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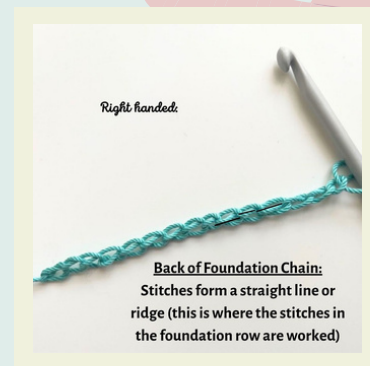
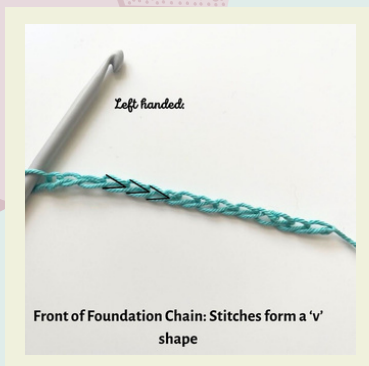
We've all been there: a stitch doesn't look right, a row feels wonky, and suddenly you're questioning everything.

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

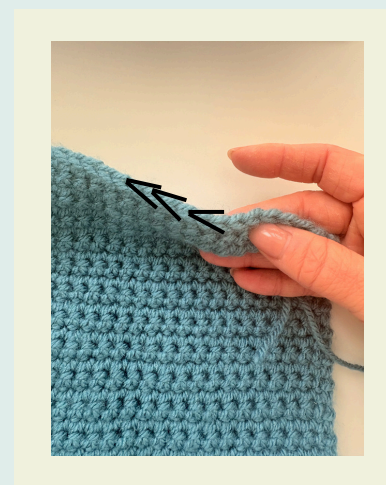
- Look for the 'V' shapes on the front and bumps or ridges on the back



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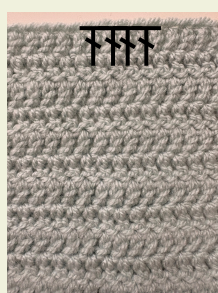
How to Identify a Double Crochet (dc) Stitch / US = Single Crochet (sc)


- 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.



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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





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