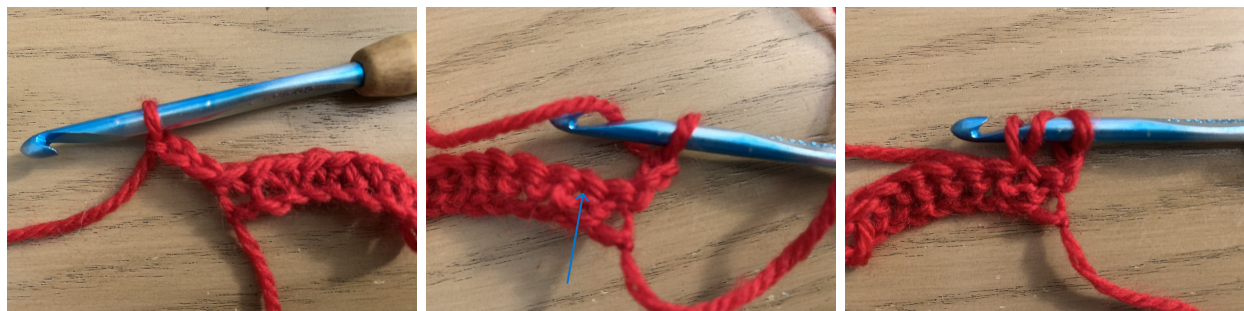


Double Crochet (dc)



N.B. Because the chain counts as your first dc, you will skip the first stitch and start by going into the second stitch.

The Double Crochet is another common stitch. It is taller, and thus works up faster, than the Single Crochet.

1. To start a dc row, chain 3, then turn the work. This chain will count as our first double crochet stitch.
2. Yarn over and insert the hook into the second stitch.
3. Pull up a loop. There should now be three loops on your hook.
4. Yarn over and pull through two loops. There should now be two loops on your hook.
5. Yarn over again and pull through both remaining loops.



N.B. If you're a loose crocheter, try two chains instead of three.

Half Double Crochet (hdc)



N.B. The height of your initial chain should be about the height of your stitch.

The Half Double Crochet is the final stitch we need to learn (though by no means is this all the stitches that exist). It is somewhere between a Single Crochet and a Double Crochet in height.

1. To start a hdc row, chain 2, then turn the work.
2. Yarn over and insert the hook into the first stitch.
3. Pull up a loop. There should now be three loops on your hook.
4. Yarn over and pull through all three loops.

Scarf Pattern

Here's how to make a simple children's scarf using three colours of yarn. Thank you to the Knoxville Knit-A-Thon for the pattern!

1. Chain 28 using your main colour.
2. DC into 3rd chain from hook. Then DC 24. Turn.(25 DC stitches across)
3. Chain 2, DC 25, turn.
4. Repeat step 3 until scarf reaches 22".
5. Repeat step 3 for three rows of colour 1 and two rows of colour 2. Repeat this striping sequence until the scarf reaches 36".
6. To finish, cut working yarn leaving a 6-8" tail. Weave in ends.