



Crochet Pattern

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Skill level: Intermediate



Lady chicken 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
hdc inc = 2 hdc in one stitch
dc = double crochet
double dec (sc3tog) = single crochet three stitches together
(xx) – count of stitches in this row/round
tyw – turn your work

Finished size

Approx. 20 x 21 cm (7.7" x 8.2")

Materials and Tools

You will need:

- ✓ Yarn - Sport / 5 ply (12 wpi) (125 yards (115 meters) per 50 g skein)
30 g of main color yarn (gray in my case) for body,
7 g of yarn darker than the main color (dark gray) for outlines
7 g of red for comb
8 g of white for apron
3 g of orange for beak and legs
3 g of green for leaves
Some black if you want to embroider eyes.
- ✓ Two plastic eyes (Ø 8 x 16 mm) or use felt and glue.
- ✓ Flower button about 25 mm or crochet it (instructions are given)
- ✓ Hook - 2 mm (US Steel hook - 4, UK - 14).
- ✓ Sewing needle
- ✓ Transparent glue



*Happy
crocheting!*

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Tip (gauge)

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

Tip (stitches)

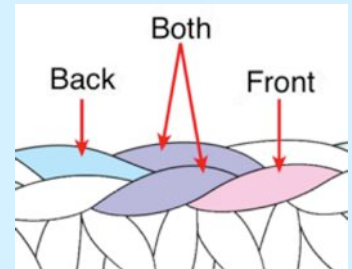
If you are a beginner crocheter you can see "Appendix" at the end of the pattern for reference how to crochet a particular stitch.

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.

Tip (make it right)

If there are no special notes, the bookmark 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.



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
dtr - double treble	tr tr - triple treble
sl st - slip stitch	sl - slip stitch

Skill levels



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



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



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



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.

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)

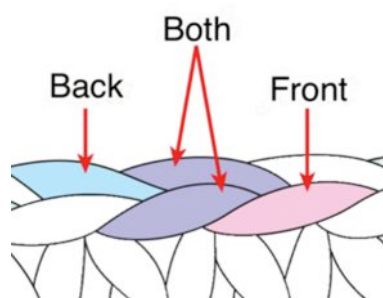
Yarn you may use

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



Tip (make it right)

If there are no special notes, the project is crocheted under both parts of the loop.



How to read this pattern

If you see **Rnd 2:** (inc) x 6 [12 sts], sl st, ch 1, tyw

Read it like this:

In second round work 2 single crochet in next st, repeat this instruction 6 times, make sure you have crocheted 12 stitches in this round, 1 slip stitch in first stitch of this round to join, chain 1 and turn your work.

[8 sts] – number in brackets is the count of stitches in a round.

Note: sl st, ch 1 at the end of a row/round are not counted as stitches for the final count of stitches in a row/round.

Base of the chicken

Work in rows with main color yarn (light gray in my case). Turn your work after each row.

Tip: 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.

To begin: ch 13, start from 2nd ch from hook and

work:

