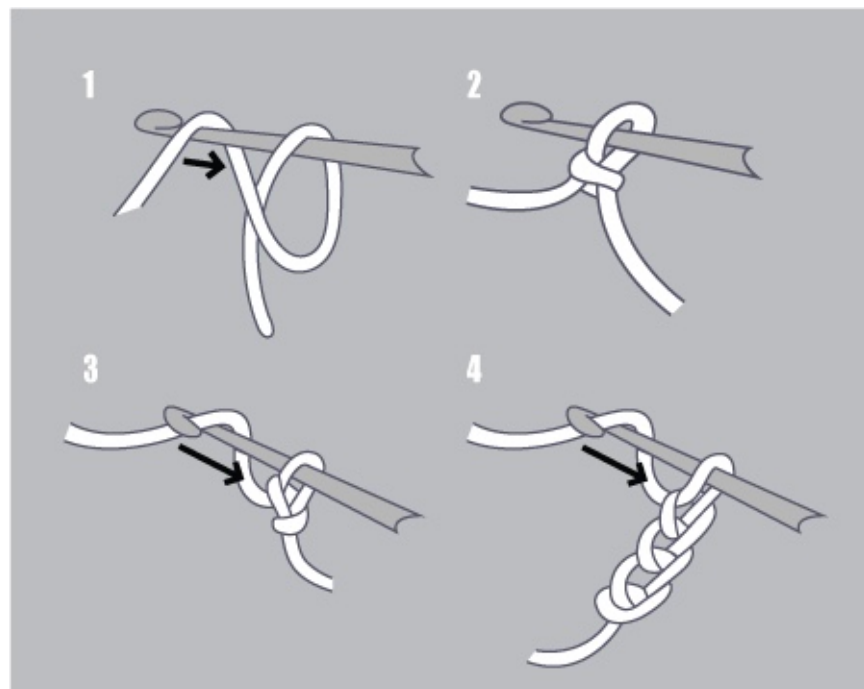


Introduction To Crocheting

Stitch Name	Abbreviation	
Chain	Ch	
Slip Stitch	Ss	
Skip Stitch	Sk	
Single Crochet	Sc	
Half Double Crochet	Hdc	
Double Crochet	Dc	
Triple Crochet	Tc	
Single Crochet 2 Together	Sc2tog	Also called decrease or Dec
Half Double Crochet 2 Together	Hdc3tog	
Double Crochet 2 Together	Dc2tog	

YARN WEIGHTS	YARN TYPES	HOO K SIZES	GAUGE	COMMON PROJECTS
 0 LACE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lace Fingering 10 count 	B/1 (2.25 mm) or Steel Hooks	4" = 32-42 dc	Lace, Doilies & Shawls
 1 SUPER FINE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baby Sock Fingering 	B/1 (2.25 mm) to E/4 (3.5 mm)	4" = 21-32 sc	Lace, Doilies & Shawls
 2 FINE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baby Sport 	E/4 (3.5 mm) to 7 (4.5 mm)	4" = 16-20 sc	Larger Lace, Light Garments & Baby Items
 3 LIGHT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Double Knit (DK) Light Worsted 	G/6 (4 mm) to I/9 (5.5 mm)	4" = 12-17 sc	Baby Blankets, Amigurumi & Garments
 4 MEDIUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worsted Afghan Aran 	H/8 (5 mm) to K/10.5 (6.5 mm)	4" = 11-14 sc	Blankets, Hats, Scarves & many others
 5 BULKY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chunky Craft Rug 	K/10.5 (6.5 mm) to M/13 (9 mm)	4" = 8-11 sc	Blankets, Hats, Scarves & Rugs
 6 SUPER BULKY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Super Chunky Roving 	M/13 (9 mm) to Q (15 mm)	4" = 7-9 sc	Heavy Blankets, Baskets, Scarves & Rugs
 7 JUMBO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ultra Roving 	Q (15 mm) or larger	4" = 6 sc or less	Heavy Blankets & Finger crochet



