



Crochet Pattern

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Skill level: Easy



Christmas Stocking and Mitten Potholder

About this pattern

I use USA terminology for my pattern (don't worry if you use UK terms, all the differences are explained in the pattern).

Abbreviations

ch = chain
inc = increase (2 sc in 1 st)
dec = decrease (sc2tog)
sc2tog = single crochet two stitches together
rnd = round
st(s) = stitch(es)
sl st = slip stitch
sc = single crochet
hdc = half double crochet
dc = double crochet
double dec = 3 sc together
pic = picture
(xx) – count of stitches in this row/round

Finished size

Mitten - 14 cm x 18 cm (5.5 inches x 7.0 inches), Stocking - 15 cm x 17 cm (5.9 inches x 6.7 inches) using the materials stated in the pattern.

Materials and Tools

You will need:

- ✓ Yarn - Sport / 5 ply (12 wpi) - 125 yards (115 meters) per 50 g 20 g of white color yarn, 40 g of red color yarn
- ✓ Small amount of white color yarn two times thinner than the main yarn to embroider the snowflakes.
- ✓ Ruler (optional)
- ✓ Hook - 2 mm (US Steel hook - 4, UK - 14).
- ✓ Tapestry needle.



Yarn you may use

Cotton yarn 'Landysh' (Troitskaya worsted factory) – 50 g/115 m, Sport / 5 ply (12 wpi)	Cotton yarn CHARM (Vita Cotton) – 50 g/115 m, Sport / 5 ply (12 wpi)	Cotton yarn RENE (Alpina). 50 g/105 m, Sport / 5 ply (12 wpi)



Tip (gauge)

When making potholders, you should use a much smaller hook than recommended for the yarn you choose.

Tip (stitches)

If you are a beginner crocheter you can see "Appendix" at the end of the pattern for reference how to crochet a particular stitch.

Tip (abbreviations)

If there is a record in the brackets in the pattern, multiplied by some number, for example (3 sc, 1 inc) x 3, it means you need to repeat this action 3 times, that is 3 sc, 1 inc, 3 sc, 1 inc, 3 sc, 1 inc.

USA/UK terminology comparison chart.

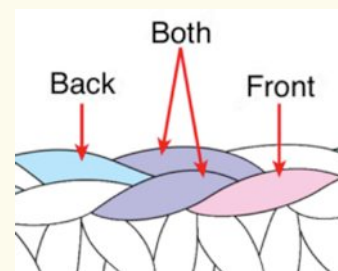
Abbreviations USA	Abbreviations UK
ch - chain	ch - chain
sc - single crochet	dc - double crochet
hdc - half double crochet	htr - half treble
dc - double crochet	tr - treble
tr - treble (triple crochet)	dtr - double treble

Other differences in crochet terminology used:

Terminology USA	Terminology UK
fasten off	cast off
skip	miss
gauge	tension
yarn over (yo)	yarn over hook (yoh)

Tip (make it right)

If there are no special notes, the potholder is crocheted under both loops. In some rows, there are special notes: 'into the front loop only' or 'into the back loop only'. In this case, you need to follow those instructions.



Skill levels



BEGINNER

Projects for first-time crocheters using basic stitches. Minimal shaping.



EASY

Projects using yarn with basic stitches, repetitive stitch patterns, simple color changes, and simple shaping and finishing.



INTERMEDIATE

Projects using a variety of techniques, such as basic lace patterns or color patterns, mid-level shaping and finishing.



EXPERIENCED

Projects with intricate stitch patterns, techniques and dimension, such as non-repeating patterns, multi-color techniques, fine threads, small hooks, detailed shaping and refined finishing.



How to read this pattern

If you see **Row 2:** 6 inc (12 sts), ch 1, turn

Read it like this:

In second row work 2 single crochet in next st, repeat this instruction 6 times, make sure you have crocheted 12 stitches in this row, chain 1 and turn your work.

(8 sts) – number in brackets is the count of stitches in a row/round.

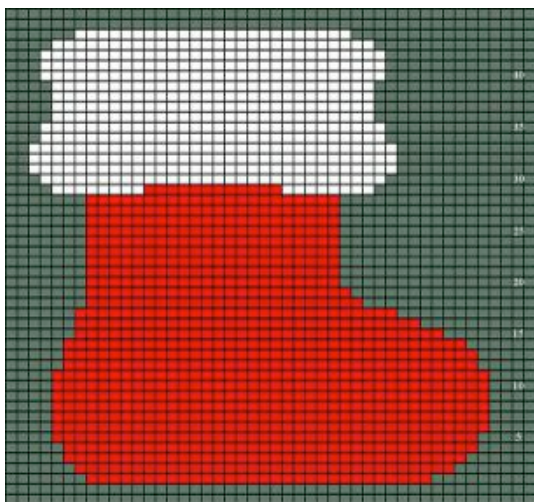
Note: Ch 1 at the end of a row is not counted as stitch for the final count of stitches in a row.