Row 1: 11 sc, inc [13 sts.], 2 ch, tyw

Row 2: 13 sc, inc [15 sts.], 4 ch, tyw

Row 3: 17 sc, inc [19 sts.], 3 ch, tyw

Row 4: 19 sc, inc [19 sts.], 2 ch, tyw

Row 5: 17 sc, inc [19 sts.], 2 ch, tyw

Row 6: 24 sc, 2 ch, tyw

Row 7: 26 sc, inc [28 sts.], 3 ch, tyw

Row 8: 29 sc, inc [31 sts.], 4 ch, tyw

Row 9: 33 sc, inc [35 sts.], 3 ch, tyw

Row 10: 33 sc, inc [38 sts.], 2 ch, tyw

Row 11: 38 sc, inc [40 sts.], 1 ch, tyw

Row 12: 40 sc, 2 ch, tyw

Row 13: 42 sc, 2 ch, tyw

Row 14: 40 sc, inc [42 sts.], 1 ch, tyw

Row 15: 42 sc, 2 ch, tyw

Row 16: 44 sc, inc [46 sts.], 1 ch, tyw

Row 17: 46 sc, 2 ch, tyw

Row 18: 43 sc, inc [45 sts.], 1 ch, tyw

Row 19-24: 48 sc, 1 ch, tyw

Row 25: skip 1 st, dec, 34 sc, sc3tog [36 sts.], 1 ch, tyw

Row 26: dec, 30 sc, sc3tog [32 sts.], 1 ch, tyw

Row 27: skip 1 st, dec, 26 sc, sc3tog [28 sts.], 1 ch, tyw

Row 28: skip 1 st, dec, 29 sc, sc3tog [27 sts.], 1 ch, tyw

Row 29: dec, 21 sc, dec [19 sts.], 1 ch, tyw

Row 30: 22 sc, 1 ch, tyw

Row 31: dec, 18 sc, dec [20 sts.], 1 ch, tyw

Row 32-34: 20 sc, 1 ch, tyw

Row 35: dec, 16 sc, dec [18 sts.], 1 ch, tyw

Row 36-41: 18 sc, 1 ch, tyw

Row 42: dec, 14 sc, dec [16 sts.], 1 ch, tyw

Row 43: 16 sc, 1 ch, tyw



Row 44: dec, 12 sc, dec [14 sts.], 1 ch, tyw

Row 45: 14 sc, 1 ch, tyw

Row 46: dec, 15 sc, dec [17 sts.], 1 ch, tyw

Row 47: dec, 8 sc, dec [10 sts.], 1 ch, tyw

Row 48: skip 1 st, dec, 4 sc, sc3tog [6 sts.], 1 ch, tyw.

Work sc around whole base.

Fasten off and weave in loose ends.

Comb

Take a piece of contrasting yarn and attach it to the center of the top part of the base.

Take red yarn, leave about 5 meters (5.5 yards) and attach yarn to the 13th stitch to the right of contrasting yarn. Left over yarn will be needed to work around the comb.



Row 1: work 18 sc starting from the stitch you attached the yarn to, ch 1, tyw



Row 2: (5 sc, inc) x 3 [20 sts.], ch 1, tyw

Row 3: dec, 16 sc [17 sts.], ch 1, tyw

Row 4: 5 sc, inc, 3 sc, 2 dec [17 sts.], ch 1, tyw

Row 5: dec, 15 sc [16 sts.], ch 1, tyw

Row 6: dec, 9 sc [10 sc), ch 1, tyw

Row 7: dec, 6 sc, dec [8 sts.].

Fasten off.

Using left over yarn work sc around the comb.

Then work Crab stitch.

Tip: If you do not know how to work Crab stitch, see "Appendix" for reference.

While working Crab stitch make a loop at the top of the comb: ch 18, 1 sl st to join with comb.



Body outline

Take yarn, which is darker than the yarn for the body (I use dark gray).

Tip: If you do not know how to work Surface Slip Stitch, see "Appendix" for reference.

TIP: You can thread sewing needle with contrasting thread and make running stitches of how the curved crochet line should go on the body before starting crocheting Surface Slip Stich. Remove thread when you are done with crocheting.





When you get to the end of the wing start crocheting sc along the bottom part of the body until you reach second wing.



Start working Surface Slip stitch on the other side of the Body.



Fasten off and weave in loose ends.

Head and wings outline

Take yarn that is darker than the yarn for the body (I use dark gray).

Attach it close to the left side of the comb (see photo for reference) and start working sc until you reach the tip of the wing.



Make 5 “fans” along the rounded part of the wing (they are 5 dc in one st) but before starting crocheting them, take 5 pieces of contrasting yarn and divide wing to 5 parts.

First “fan” should be made out of first stitch of the rounder part of the wing. Distance between other “fans” is 3-4 stitches.

