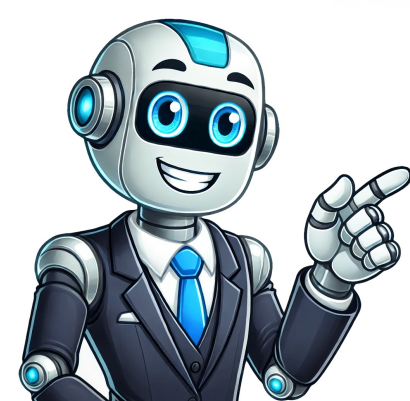


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## Crochet popcorn stitch

Learn how to crochet the popcorn stitch in this step-by-step tutorial. This stitch is fun to create and adds lots of texture to your work. It adds thickness and can be used in many patterns from washcloths, and blankets to accessories. The popcorn stitch (abbreviated pop or pc) is a nicely rounded, compact oval that stands out from the fabric. It takes a bit more time to make than other raised stitches, but it's well worth the effort. You can work popcorn stitches so that they "pop" to the front or the back of the fabric, depending on where you want them to stand out. This stitch is similar to making the shell stitch, as you use double crochets to make a fan shape and then join that together to make a bobble. It may seem complicated, but once you try it out, you will see how easy it is! Take a look through the step-by-step tutorial below. You can watch the video tutorial on my YouTube channel here. Please note this tutorial uses US terms. How To Crochet The Popcorn Stitch Step 1 - Make a foundation chain Choose your crochet hook and yarn, then make a foundation chain (ch) with an odd number of stitches, for example, you could chain 19 stitches, to begin with. Step 2 - Work 1 row of single crochet Starting in the second chain from the hook, insert hook into the 2nd chain from the hook and work one row of single crochet. Step 3 - Create the first popcorn stitch In the second row, you will chain 1 then work like this into the next stitch (which is the first dc - double crochet)To make a popcorn stitch - work 5 double crochets into the same stitch.This should look like a fan or shell. How double crochet (dc) for beginners Step 4 - Place the hook into the first double crochet Pull up the loop you are working with so it is safe from being pulled out.Take your hook out of the loop.Then place it onto the first of the five double crochet stitches you have made. Step 5 - Place your hook into the working loop Keeping your hook in that first double crochet stitch, now also hook the working loop.Once that loop is on your hook, you can tighten it up again. Step 6 - Create a popcorn by closing up that stitch Pull the working loop through the loops of the first double crochet stitch.This will create the popcorn shape. Step 7 - Complete a row of popcorn stitches Complete the row of popcorn stitches by following this:\*Work 1 single crochet, then 1 popcorn stitch\*Repeat this across the row and end with 1 single crochet (sc).Remember to form the popcorn stitch you need to work 5 double crochets (dc) into the same stitch. The right side will look like the image below. Step 8 - Turn the work When you have completed your row of popcorn stitches, it is time to chain 1 and turn the work.On the reverse side (the wrong side row), you work 1 row of single crochet.The top of the popcorn stitches don't look like little V's but they are the straighter stitches between the V's. The popcorn stitch can use up lots of yarn, so make sure you have enough for whatever pattern you decide to make. The popcorn stitch looks similar to the bobble stitch but the process is slightly different. Make sure you check your pattern for whichever stitch it is asking you to use. An easy way to practice is to make this popcorn stitch wash mitt! - Crochet Wash Mitt Pattern {The Popcorn Stitch} There are several different textured crochet stitches that look similar, but each has its own unique way of being made. Bobbles, clusters, shells, and popcorn stitches are all advanced beginner crochet stitches that you can learn after you have learned the basic crochet stitches. Many people find that it is a lot of fun to work the popcorn stitch. This stitch is created by working a number of stitches into the same stitch and then joining the top of the last stitch in the set. This creates a ball of texture that pops off of the fabric and is called a "popcorn." This crochet stitch can be worked in many variations by changing both the height of the stitches and the number of stitches in a group. Today, let's look at how to crochet a common variation - the 5 dc popcorn stitch. This is a fun one to practice after you learn how to create a chain and double crochet! Popcorn stitch is a two-row repeating stitch. Once you learn the first two rows, you can keep repeating them until your item measures the desired length. Traditionally, popcorn stitches are placed in a staggered pattern, but you can also stack the popcorn stitches on top of one another for a varied look. To begin, chain an odd number of stitches + 2 to turn. For my swatch, I chained 15 sts + 2 to turn. Note: It's important to not make the initial chain stitch too tightly, or your piece will curl. I suggest making the initial chain very loosely, or even using a larger hook to create it! I used one whole size hook larger to make my chain! Row one is the right side of our work. This is the row that we'll be pulling all of our popcorn stitches up on! Our +2 from chaining (and the last stitch