Slip Stitch - ss

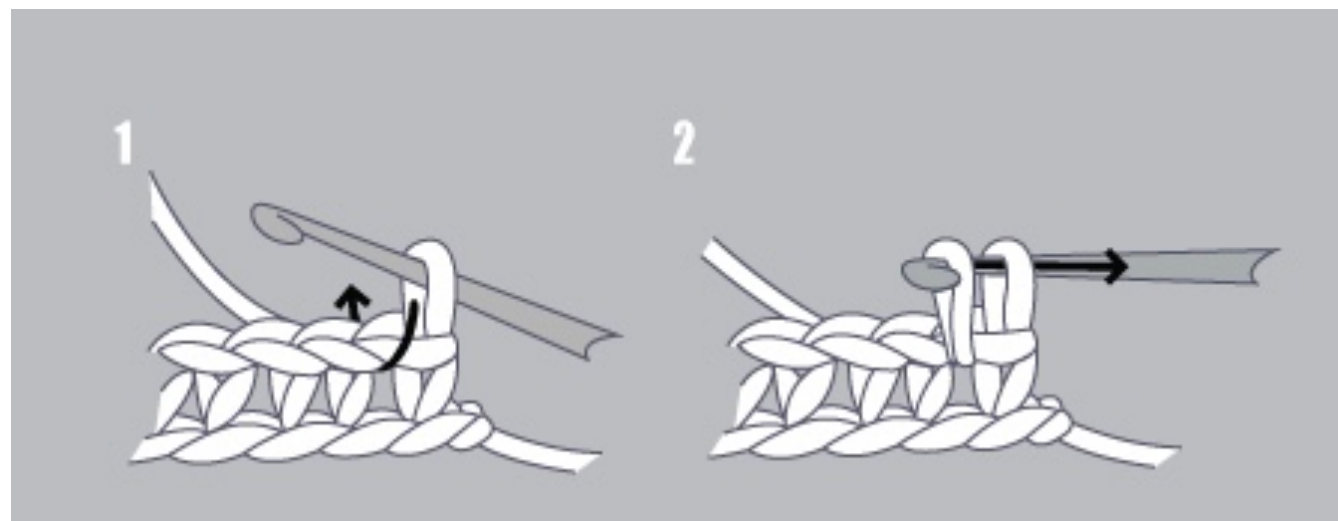
A slip stitch is used to move across one or more stitches at once or finish a piece.

1. Insert your hook into the next stitch.
2. Wrap the yarn over the hook and draw through both loops at once.

Chain Stitch - ch

This stitch is the basis for many crochet patterns. If you're working in rows, your first row will be a series of chain stitches.

