Diamonds Vest

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SKILL LEVEL

EXPERIENCED

FINISHED SIZES

Instructions given fit 32–34-inch bust *(small)*; changes for 36–38-inch bust *(medium)* and 40–42-inch bust *(large)* are in [ ].

FINISHED GARMENT MEASUREMENTS

Bust: 36 inches *(small)*, [40 inches *(medium)* and 43 inches *(large)*]

MATERIALS

- South Maid size 10 crochet cotton (350 yds per ball):
  5 [5, 6] balls #430 cream
- Size 0/2.50mm steel crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle

0 LACE

GAUGE

7 ch sps = 3 inches; 7 ch sp rows = 3 inches

PATTERN NOTES

Weave in loose ends as work progresses.

Join with a slip stitch where indicated unless otherwise stated.

Vest is crocheted with 2 strands held together throughout.

SPECIAL STITCHES

Block: Dc in each of next 3 sts **OR** 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc.

Space (sp): Ch 2, sk next 2 sts, dc in next st.

Beginning block (beg block): Ch 3, dc in each of next 3 sts **OR** ch 3, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc.

Beginning space (beg sp): Ch 5, sk last dc of previous row and next 2 sts, dc in next st.

Beginning block increase (beg block inc): Ch 5, dc in 4th and 5th ch from hook, dc in next st.

Ending block increase (ending block inc): Tr in same ch as last dc, [tr in base of last tr] twice.

Beginning decrease (beg dec): Do not ch at end of previous row, turn, sk last dc of previous row, sl st in each of next 3 sts.

End decrease (end dec): Work to within last block or space of row, leave rem sts on row unworked.

Extended double crochet (ext dc): Yo, insert hook in indicated st, yo, draw up lp, yo, draw through 1 lp on hook, [yo, draw through 2 lps on hook] twice.

VEST

BODY

Row 1 (RS): Holding 2 strands tog *(see Pattern Notes)*, ch 198 [222, 246], dc in 4th ch from hook and in each of next 2 chs *(beg 3 sk chs and first 3 dc count as beg block)* *[ch 2, sk next 2 chs, dc in next ch *(sp)*] 7 times, **block** *(see Special Stitches)*, rep from * 7 [8, 9] times, turn. *(65 [73, 81] blocks and sps across)*

Rows 2–30: Work according to chart and Special Stitches, including **beg block** *(see Special Stitches)* working Diamonds on chart as indicated in Diamonds instructions.

Note: *Partial Diamonds are worked as blocks and sps, not according to Diamond instructions.*

RIGHT FRONT, BACK & LEFT FRONT

Rows 31–49: Work Right Front according to chart and Special Stitches, including **beg dec** *(see Special Stitches)* and **end dec** *(see Special Stitches)*. At end of row 49, leaving 18-inch length, fasten off.

Join with sl st in dc on chart marked with red dot, work Back according to chart and Special Stitches, including beg dec and end dec. At the end of row 48, fasten off.

Join with sl st in dc on chart marked with green dot, work Left Front starting with **beg sp** *(see Special Stitches)*, work according to chart and Special Stitches, including beg dec and end dec. At the end of row 49, leaving an 18-inch length, fasten off.

DIAMONDS

Notes: *Use Diamond chart as a guide to work center of Diamonds.*

The last block or sp on 1 Diamond becomes first block or sp on next Diamond in same row.

On rows 2–5, beg with ***beg block*** *inc* (see Special Stitches) *for first block and first Diamond and ending with* ***end block inc*** (see Special Stitches) *for last block of last Diamond on appropriate row on Diamond instructions.*

Row 1: Work 4 **sps** *(see Special Stitches)*, 1 block and 4 sps.

Row 2: Work 3 sps, 1 block, ch 7, sk next 2 dc, dc in next dc, work 1 block and 3 sps.

Row 3: Work 2 sps, 1 block, ch 5, sk next 3 dc, sc in next ch-7 sp, ch 5, sk next 3 dc, dc in next dc, work 1 block and 2 sps.

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Double-stranded crochet cotton makes this pretty lace vest work up quickly. It's a timeless design with chic style.

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Row 4: Work 1 sp, 1 block, ch 7, sk next 3 dc, sc in next ch-5 sp, sc in next sc, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 7, sk next 3 dc, dc in next dc, work 1 block and 1 sp.

Row 5: Work 1 block, ch 8, sk next 3 dc, sc in next ch-7 sp, sc in next 3 sc, sc in next ch-7 sp, ch 8, sk next 3 dc, dc in next dc, work 1 block.