we chained) counts as our first double crochet stitch, which serves as our first stitch in this row! To create our first popcorn stitch, place five double crochet stitches in the 4th chain from the hook. Remember, the loop on your hook never counts as a stitch! To finish off the popcorn stitch, take your hook out of your work and insert it from front to back in the first double crochet you made in this cluster. Next, insert your hook from back to front through the loop left from the last double crochet you made in the cluster. Pull the loop from your last stitch through the top of the first double crochet you made to close the stitch: In the next chain, place one double crochet. Continue this pattern of making one popcorn stitch then one double crochet all the way to the end of the row! Row two is the wrong side or back side of our work. This is important to note, as we'll be "pushing" all of our popcorn stitches to puff out on the other side - this changes the direction we insert the hook into the back of the stitch! To begin row 2, chain 3 stitches. Turn, then, in the same space where you chained 3 stitches, place four more double crochets. This will be the first popcorn stitch of the row. To create the popcorn shape, remove your hook from the last stitch you made and insert it from back to front in the top of the chain 3 you made to start the row. Then insert your hook from front to back through the loop left on your last double crochet. Pull the loop through the top of chain 3 to close the stitch off and form your first popcorn! Place a double crochet in the next stitch. You'll continue to create this pattern of popcorn stitch then double crochet until the end of the row - similar to Row 1. Note: All of your popcorn stitches should puff out to the right side of your work. Row 2 looks like this: When you flip your work back over to the correct side, it looks like this: Now that we've got the basic rows, you're ready to continue! All you'll need to do differently on Row 1 is begin with a chain 3. When we first made Row 1, we only chained 2 to turn our foundation chain. Now that we've gotten into the groove and aren't working off of the foundation chain, you'll just need to chain 3 to make the first double crochet of the row. Continue alternating these two rows until your piece reaches the desired length! Popcorn stitch is a wonderful advanced beginner stitch pattern that adds a lovely texture to a project. It also works well in the round! Once you've gotten comfortable chaining, double crocheting, and turning your work, it's also a fun way to spice up a normal double crochet fabric. Give it a try and see what you think! This post contains affiliate links. If you make a purchase through links on our site, I may earn a small commission. Click to see full details of my Privacy Policy. If you're a regular on my blog, you'll know that I've recently shared tutorials for the Puff Stitch and the Bobble Stitch. Today, I'm rounding off this textured trio with the Popcorn Stitch. As I mentioned in my previous posts, mixing up the puff stitch, bobble stitch and popcorn stitch is SUPER common. They're all designed to create an attractive bump on your crochet by using extra stitches to bulk up your stitches. One of the most common crossovers is between the puff stitch, bobble stitch and popcorn stitch. These bobbled beauties are SO difficult to tell apart...but everyone has their own fave so I'm sharing all three so you can pick your winner. It's such a common trouble, that I actually wrote a blog on the differences between the three back in 2018. If you're wondering what the differences are between the three stitches, you should check that out. Puff, Bobble and Popcorn Stitches. Let's get into it, here's how to create a crochet popcorn stitch. Blankets Scarfs and cowls Cushions Accessories Written in UK terms but switchable to US terms below. This pattern gives you the basic principle for the popcorn stitch, designed to help you create your own projects. The video tutorial can be found at the base of the post. Chain (ch): Yarn over, pull through one loop on hook Slip Stitch(s): ss(s): Insert hook, yarn over, pull through stitch and loop on hook. Double Crochet(s): dc(s): Insert hook into stitch, yarn over, pull up a loop, you will have two loops on the hook. Yarn over, pull through remaining two loops. Treble Crochet(s): tr(s): Yarn over, insert into stitch, yarn over, pull up a loop, you will have three loops on the hook. Yarn over, pull through two loops, yarn over, pull through the remaining two loops. Popcorn Stitch: (Pst): Work 5 tr into st, loosen the loop on your hook, then carefully remove hook. Insert hook into top of first tr from back to front, insert hook back into the working loop (the one from which you removed your hook), pull the loop through the tr st. How to Crochet - A Handy Reference Guide eBook Unsure of the differences between UK and US terms? Need a refresher on how to do your stitches? In my 'How to crochet: A handy reference guide' eBook I help you with all of these terms and you can