When you see ch 1, ch 2 or ch 3, etc., at the end of the row, start the next row beginning from 2nd st from the hook. It is made to increase the number of sts.

Note: see “Appendix 3” for a print friendly version without pictures.

Stocking

Work in rows. Turn your work after each row.



See «Appendix 1» for a better picture.

Ch 31 with red color yarn and work starting from 2nd st from the hook:

Row 1: 30 sc, ch 2

Row 2: 30 sc, 1 inc (32 sts), ch 3

Row 3: 33 sc, 1 inc (35 sts), ch 1

Row 4: 34 sc, 1 inc (36 sts), ch 1

Row 5: 35 sc, 1 inc (37 sts), ch 1

Row 6: 36 sc, 1 inc (38 sts), ch 1

If you like this pattern and want to finish this project, find full version of the pattern on my site

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Appendix 2

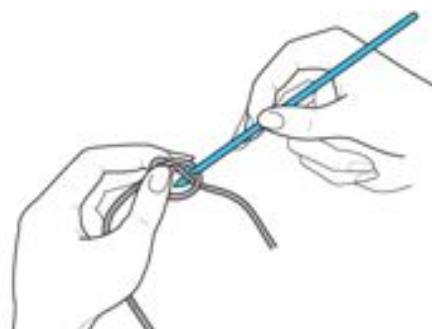
STITCHES USED IN THE PATTERN

Slip knot

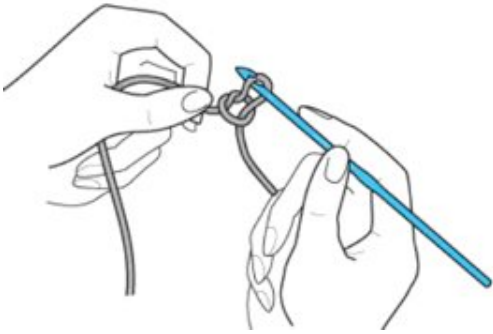
Loop the yarn around your left index finger.



Slip the yarn from your finger, and hold the loop between your thumb and index finger.

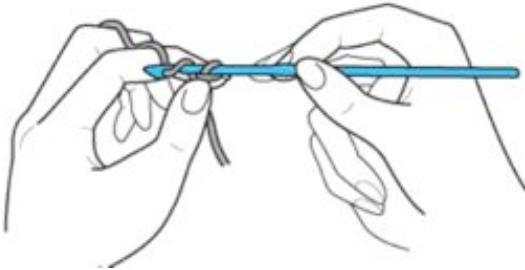


Use the crochet hook, held in your right hand, to draw the loop up and around the hook.



Chain

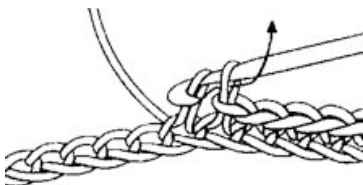
Start with slip knot, yarn over, pull the strand of yarn through the loop on your hook – you've got one chain.



Continue to repeat the process to create more chains.

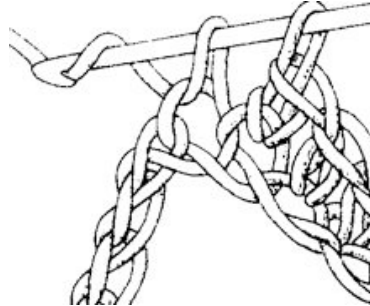
Slip Stitch

Insert the hook in the next chain, yarn over and pull the strand of yarn through the chain and the loop on the hook.



Single Crochet

Insert the hook in the chain, yarn over, pull the strand of yarn through the chain, yarn over again and pull the strand of yarn through both loops on the hook. Starting from round 2 insert the hook in the stitch of previous round.



Decrease

In the place where you need decrease pull up a loop in next 2 stitches of previous round, yarn over, pull the strand of yarn through all 3 loops on the hook, counts as one single crochet.



Increase

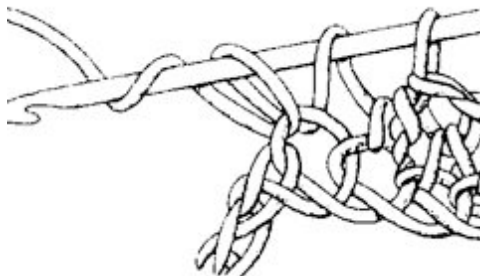
In the beginning (end or middle) of the row make 2 single crochets in 1 stitch of previous round.



Half double crochet (hdc)

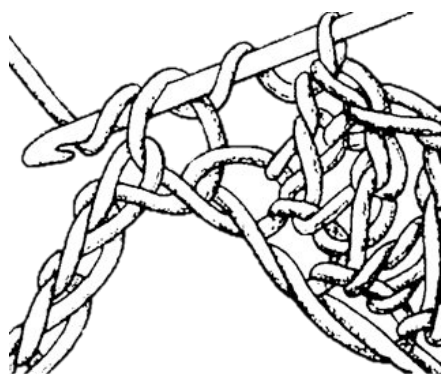
Yarn over, insert the hook in the chain or in the stitch of previous round and pull the yarn

through. Yarn over again and gently pull the wrapped hook through the center of all 3 loops on your hook.