Work long (spike) sc between “fans” by putting hook not under the sc but 10-12 mm lower (to imitate feathers).



Finish 5th “fan” with sl st, fasten off and weave in loose ends.

Work "fans" on second wing the same way.

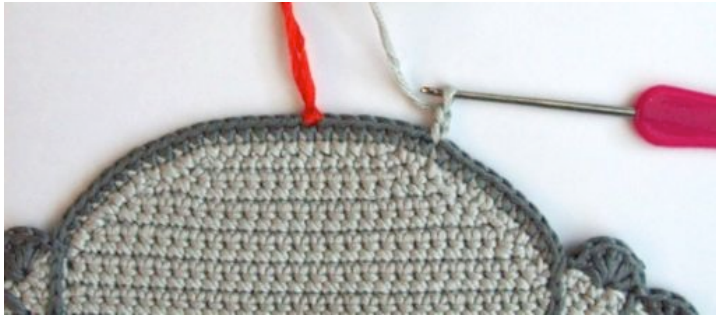
Hips

First hip.

Take piece of contrasting yarn and attach it to the middle of bottom part.

Attach main color yarn to the 7th stitch to the right of the contrasting yarn.

Ch 2, 1 dc in same stitch you started to work chains from, 2 dc in next stitch, dc, 2 dc in next st, dc, ch 2, sl st in the same st you worked last dc from. Fasten off.



Second hip.

Attach main color yarn to the 3rd stitch to the left of the contrasting yarn.

Ch 2, 1 dc in same stitch you started to work chains from, 2 dc in next stitch, dc, 2 dc in next st, dc, ch 2, sl st in the same st you worked last dc from. Fasten off.

Legs (make 2)

Take yarn for legs (I use orange) and ch 12

First finger

Start from 3rd ch from hook and work: dc, hdc, sc, sl st, ch 6.

Second finger

Start from 3rd ch from hook and work: dc, hdc, sc, sl st, ch 6.

Third finger

Start from 3rd ch from hook and work: dc, hdc, sc, sl st.

Join all fingers by working sl st in 6th ch of first 12 chains, 5 sc.



Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Sew legs to the back side of hips.

Apron

Take yarn for apron (I use white).

To begin ch 11, start from 2nd ch from hook:

Row 1: 9 sc, inc [11 sts.], 2 ch, tyw

Row 2: 11 sc, inc [13 sts.], 3 ch, tyw

Row 3: 14 sc, inc [16 sts.], 2 ch, tyw

Row 4: 16 sc, inc [18 sts.], 1 ch, tyw

Row 5: 18 sc, 2 ch, tyw

Row 6: 18 sc, inc [20 sts.], 1 ch, tyw

Row 7: 20 sc, 2 ch, tyw

Row 8: 20 sc, inc [22 sts.], 1 ch, tyw

Row 9-15: 22 sc, 1 ch, tyw

Row 16: 22 sc, 1 ch.





Do not fasten off. Work 44 sc along the rounded edge, turn your work. You need exactly 44 sc!

Work «fans» along rounded edge: (skip 1 stitch, 5 dc in next stitch, skip 1, sl st) x 11

Fasten off leaving a long tail.

Leaves (make 2)

Work with green color yarn.

To begin ch 6, start from 2nd ch from hook:

Leaf 1 – sl st, 1 sc, 2 hdc, sl st, ch 6.

Leaf 2 – start from 2nd ch from hook and work: sl st, 1 sc, 2 hdc, sl st, ch 6.

Leaf 3 – start from 2nd ch from hook and work: sl st, 1 sc, 2 hdc, sl st.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Sew leaves to the apron then sew apron to the body. See picture for reference.

Do not sew along the top of apron.

Beak

Work with orange color yarn.

To begin ch 3, start from 2nd ch from hook:

Row 1: 2 sc, 2 ch, tyw

Row 2: 2 sc, inc [4 sts.], 2 ch, tyw

Row 3: 4 sc, inc [6 sts.], 2 ch, tyw

Row 4: 6 sc, inc [8 sts.], 1 ch, tyw

Row 5: 8 sc.