always have them to hand! You will also get exclusive access to free video instructions. Learn more about the eBook here. You are viewing this pattern in UK terms. Chain in multiples of 2 + 2Row 1 (WS): dc in second ch from hook (skipped ch does not count as st). \*PSt in next ch, dc in next ch; rep from \* across. Turn.Row 2 (RS): 1 ch (does not count as st here or throughout), dc in each st across. Turn.Row 3: 1 ch, dc in first st, \*PSt in next st, dc in next st; rep from \* across. Turn.Repeat Rows 2 and 3 until desired height. Download Article Download Article If you want the texture of your next crochet project to pop, make the popcorn stitch! Although this stitch might look complex, it's great for beginner crocheters since you only need to know how to double crochet. Work 5 double crochets into a single space and gather the ends. Use this fun stitch on your next sweater, blanket, or decorative piece. 1 Make 5 double crochets into 1 stitch on the right side of your work. Decide where you'd like to make your first popcorn stitch and insert your crochet hook into the stitch. Create a double crochet (DC) stitch and put your hook back into the gap of the same stitch. Make 4 more (DC) stitches into the same stitch.[1] It's important to work the popcorn stitch on the right side of your work since the back of the popcorn stitch is smooth. 2 Remove your hook and insert it into the first double crochet stitch. Pull up on the hook to loosen the last loop you made and take the hook out. Then, put the hook from front to back into the first double crochet stitch you made for this popcorn stitch.[2] Don't pull on the working yarn or you'll lose the loose loop. If you want the popcorn to pop to the back of the work, insert your hook from back to front into the first double crochet stitch. Advertisement 3 Grab the loop and pull it through the existing loop on your hook. Catch the loose loop with your crochet hook and pull on the working yarn to tighten the loop on the hook. Then, pull the hook through the loop that's already on your hook.[3] You're essentially making a slip stitch to gather all of the double crochet stitches together. 4 Chain 1 stitch and skip a stitch. To lock the popcorn stitch in place, wrap the yarn around your hook and pull it through the loop that's on your hook. Then, continue with your crochet pattern. If you're making more popcorn stitches, skip 1 stitch before working the next popcorn stitch.[4] Advertisement 1 Add popcorn stitches to blankets or afghans to create texture. You've probably seen granny square afghans that have rich texture because they're made with popcorn stitches. Crochet popcorn stitches along the edges of blankets if you want to give them a bumpy border or use popcorn stitches over the entire surface to make an even, raised surface. Try alternating colors for the squares if you'd like a brightly colored blanket or afghan. 2 Make scarves, shawls, or cardigans with popcorn texture. If you're tired of crocheting standard flat clothes or accessories, make them stand out with the popcorn stitch. For example, add a cluster of popcorn stitches on a cardigan or create a popcorn border on a scarf.[5] Popcorn stitches look cute on cardigans or sweaters for babies. Using the popcorn stitch all over gives your item a lacy look that's great for delicate shawls or wraps. 3 Crochet the popcorn stitch to give pillows or crocheted flowers extra dimension. Give your next throw pillow extra character by making the popcorn stitch across the surface or edges. The popcorn stitch also makes a great detail for the center of crocheted flowers.[6] Consider attaching crocheted flowers to your pillows or blankets. 4 Create heavy-duty scrubbies with the popcorn stitch. Crochet a simple square with a few alternating rows of the popcorn stitch to give it a raised texture. This is great practice for the popcorn stitch and it gives the scrubby a great texture for washing up.[7] Make the scrubbies any size you like and use sturdy cotton yarn so it's easy to wash and dry. Advertisement Add New Question Question I'm confused about which part of the popcorn stitch I work into when I am doing the next row. I have been picking up the double loops that are between the popcorn stitch and the next stitch. Work into the stitch of the popcorn closest to the left. However, if working into the loop in between works for you, do what is easiest. Question How do I make the pop? The popcorn stitch starts out with a shell-like stitch where you make a number of double crochets in one stitch from the row below. The pop comes by pulling together the beginning and end stitches on the back using a special technique. 