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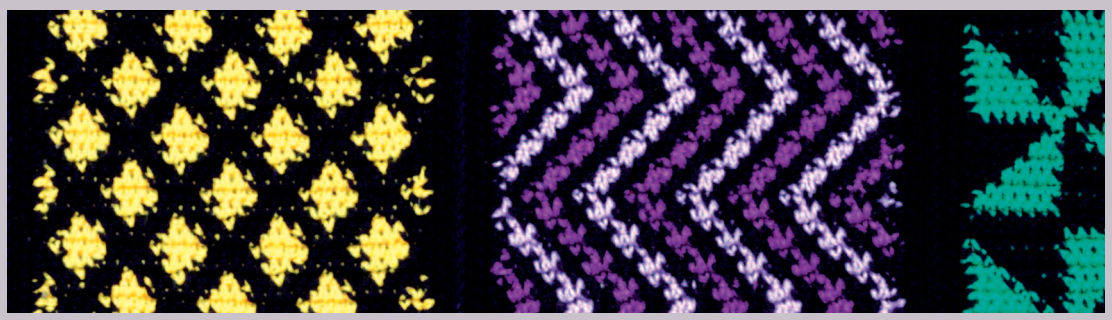
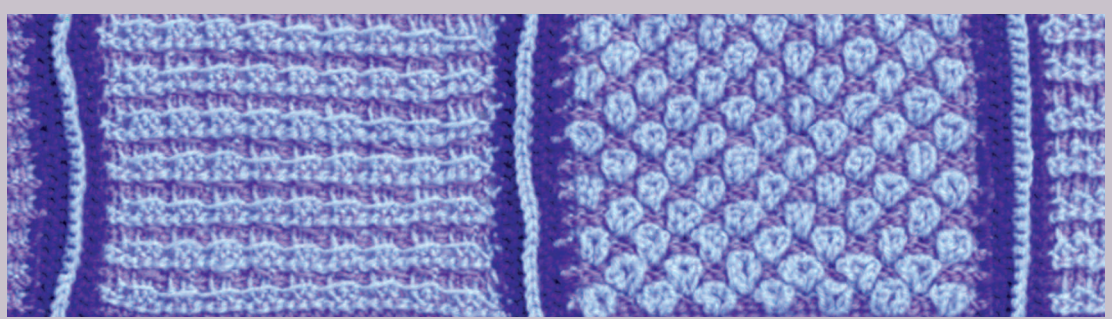




CLASSIC 36-STITCH SAMPLER

Average to Advanced Level

This beautiful traditional afghan incorporates 36 interesting and useful stitches that you will want to use over and over again.

REQUIREMENTS For the rug in the photo I used a 5.00 (US H) crochet hook and approximately 25 x 50 g balls of Cream Panda Carnival 8-ply Pure Wool.

EDGING FOR INDIVIDUAL CLASSIC SAMPLER SQUARES

I recommend that as you complete each square according to the instructions you then finish it with these two rounds of edging. If you don't edge as you go you will end up with a pile of 36 squares needing to be done one after the other—very tedious.

Round 1: right side facing, 1 ch, work 3 dc (US sc) in same corner, work 25 dc (US sc) evenly spaced to next corner, 3 dc (US sc) in corner, repeat around square, join with ss in first dc (US sc) — 112 dc (US sc).

Round 2: ch 1, dc (US sc) in same st and in each st across to next corner st, 3 dc (US sc) in corner st, repeat around, join with ss in first dc (US sc) — 120 dc (US sc).

MARKERS

Where (*right side*) is indicated, loop a short piece of yarn around any stitch on the side facing *before* work is turned. Also use markers to easily identify corner stitches in edging

MULTIPLES

Multiples plus numbers are given wherever they are appropriate, and can come in handy for other projects.

For example: multiples of 4 + 2 ch—the beginning chain would require 10 ch, 14 ch, 18 ch, 22 ch, etc., or any number divisible by 4 plus an additional 2 chains.