Work sc around the whole part.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.



Sew beak to the head.

Iron chicken a little bit.

Glue eyes to the head.

You can also embroider eyes or make them out of felt and glue to the head.

Sew flower button on top of leaves or crochet a flower.

Appendix 2

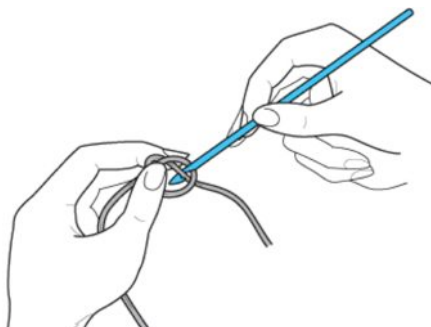
STITCHES USED IN THE PATTERN

Slip knot

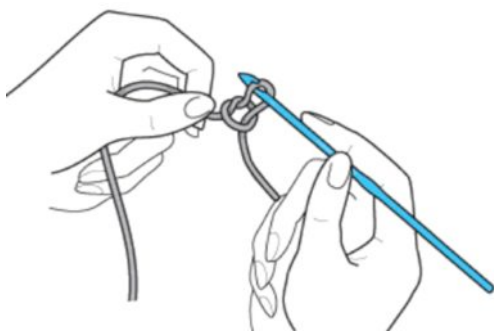
Loop the yarn around your left index finger.



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

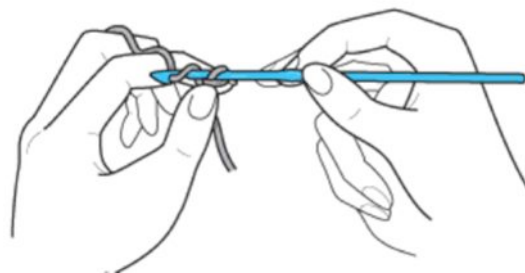


Use the crochet hook, held in your right hand, to draw the loop up and around the hook.



Chain

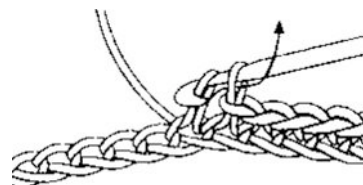
Start with slip knot, yarn over, pull the strand of yarn through the loop on your hook – you've got one chain.



Continue to repeat the process to create more chains.

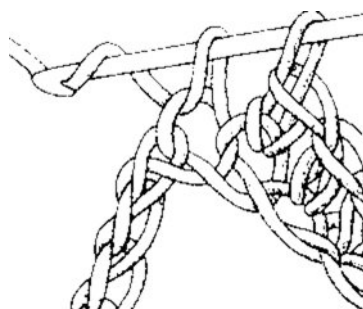
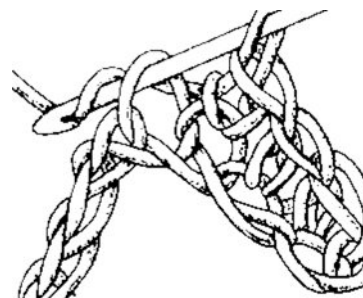
Slip Stitch

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.



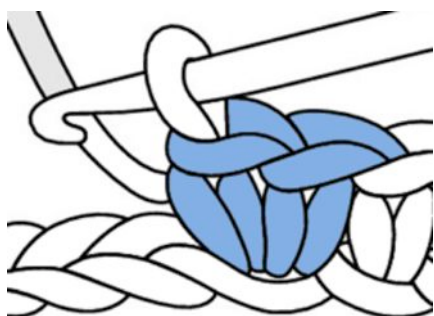
Decrease

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.