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Co-authors: 10 Updated: March 10, 2025 Views: 75,969 Categories: Crochet Stitches Print Send fan mail to authors Thanks to all authors for creating a page that has been read 75,969 times. The popcorn stitch is a classic technique that adds irresistible texture to your crochet projects - and it's really easy to do! In this article, I'll walk you through how to crochet the popcorn stitch step-by-step. The popcorn stitch creates a round, three-dimensional texture that pops off the surface of crochet fabric - almost like a popped corn kernel. The popcorn stitch is one of the simplest textured stitches to master - even easier than the puff or bobble stitches. To make it, crochet 5 double crochets into the same stitch, then draw them together at the top to create the rounded ball shape. Work 5 double crochet (dc) stitches into the same stitch. Drop the working loop from your hook. Reinsert your hook into the top of the first double crochet. Grab the dropped loop with your hook and pull it through the first double crochet. Gently tighten the stitch to create the rounded popcorn shape. In this article, I'll pass on everything I've learned about this fun technique. I'll walk through exactly how to crochet the popcorn stitch step-by-step and share tips to help you incorporate it into patterns. Here are a few more details about popcorn stitch. Abbreviation: The popcorn stitch is abbreviated "pc" or "pop," depending on the pattern. Stitch Multiple: A popcorn is worked into one stitch. In patterns, popcorn stitches are often separated by one or more regular stitches. Row Multiple: 2, 4, or another even number. Rows of popcorn stitches are alternated with rows of regular stitches so that all the popcorn stitches "pop out" on the same side. Is popcorn stitch reversible? The popcorn stitch is not reversible. The popcorn ball pops out on one side, and the other side is relatively flat. Does popcorn stitch use a lot of yarn? Yep, it's a yarn eater. A project made with a lot of popcorn stitches will use much more yarn - and be much heavier - than a less textured project. There are a lot of variations on the popcorn stitch, too. You can make bigger popcorns by increasing the number of double crochets. Or, make smaller ones by using fewer double crochets, or even shorter stitches like single crochet. (More on this later!) In this section, I'll show you how to make the classic 5-double crochet popcorn. Once you've got that down, I'll explain how to crochet variations on the popcorn stitch. A popcorn can show on either side of the fabric, depending on how you finish the stitch. Here's how to work a popcorn stitch so that it "pops" to the front of the fabric. Work 5 double crochet stitches into the same stitch. It will look like a shell or a fan. Drop the working loop from your hook. Reinsert your hook from front to back under both loops of the first double crochet of the 5-dc group. Grab the dropped loop with your hook and pull it through the first double crochet. This gathers all of the double crochet stitches together and completes the popcorn stitch. 5 dc in one stitch. Reinsert the hook into the first dc, and pull the working loop through. Finished popcorn stitch. You can also work popcorn stitches so that they "pop" to the back of the fabric. Work 5 double crochet stitches in the same stitch. Drop the working loop from your hook. Reinsert your hook from back to front under both loops of the first dc of the 5-dc group. Grab the dropped loop with your hook and pull it through the first dc. Reinsert your hook from front to back to make a popcorn on the front side of the swatch. Tip: Pull up on the working loop a little before dropping from your hook. That way, you'll be less likely to lose it. Just be sure to tighten it up again after completing the popcorn stitch. Popcorn stitches can be made with 3-7 dc stitches, depending on how "puffy" you want them to be. You can also make them with different height stitches, like half double crochet and single crochet. Small popcorn (3-dc popcorn): Work only 3 double crochet stitches in the same stitch, then complete the popcorn stitch as normal. Large popcorn (7-dc popcorn): Work 7 double crochet stitches in the same stitch, then complete the popcorn stitch as normal. Single crochet popcorn (3-sc popcorn): The single crochet popcorn stitch is the same as the standard popcorn stitch, but uses single crochets instead of double crochets. Half double crochet popcorn (3-hdc popcorn): The half double crochet popcorn stitch is the same as the standard popcorn stitch, but uses half double crochets instead of double crochets. In this swatch pattern below, the popcorn stitches are placed in a staggered pattern. But you could also stack the popcorn stitches on top of one another for a different look. Yarn. Any yarn will do. I suggest practicing with a smooth, light-colored worsted weight yarn. Crochet hook. Choose a hook size based on your yarn weight. Tapestry needle. To weave in the ends. Scissors. The pattern is written in US terms. ch: chain dc: double crochet (yo, insert into stitch, yo and pull up a loop, yo and pull through 2 loops, yo and pull through 2 loops) sc: single crochet (insert into stitch, yo and pull up a loop, yo and pull through 2 loops) pc: popcorn (see below) 5 dc popcorn (pc): Work 5 dc into the same stitch. Remove hook from the last dc worked. Insert hook into the first dc of the 5 dc group. Grab the dropped loop