

Lesson 8: Single Stitch

How to crochet for absolute beginners

Single Crochet Stitch

The single is the fourth stitch you're learning to crochet, and we will learn and practice this with another basic crochet pattern!

- ❖ About the single
- ❖ Single anatomy
- ❖ Basic pattern reading + symbols

About the single

Single Crochet Stitch

- ❖ insert hook into next stitch,
- ❖ yarn over hook,
- ❖ pull through stitch,
- ❖ yarn over hook,
- ❖ pull through 2 loops on hook

Tips:

- ❖ Hook should be facing downward (not sideways or up; it will not move through loop)
- ❖ Hold last chain or stitch before creating the next
- ❖ This is a tight, dense fabric; take your time

Symbols

For this lesson, you'll learn and practice the Single Crochet Stitch while also learning how to read and follow a pattern, and chart.

The pattern we will follow will not use acronyms; giving you a gentle introduction to pattern formatting.

Here are all the stitches we've learned so far:

- ❖ 0 = Chain
- ❖ T = Half Double
- ❖ T = Double
- ❖ + = Single

Diagram

Read this pattern from the **bottom** up, starting on the **Left** side.

Tips:

- ❖ Single Crochet creates dense fabric; tight, may curl (that's okay).
- ❖ Count stitches after every row; do not move on until your stitch count is correct.
- ❖ These are the foundation stitches: Chain, Half, Double and Single. Be sure you can count them individually and in rows before we can move on!

What's Next?

Homework: Practice the Single Crochet stitch!

- ❖ Follow the homework pattern completely at least 5 times.

Next... Lesson 9: First Project (Washcloth)