth*

## 1 How to Identify the Front and Back of a Foundation Chain

- Look for the 'V' shapes on the front and bumps or ridges on the back

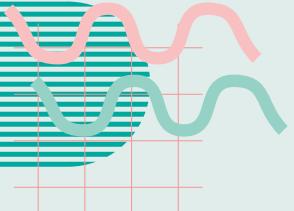


- Always start your first row into the 'V' of the front loop
- Quick check: If your row twists or edges look uneven, you may be working into the back bump instead of the front (try to keep the 'V's facing you)
- Tip: Count carefully and keep your chain flat - avoid pulling too tight

## 2 How to Identify the Top of a Crochet Stitch

- Each stitch has a clear 'top' - the little 'V' that you see
- Inserting your hook into the top ensure consistent height of your stitches and next edges
- Mistakes often happen when you hook into the side or the post of the stitch accidentally
- Tip: Always check the 'V' at the top of each stitch before moving on





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### Where to Insert your Crochet Hook



Left handed



Right handed

- Standard stitches: under both loops of the previous stitch (unless pattern says otherwise).
- Front/back loops: sometimes patterns ask for just one loop - check the pattern symbols.
- Mistakes happen when the hook goes around the post or into the wrong loop.
- Tip: When in doubt, pause and compare stitch height and shape with the row before.

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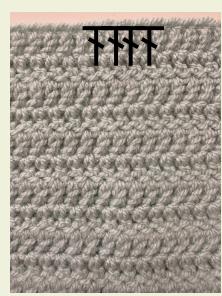
### How to Identify a Double Crochet (dc) Stitch / US = Single Crochet (sc)

- Short, compact stitch with a clear top V.
- Two little 'legs' that appear below the top of the stitch - matches the symbol
- Mistakes: confusing it with half treble, slip stitch, or treble crochet.
- Tip: Compare stitch heights; if it's taller than expected, you may have done a treble by accident.



## 5

### How to Identify a Treble Crochet (tr) Stitch / US = Double Crochet (dc)



- Taller stitch with a long vertical post and a clear top V - matches the symbol
- Mistakes: inserting hook in the wrong place, miscounting stitches, or mixing it up with double crochet.
- Tip: Always check the height and shape before moving on - consistency is key.



## Hello there!

I'm Jen - a crochet designer, technical editor, and tutor sharing the joy of yarn and hooks with people of all ages across Cambridgeshire.

Before crochet became my full-time focus, I spent over a decade teaching in primary and secondary education, which gave me a deep understanding of how people learn and, just as importantly, how they feel while learning.

For the past five years, I've supported crocheters through group classes, personalised 1:1 sessions, and regular workshops at The Wool Gallery in St Neots, helping them build skills, confidence, and a kinder mindset along the way.

Because crochet isn't just about stitches - it's also about patience, resilience, and learning to approach mistakes and challenges with curiosity rather than frustration.

I offer Stitch Credits, personalised 1:1 crochet support sessions where we can troubleshoot tricky projects, explore new techniques, or simply create calm, focused time for your crochet.

When you work with me, everything starts with you - your goals, your pace, and your confidence.

If you'd like to continue your crochet journey with support, curiosity, and a bit more ease, you can find out more about my classes, workshops, and 1:1 support at [stitchstreet.co.uk](https://stitchstreet.co.uk)





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