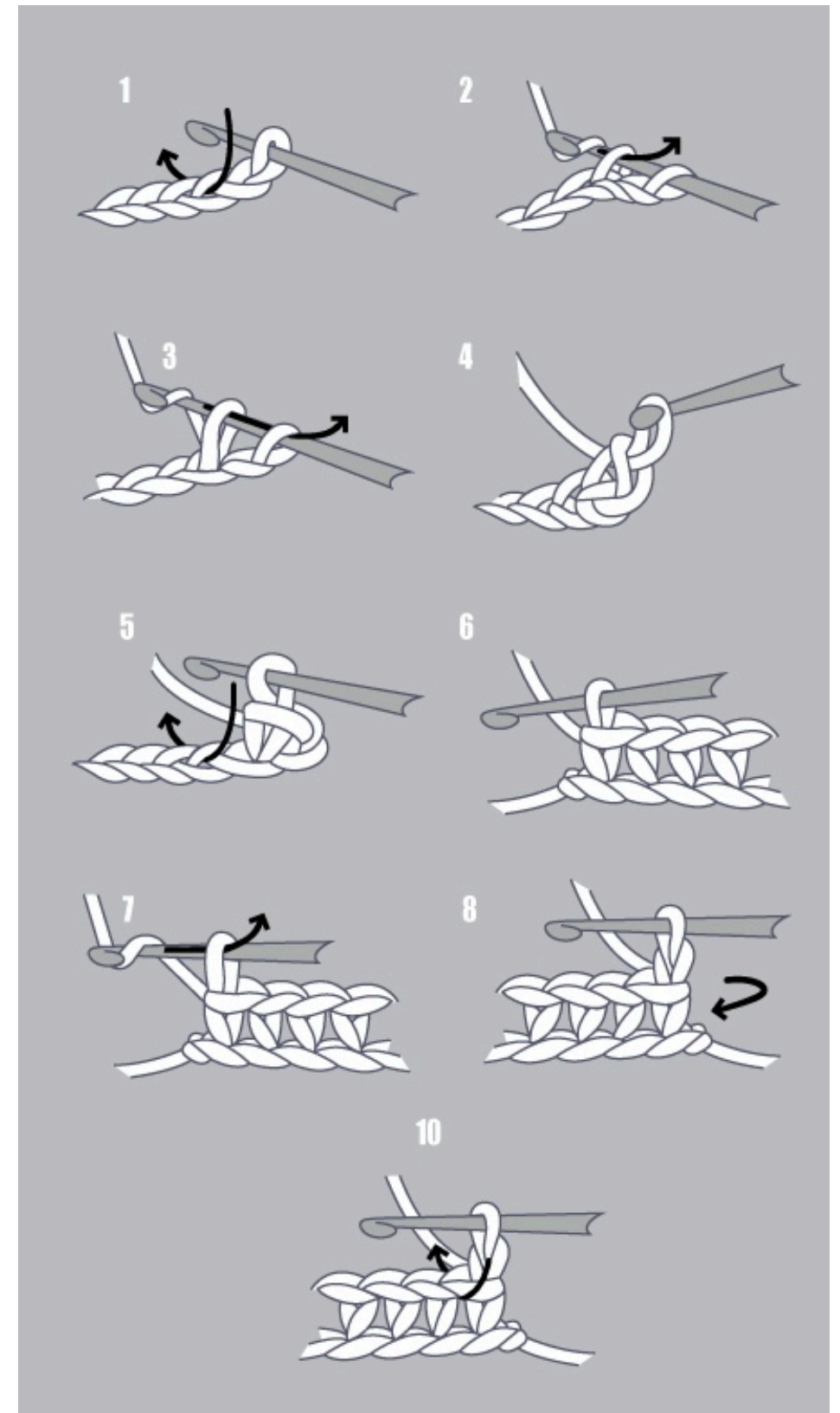
1. Use the hook to draw the yarn through the loop
2. pull the loop until tight
3. Wrap the yarn over the hook from back to front. Pull the hook, carrying the yarn, through the loop already on your hook
4. You have now completed one chain stitch. Repeat these steps as indicated in the pattern to create a foundation chain.