Row 6: Work 1 sp, 3 dc in next ch-8 sp *(block)*, ch 7, sk next sc, sc in each of next 3 sc, sk next sc, ch 7, 3 dc in next ch-8 sp *(block)*, dc in next dc, work 1 sp.

Row 7: Work 2 sps, 3 dc in next ch-7 sp *(block)*, ch 6, sk next sc, sc in next sc, sk next sc, ch 6, 3 dc in next ch-7 sp *(block)*, dc in next dc, work 2 sps.

Row 8: Work 3 sps, 3 dc in next ch-6 sp *(block)*, ch 2, 2 dc in next ch-6 sp *(block)*, dc in next dc, work 3 sps.

Row 9: Work 4 sps, 1 block and 4 sps.

ASSEMBLY

With rem 18-inch lengths of crochet cotton, sew shoulder seams closed.

EDGING

Rnd 1: With RS facing and Vest upside down, join crochet cotton with sc in free lp of first ch on row 1, sc across bottom edge, working 1 sc in base of each dc and 2 sc in each ch-2 sp, ending with sc in 3rd sk ch at beg of row 1:

A. Working along bottom slanted *(inc section)*, work 2 dc in top of first/last st on rows 1–4 and 1 sc in base of first/last st on rows 2–5; working along front edge of rows 5–29, work 2 sc in ch sp or post of dc and 1 sc st at top of first/last st of each row, sc in ch at base of last dc on row 30, 3 sc around post of same dc;

B. Along top slanted rows, work (dc, **ext dc**—*see Special Stitches*, tr) in top of last dc of next to last block or sp on even-numbered rows 30 and 32 and sc in top of last dc on even-numbered rows 32–42, sc in top of last dc on row 44, 2 sc in ch sp at beg of row 45, (dc, ext dc, tr) in top of next dc on row 45, sc in 3rd ch of beg ch-5 on row 47, 2 sc in post of last dc on row 48, sc in top of same dc, 2 sc in ch sp on row 49, sc in 3rd ch of same ch sp, across top of Back work sc in top of dc on Back at edge of shoulder seam, work 2 sc in each ch sp and 1 sc in top of each dc on row 48 of Back across to next shoulder seam, ending with sc in top of dc at edge of shoulder seam;

C. Along top slanted rows of Front, work sc in top of last dc on row 49, 2 sc in post of same dc, sc in ch at base of same dc, 2 sc in next ch sp, sc in top of last dc on row 47 (tr, ext dc, dc) in top of next to last dc on row 45, 2 sc in post of last dc on row 45;

D. Work 1 sc in 3rd ch of beg ch on even-numbered rows 44–32 and (tr, ext dc, dc) in last dc of first block or mesh on even-numbered rows 42–30, 3 sc in beg ch-5 sp on row 30;

E. Along front edge of rows 29–5, work sc in st at top of first/last st of each row and 2 sc in ch sp or in post of dc on each row, along bottom slanted rows, work 1 sc in base of first/last st on rows 5–2 and 2 dc in top of first/last st on rows 4–1, **join** *(see Pattern Notes)* in beg sc, fasten off.

ARMHOLE EDGING

Work in same manner as rnd 1 of Edging, beg and ending at shoulder seam, fasten off.

TWISTED CORD

Make 2.

Cut 4 lengths, 54 inches each, of crochet cotton. Tie 1 end of all 4 pieces tog. Place over stationary object. Twist other end about 50 times. Fold in half and allow thread to twist upon it self to form cord. Trim unfolded end to desired length and tie new knot. Sew folded end of cords to WS of Vest at row 30 of each side of front. CW

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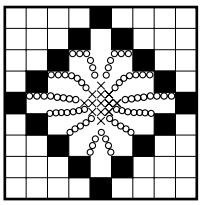