ABBREVIATIONS

ch	chain
ss	slip stitch
dc (US sc)	double crochet (US single crochet)
tr (US dc)	treble (US double crochet)
htr (US hdc)	half treble (US half double crochet)
dtr (US tr)	double treble (US treble)
trtr (US dtr)	triple treble (US double treble)
qtr (US trtr)	quadruple treble (US triple treble)
BPtr (US BPdc)	Back Post treble (US Back Post double crochet)
FPtr (US FPdc)	Front Post treble (US Front Post double crochet)
FPhtr (US FPhdc)	Front Post half treble (US Front Post half double crochet)
YO	yarn over
sp	space
st	stitch

CLASSIC SAMPLER DIAGRAM SYMBOLS

= chain ch

= slip stitch ss/sl st

= double crochet (US single crochet) dc (US sc)

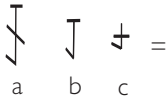
= half treble (US half double crochet) htr (US hdc)

= treble (US double crochet) tr (US dc)

= double treble (US treble) dtr (US tr)

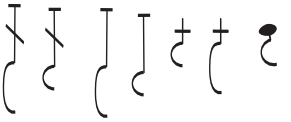
= triple treble (US double treble) trtr (US dtr)

= quadruple treble (US triple treble) qtr (US trtr)

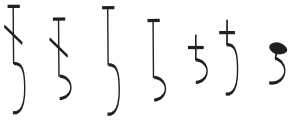


= work in back loops

= work in front loops



= back post BPtr (US BPdc) BPhtr (US BPhdc) BPdc (US BPsc) BPss



= front post FPtr (US FPdc) FPhtr (US FPhdc) FPdc (US FPsc) FPss

= decrease

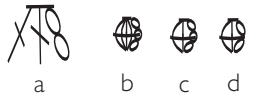
= finish off

= bring in new yarn/colour

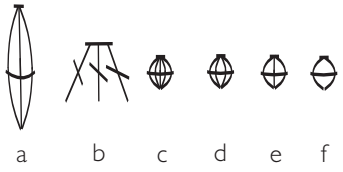
= unused ch

= row turn

= puff stitch



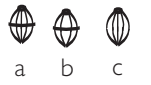
= beginning clusters



= clusters foundation one stitch cluster (FOSC)

= one stitch cluster (OSC)

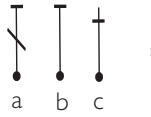
= beginning popcorns



= popcorns

= wrap or offset stitch

= bullions with number of wraps



= long or spike stitch

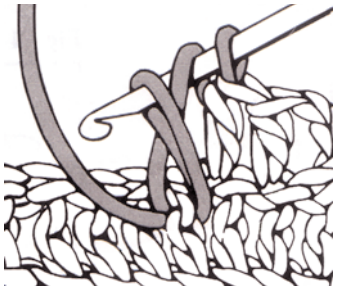
= reverse dc (US sc) (crab st)

= reverse dc (US sc) (crab st) in front loop

STITCH GUIDE

Front Post treble/FPtr (US Front Post double crochet/FPdc)

YO, insert hook from front to back around post of next stitch, YO and pull up a loop even with last st worked and complete as a tr (US dc).



Back Post treble/BPtr (US Back Post double crochet/BPdc)

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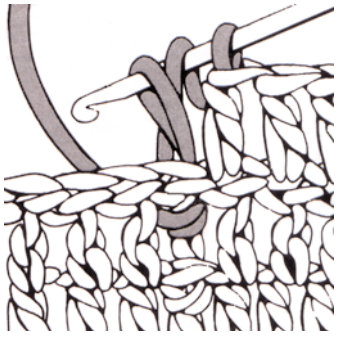
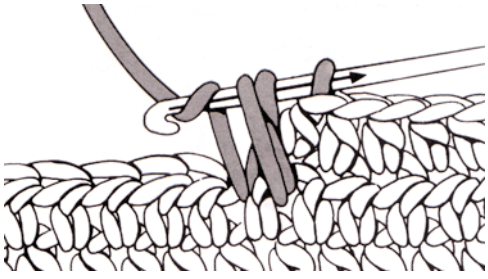