from your hook and pull it through the first dc. Row 1: Chain 16. Work 1 sc in the 2nd ch from hook and each ch across. Turn. (15 sts) Row 2: Ch 1, work 1 sc in each st across. Turn. Row 3: Ch 1, 3 sc, \*1 pc, 3 sc; repeat from \* across. Row 4-6: Ch 1, work 1 sc in each st across. Turn. Row 7: Ch 1, 1 sc, pc, \*3 sc, pc; repeat from \* until last st, 1 sc. Row 8-10: Ch 1, work 1 sc in each st across. Turn. Repeat Rows 3-10 until the desired size. You can use the popcorn stitch to create a solid block of texture or an occasional pop of texture in a larger project. You can even use it to create noses, toes, and other details in amigurumi projects. Mini Cat Amigurumi: The pattern uses the popcorn stitch to create cute little kitty feet. Popcorn Blanket: This pattern uses popcorn stitch as a border on a throw. Popcorn Pillow: Create an all-over texture on this easy crochet pillow pattern with the popcorn crochet stitch. Check out these tutorials to add more crochet stitches to your repertoire. Work 5 double crochet stitches into the same stitch. It will look like a shell or a fan.Drop the working loop from your hook.Reinsert your hook from front to back under both loops of the first double crochet of the 5-dc group.Grab the dropped loop with your hook and pull it through the first double crochet. This gathers all of the double crochet stitches together and completes the popcorn stitch. Check the post above to learn variations on the popcorn stitch. Please leave a comment on the blog or share a photo on Instagram Pin this post: Save this tutorial to your Pinterest boards so that you can come back to it later. Leave a comment: We love to hear your feedback. Tell me in the comments below! Share on Instagram or Facebook: When you make this project, share it on social media and tag me @sarahmaker . We love to see what you make! We hope this article was useful for you! If you have any additional questions, feel free to join my Facebook Group. We created this group for you to share pictures, ask questions, and help each other out. Popcorn stitch is a playful crochet stitch that adds dimension to your work. Each bobble or "popcorn" has a puffed texture that can make a fun border and add warmth and thickness to hats, blankets, and more when stitched in a group. Although popcorn stitch might look complicated at first, it's similar to making a shell stitch with double crochets. Learn this stitch and start popping it into your projects! These project metrics depend on the gauge you use and your skill level. But keep the following in mind while learning the popcorn stitch: Total Time: 4-5 minutes per rowSkill Level: Intermediate Credit: Mollie Johanson Work popcorn stitch with your favorite yarn, matching the hook size to the yarn weight. Begin with a starting chain with an odd number of stitches. The example started with 19 chain stitches. Chain 1. Starting in the second chain from the hook, work one single crochet into every stitch. Credit: Mollie Johanson Chain 1. \*Work one single crochet, then one popcorn stitch. Repeat from \* across the row. End with one single crochet. Work five double crochets into the same stitch to form the popcorn stitch. It should look like a fan or shell. Credit: Mollie Johanson Pull up the active loop on your hook so it's large and you don't have to worry about losing it. Then, remove your hook from the loop. Count back five double crochet stitches and insert your hook into the first double crochet you made. Credit: Mollie Johanson Go through the loose active loop with your hook still in the first double crochet. Once the loop is around your hook, you can tighten it again. Credit: Mollie Johanson Draw the active loop through the loops of the first double crochet to close up and complete the popcorn stitch. A finished popcorn stitch should look like a tiny cup made of double crochets. Credit: Mollie Johanson Finish row two of the popcorn stitch, alternating between single crochets and popcorn stitches. You should end with a single crochet. Want to change the look of your popcorn stitches? Push them to the other side so they're inside out! Credit: Mollie Johanson Popcorn stitch repeats rows one and two, so after you work a row of popcorns, it's time to add another row one. Chain 1. Work one single crochet into each stitch. It's easy to spot where to insert your hook on the single crochets from the first row, but you might need to look for the correct spot on the popcorn stitches. The top of the popcorn stitches don't look like little Vs, but they are the straighter stitches between the Vs. Credit: Mollie Johanson The more you work the popcorn stitch, the faster it goes. Of course, even though this isn't difficult to work, it does take longer than basic stitches. It also uses a lot of yarn, so make sure you have enough skeins when making a large project. Popcorn stitch looks similar to bobble stitch, but the process is slightly different. Be sure to pay attention to which stitch you need for a project and don't assume they are interchangeable. Have fun as you pop this stitch on your hook!