Diamond Chart

STITCH KEY

- ■ Block
- □ Sp
- ○ Ch
- × Sc

Row 30

Row 1

Row 49

Row 48

Row 49

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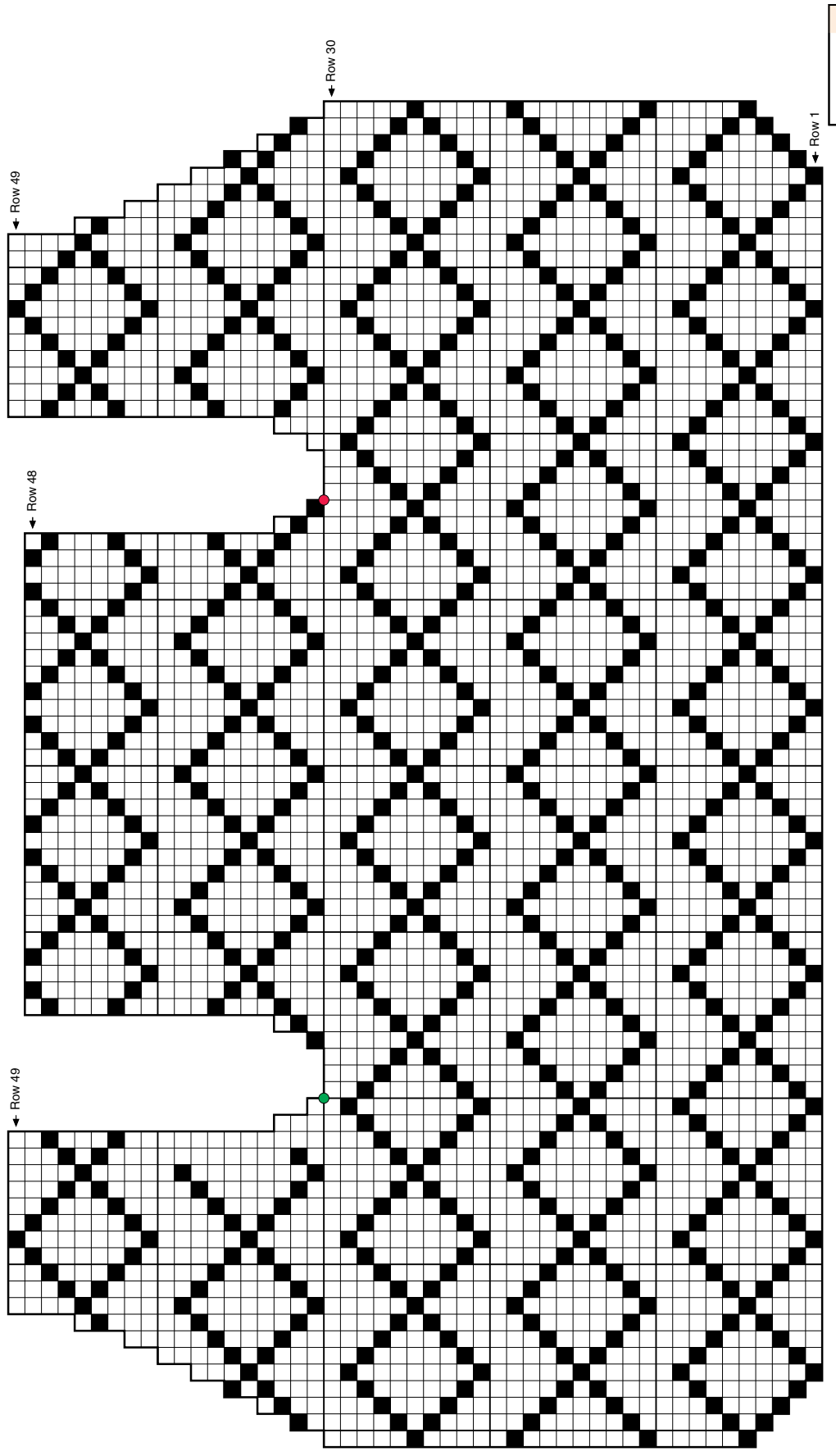