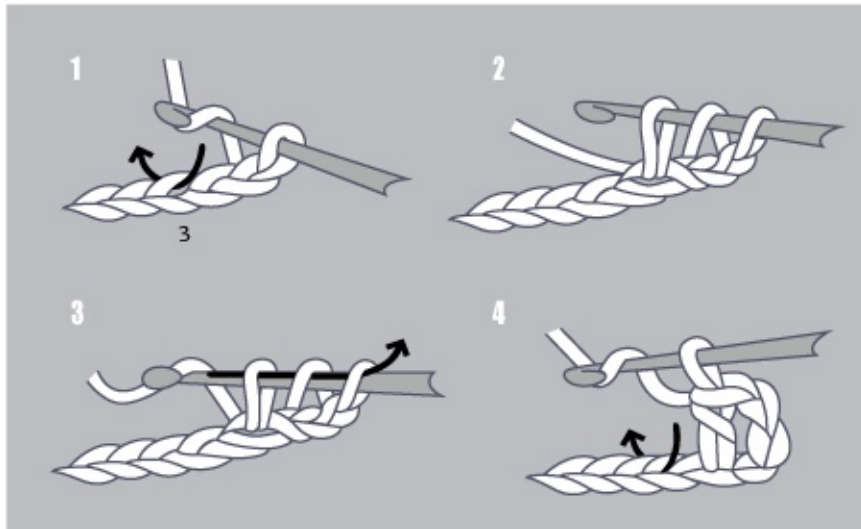


Single Crochet Stitch - sc

Single crochet is the stitch that will be most frequently used in this book.

- 1 Insert the hook into the next chain stitch
2. wrap the yarn over the hook. Pull the yarn through the stitch. You will see that there are now two loops on the hook.
3. Wrap the yarn over the hook again and draw it through both loops at once.
4. You have now completed one single crochet.
5. Insert the hook into the next chain stitch to continue the row.
6. At the end of the row you need to bring the yarn up to the correct height to work the first stitch.
7. Make one chain stitch (ch)
- 8 turn the work
9. Start the next single crochet in the first stitch (don't count the turning chain as a stitch). To work into a previous row of crochet, insert your hook under both loops of the first stitch.