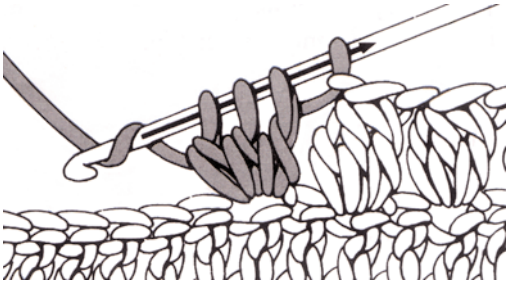
Front Post half treble/FPhtr (US Front Post half double crochet/FPdc)

YO, insert hook from front to back around post of next st, YO and pull up a loop, YO and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

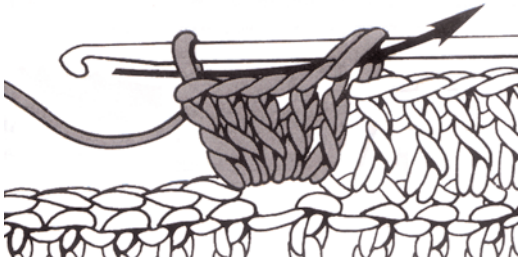


Beginning cluster 3 ch, (YO, insert hook in ring and pull up a loop, YO and draw through 2 loops on hook) twice, YO and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

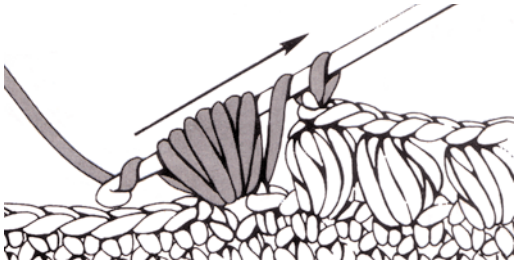
Cluster YO, insert hook in stitch or space and pull up a loop, YO and draw through 2 loops on hook) 3 times, YO and draw through all 4 loops on hook.



Popcorn Work 5 tr (US dc) or htr (US hdc) in st or sp, drop loop from hook, insert hook in first st of group, hook dropped loop and draw through, 1 ch to close.



Puff stitch (YO, insert hook in st or space, YO and pull up a loop even with hook) 3 or 4 times, YO and draw through all 7 or 9 loops on hook, 1 ch to close.



SQUARE 1: ALIGNED PUFF STITCH

Multiples of 2 ch.

This pattern uses a 9-loop puff stitch and 1 ch to close.

Begin with 26 ch.

Row 1: dc (US sc) in second ch from hook, *1 ch, skip next ch, dc (US sc) in next ch, repeat from * across — 25 sts.

Row 2: (right side) 2 ch, turn, *(work puff st in next 1ch sp, 1 ch to close), 1 ch, repeat from * across, htr (US hdc) in last dc (US sc) — 12 puffs.

Row 3: 1 ch, turn, dc (US sc) in first htr (US hdc), 1 ch, *dc (US sc) in next 1ch sp (between puffs), 1 ch, repeat from * across, dc (US sc) in top of beginning ch — 25 sts.

Repeat Rows 2 and 3 to desired size.

Do not finish off. See notes on edging.

SQUARE 2: ALTERNATE PUFF STITCH

Multiples of 4 + 2 ch.

The puff stitch used in this pattern is a 7-loop st with no closing ch.

Begin with 26 ch.

Row 1: (right side) dc (US sc) in second ch from hook and in each ch — 25 dc (US sc).

Row 2: 1 ch, turn, dc (US sc) in first 4 dc (US sc), *puff st, dc (US sc) in next 3 dc (US sc), repeat from * to last dc (US sc), dc (US sc) in last dc (US sc) — 5 puff sts.

Row 3: 1 ch, turn, dc (US sc) in each st across.

Row 4: 1 ch, turn, dc (US sc) in first 2 dc (US sc), puff st in next dc (US sc), *dc (US sc) in next 3 dc (US sc), puff st in next dc (US sc), repeat from * across to last 2 dc (US sc), dc (US sc) in last 2 dc (US sc) — 6 puff sts.