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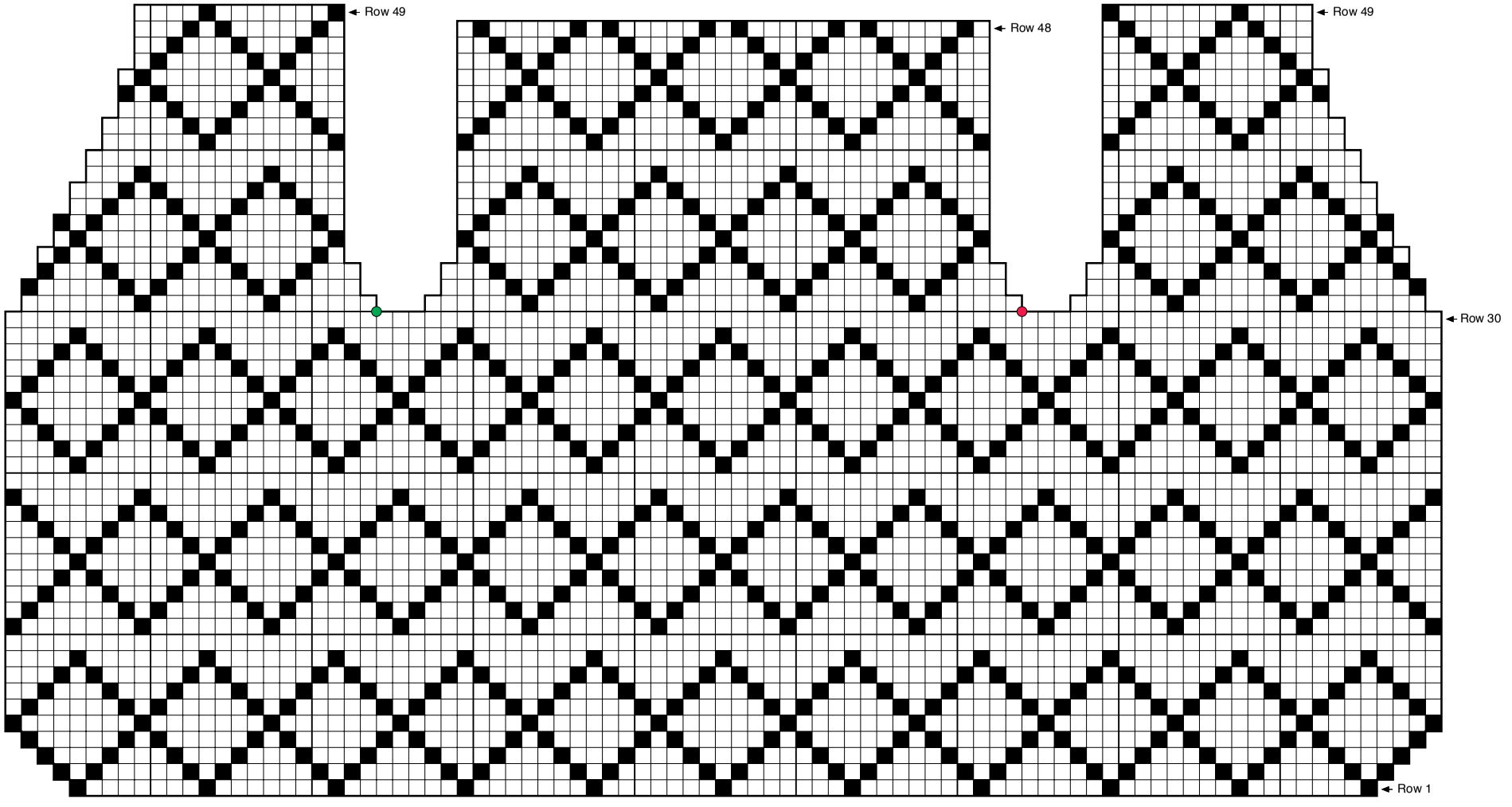

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STITCH ABBREVIATIONS

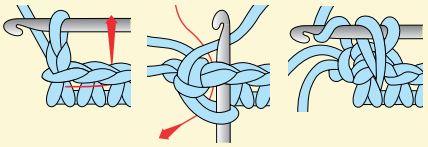
beg ..... begin/begins/beginning
bpdc ..... back post double crochet
bpsc ..... back post single crochet
bptr ..... back post treble crochet
CC ..... contrasting color
ch(s) ..... chain(s)
ch- ..... refers to chain or space previously made (i.e., ch-1 space)
ch sp(s) ..... chain space(s)
cl(s) ..... cluster(s)
cm ..... centimeter(s)
dc ..... double crochet (singular/plural)
dc dec ..... double crochet 2 or more stitches together, as indicated
dec ..... decrease/decreases/decreasing
dtr ..... double treble crochet
ext ..... extended
fpdc ..... front post double crochet
fpsc ..... front post single crochet
fptr ..... front post treble crochet
g ..... gram(s)
hdc ..... half double crochet
hdc dec ..... half double crochet 2 or more stitches together, as indicated
inc ..... increase/increases/increasing
lp(s) ..... loop(s)
MC ..... main color
mm ..... millimeter(s)
oz ..... ounce(s)
pc ..... popcorn(s)
rem ..... remain/remains/remaining
rep(s) ..... repeat(s)
rnd(s) ..... round(s)
RS ..... right side
sc ..... single crochet (singular/plural)
sc dec ..... single crochet 2 or more stitches together, as indicated
sk ..... skip/skipped/skipping
sl st(s) ..... slip stitch(es)
sp(s) ..... space(s)/spaced
st(s) ..... stitch(es)
tog ..... together
tr ..... treble crochet
trtr ..... triple treble
WS ..... wrong side
yd(s) ..... yard(s)
yo ..... yarn over

YARN CONVERSION

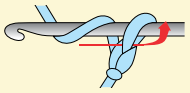
OUNCES TO GRAMS		GRAMS TO OUNCES	
1	28.4	25	⅞
2	56.7	40	1⅓
3	85.0	50	1¾
4	113.4	100	3½