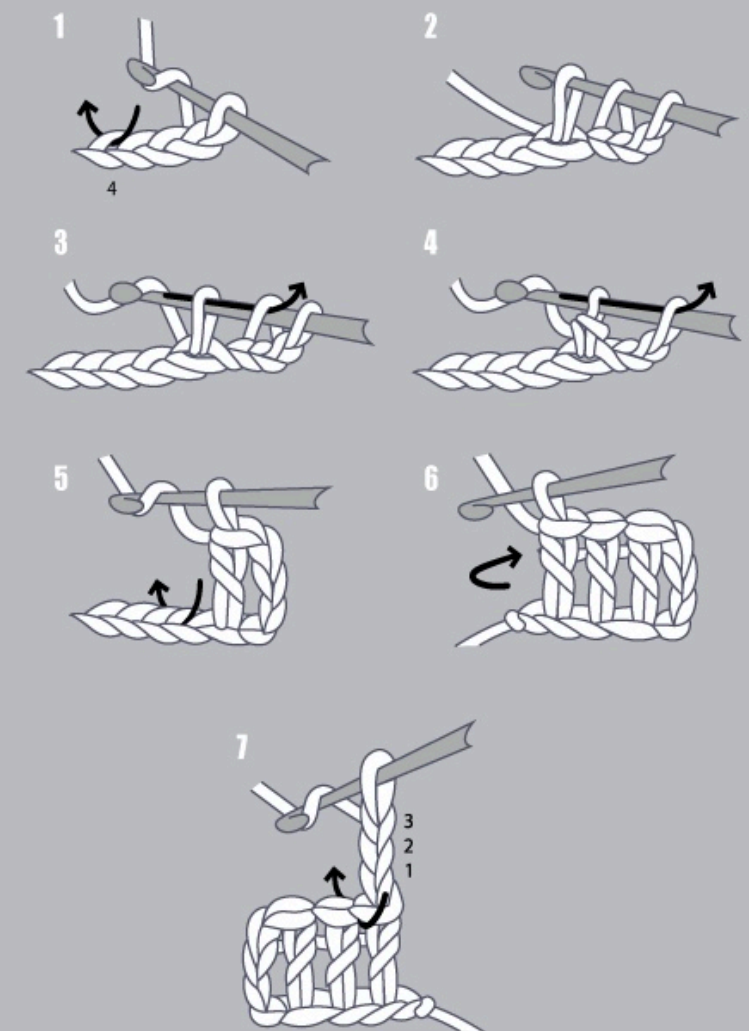
Half Double Stitch - hdc

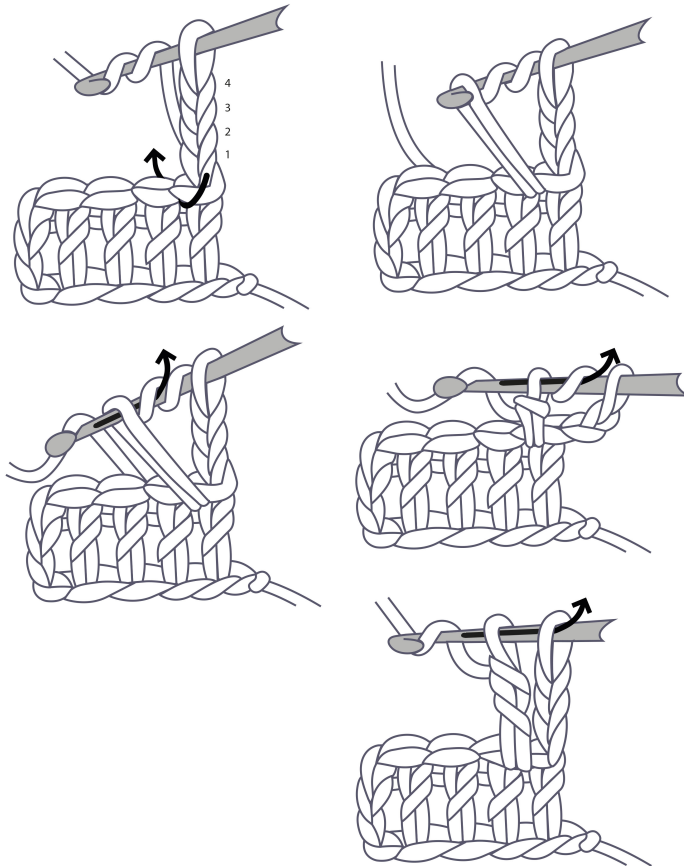
1. Bring your yarn over the hook from back to front before placing the hook in the stitch. Now insert your hook in the third chain - without counting the loop on the hook.
2. Wrap the yarn over the hook and draw the yarn through the chain stitch. You now have three loops on the hook.
3. Wrap the yarn over the hook again and pull it through all three loops on the hook.
4. You have completed your first half double crochet. To continue bring your yarn over the hook and insert it in the next chain stitch.

To start a second row, bring your thread to the correct height by making two chain stitches.

Double Stitch - dc

1. Bring your yarn over the hook from back to front before placing the hook in the stitch. Now insert your hook in the fourth chain - without counting the loop on the hook.
2. Wrap the yarn over the hook and draw the yarn through the chain stitch. You now have three loops on the hook.
3. Wrap the yarn over the hook again and pull it through the first two loops on the hook.
4. You now have 2 loops on the hook. Wrap the yarn over the hook one last time and draw it through both loops on the hook.
5. You have now completed one double crochet. To continue bring your yarn over the hook and insert it in the next chain stitch.
6. Work the first stitch. To raise the yarn, make three chain stitches.
7. Start the next double crochet in the second stitch. Be sure to insert your hook under both loops of this stitch (7).





Triple Crochet Stitch - tc

1. Bring your yarn over the hook twice before you insert it in the fifth chain from the hook.
2. Wrap the yarn over the hook and draw the yarn through the chain stitch.
3. Wrap the yarn over the hook again and pull it through the first two loops on the hook..
4. & 5. Repeat this last step twice. You have now completed one triple crochet.

To start a second row, bring your thread to the correct height by making four chain stitches. Start the next triple crochet in the second stitch. Yarn over twice and be sure to insert your hook under both loops of this stitch.