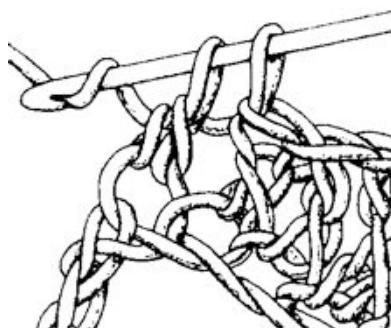


Double crochet (dc)

Yarn over, insert the hook in the chain or in the stitch of previous round and pull the yarn through.



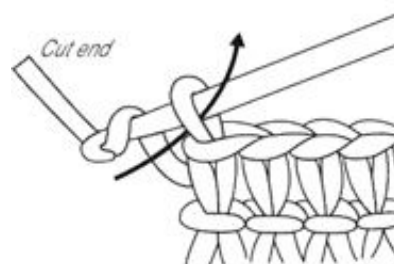
Yarn over again and gently pull the wrapped hook through the center of the first 2 loops on your hook, yarn over again and draw your yarn through the last 2 loops on the hook.



Fasten Off Yarn

When you get to the end of your crochet design and you'll need to fasten off the yarn. Fastening off crochet is a fancy way to say "cut the yarn and secure it."

1. Cut the yarn about 15 cm (6 inches) from the hook then using your hook, draw the cut end of the yarn through the last remaining loop on your hook.



2. Pull gently on the tail of yarn to snug up the end.

This action keeps your work from coming apart without having to make large unsightly knots.

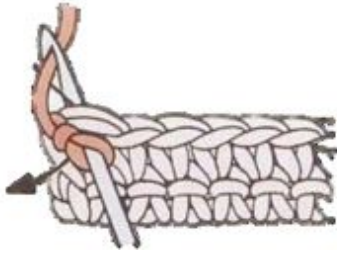
Crab stitch (Reverse Single Crochet Stitch)

Crab stitch is the most popular way to finish the edge. For this stitch single crochets are worked not from right to left as usual but from left to right.

1. Finish crocheting and with the loop on the hook do not turn, insert the hook in next stitch to the right moving the hook away from you as the arrow shows.



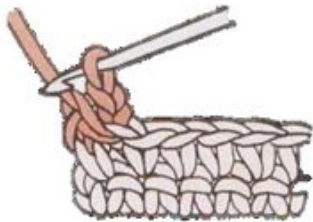
2. Yarn over, draw yarn through stitch as the arrow shows.



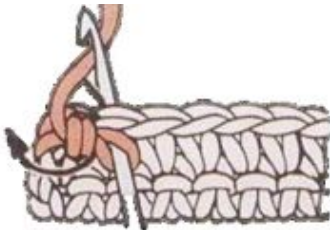
1. Yarn over, draw yarn through two loops on the hook as the arrow shows.



2. 1 crab stitch is made, the loop is on the hook.



3. Repeat step 2.



4. Continue till the end of the edge.



Double decreasing

Step 1: Pull up loops from next 3 stitches of the row.



Step 2: Yarn over, pull the strand of yarn through 2 loops on the hook. You should end up with three loops on the hook.



Step 3: Yarn over again and pull the strand of yarn through 3 loops on the hook.



We get 1 sc out of three stitches.

Weaving in ends

When the work is completed it is necessary to weave in all ends.

1. Thread one end through a tapestry needle
2. Weave the 15 cm (6 inches) tail of yarn up and down through 3 or 4 stitches — kind of in a zigzag pattern (try not to split the yarn of the stitches).

3. To make the end really secure go back the way you came, weaving the end backwards through those same few stitches.

4. Cut the yarn about 0.5 cm (1/4 inch) from the fabric and gently pull the fabric. The end magically disappears, and your work is secure.

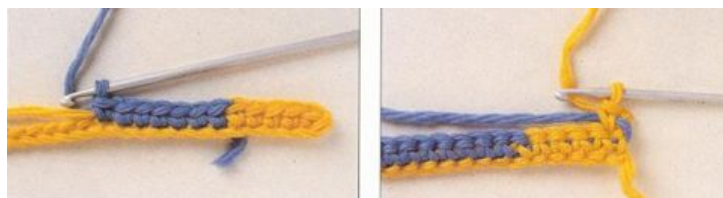
Changing colors

When you change colors, the last sc of one color has to be finished with the thread of the other color.



Put free thread along the edge of the last row to hide the end so it is crocheted inside the fabric. The fabric will be double-sided – it will look almost the same at the right side and at the back side.

Make sure that the thread inside the fabric does not tighten it.



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