UNITED STATES		UNITED KINGDOM
sl st (slip stitch)	=	sc (single crochet)
sc (single crochet)	=	dc (double crochet)
hdc (half double crochet)	=	htr (half treble crochet)
dc (double crochet)	=	tr (treble crochet)
tr (treble crochet)	=	dtr (double treble crochet)
dtr (double treble crochet)	=	ttr (triple treble crochet)
skip	=	miss

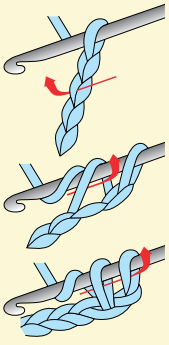
Reverse single crochet (reverse sc): Ch 1, sk first st, working from left to right, insert hook in next st from front to back, draw up lp on hook, yo, and draw through both lps on hook.



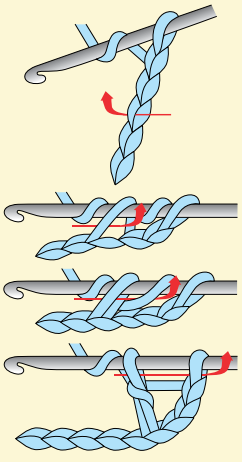
Chain (ch): Yo, pull through lp on hook.



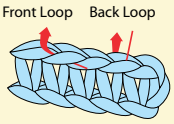
Single crochet (sc): Insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, yo, pull through both lps on hook.



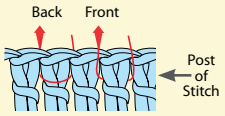
Double crochet (dc): Yo, insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, [yo, pull through 2 lps] twice.



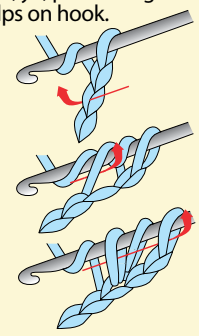
Front loop (front lp) Back loop (back lp)



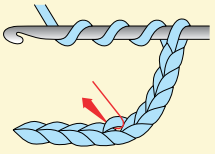
Front post stitch (fp): Back post stitch (bp): When working post st, insert hook from right to left around post of st on previous row.



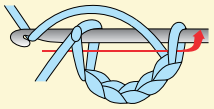
Half double crochet (hdc): Yo, insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, yo, pull through all 3 lps on hook.



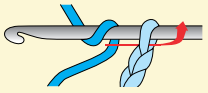
Double treble crochet (dtr): Yo 3 times, insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, [yo, pull through 2 lps] 4 times.



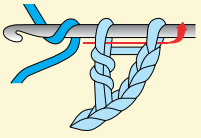
Slip stitch (sl st): Insert hook in st, pull through both lps on hook.



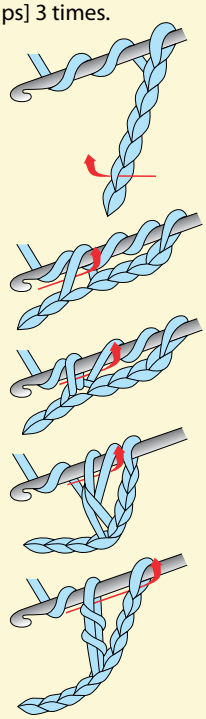
Chain color change (ch color change) Yo with new color, draw through last lp on hook.



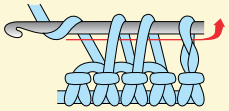
Double crochet color change (dc color change) Drop first color, yo with new color, draw through last 2 lps of st.



Treble crochet (tr): Yo twice, insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, [yo, pull through 2 lps] 3 times.

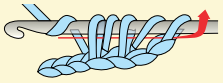


Single crochet decrease (sc dec): (Insert hook, yo, draw lp through) in each of the sts indicated, yo, draw through all lps on hook.



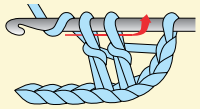
Example of 2-sc dec

Half double crochet decrease (hdc dec): (Yo, insert hook, yo, draw lp through) in each of the sts indicated, yo, draw through all lps on hook.



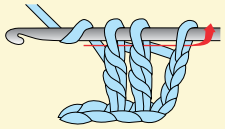
Example of 2-hdc dec

Double crochet decrease (dc dec): (Yo, insert hook, yo, draw lp through, yo, draw through 2 lps on hook) in each of the sts indicated, yo, draw through all lps on hook.



Example of 2-dc dec

Treble crochet decrease (tr dec): Holding back last lp of each st, tr in each of the sts indicated, yo, pull through all lps on hook.



Example of 2-tr dec

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