Single Crochet 2 Together Stitch - sc2tog

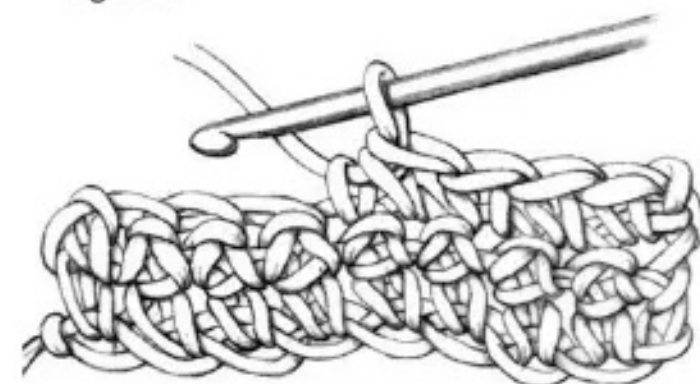
1. Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up loop (2 loops on hook,
2. Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up loop (3 loops on hook), yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.
3. — 1 stitch decreased.

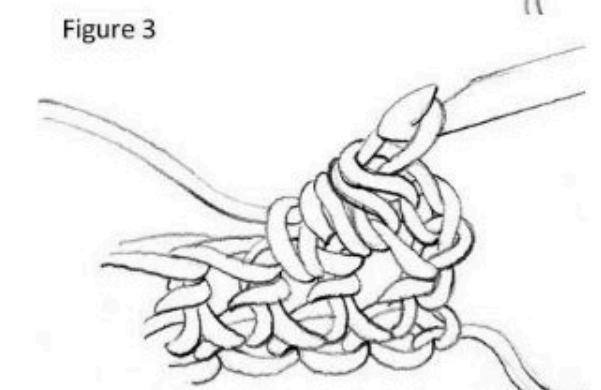
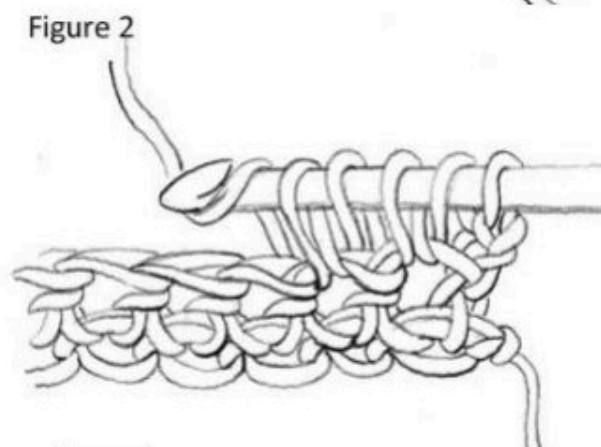
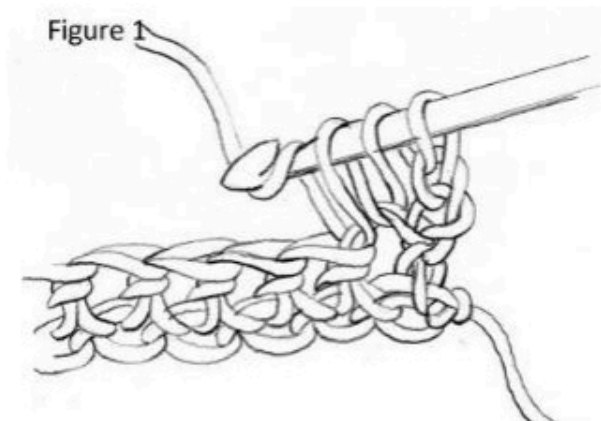


Figure 2



Figure 3





Half Double Crochet 2 Together Stitch - hdc2tog

1. Yarn over, insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up loop 2 times.
2. yarn over and draw through all loops on hook.
3. — 1 stitch decreased.

Double Crochet 2 Together Stitch - dc2tog

1. Yarn over, insert hook in next stitch, yarn over
2. pull up loop, yarn over
3. draw through 2 loops] 2 times (3 loops on hook), yarn over,
4. draw through all loops on hook— 1 stitch decreased.