Row 5: 1 ch, turn, dc (US sc) in each st across.

Repeat Rows 2 to 5 to desired size.

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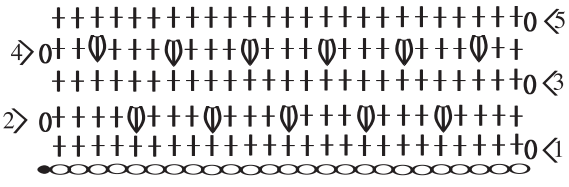
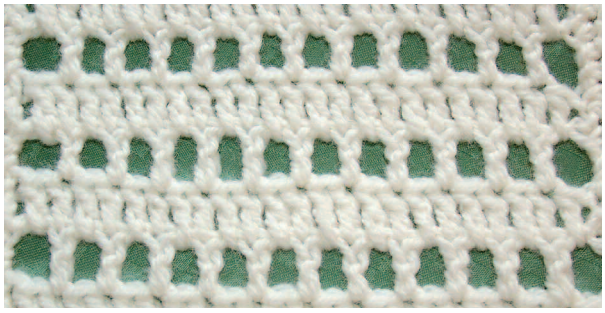


SQUARE 3: ALTERNATE MESH STITCH

Multiples of 2 +1 ch.



Begin with 27 ch.

Row 1: (right side) tr (US dc) in 4th ch from hook and in each ch across — 25 sts

Row 2: 4 ch (counts as first tr [US dc] plus 1 ch), turn, skip next tr (US dc), *tr (US dc) in next tr (US dc), 1 ch, skip next tr (US dc), repeat from * across, tr (US dc) in top of beginning ch — 12 x 1ch spaces.

Row 3: 3 ch, turn, tr (US dc) in each 1ch space and in each tr (US dc) across — 25 tr (US dc).

Repeat Rows 2 and 3 to desired size.

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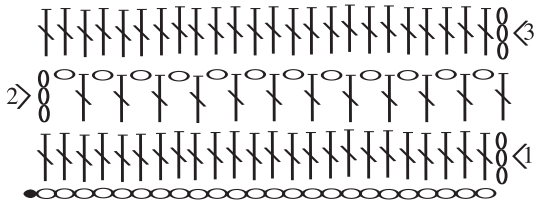
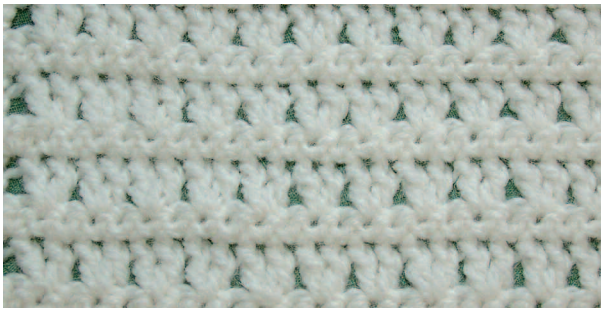


SQUARE 4: DOUBLES

Multiples of 2 ch.

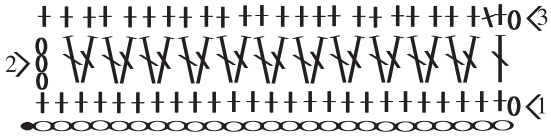


Begin with 26 ch.

Row 1: dc (US sc) in second ch from hook and in each ch across — 25 dc (US sc).

Row 2: (right side) 3 ch (counts as first tr [US dc]), turn, skip next dc (US sc), *2 tr (US dc) in next dc (US sc), skip next dc (US sc), repeat from * across to last dc (US sc), tr (US dc) in last dc (US sc) — 24 tr (US dc).

Row 3: 1 ch, turn, 2 dc (US sc) in first tr (US dc), dc (US sc) in each tr (US dc) across — 25 dc (US sc).

Repeat Rows 2 and 3 to desired size.

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