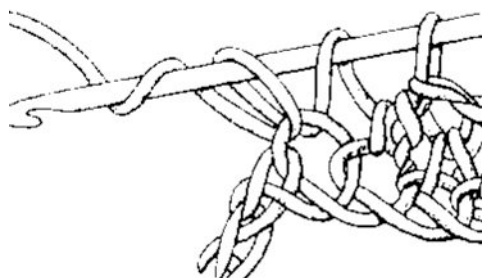
Increase

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



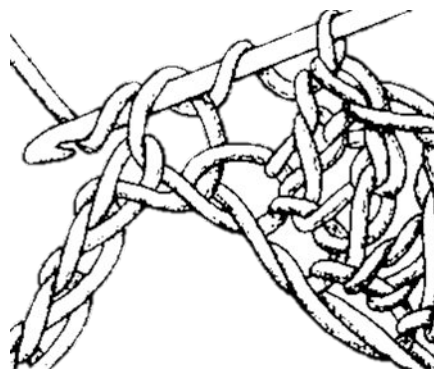
Half double crochet (hdc)

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.

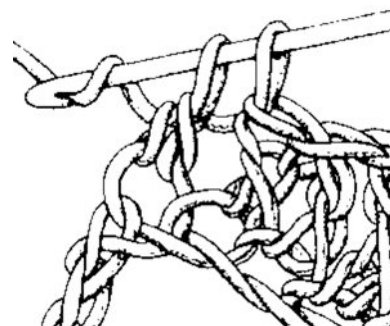


Double crochet (dc)

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



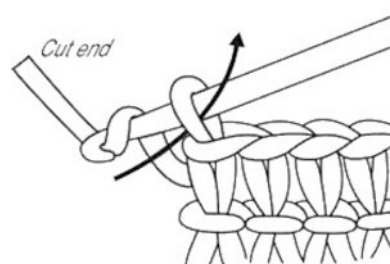
Yarn over again and gently pull the wrapped hook through the center of the first 2 loops on your hook, yarn over again and draw your yarn through the last 2 loops on the hook.



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.

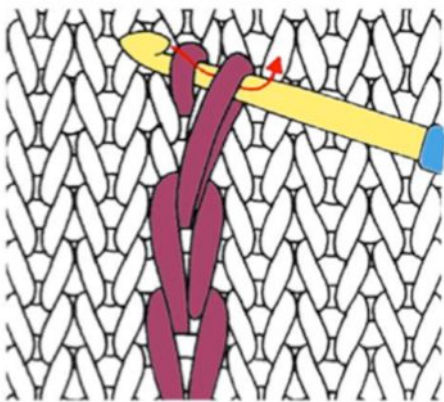
This action keeps your work from coming apart without having to make large unsightly knots.

Surface Slip Stitch (SSS)

Step 1: Hold the yarn on the wrong side of the work; insert hook through the stitches; yarn over and pull yarn to the right side.

Step 2: insert hook through the stitches again few mm from the previous stitch, yarn over on the back side and pull yarn through the fabric to the right side and then through the loop on the hook.

Repeat step 2 as many times as needed.



You can always watch video on youtube.com. Search for “How to Crochet: Surface Crochet”.

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.

Double decreasing (sc3tog)

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.

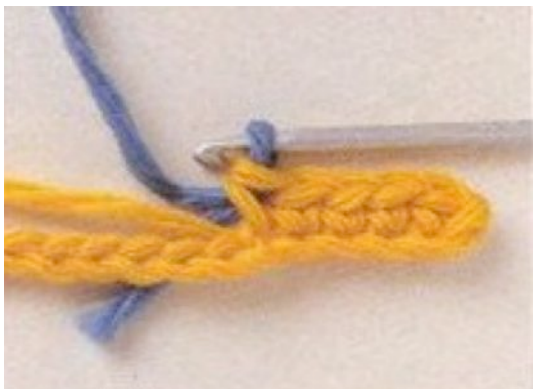


We get 1 sc out of three stitches.

Changing colors

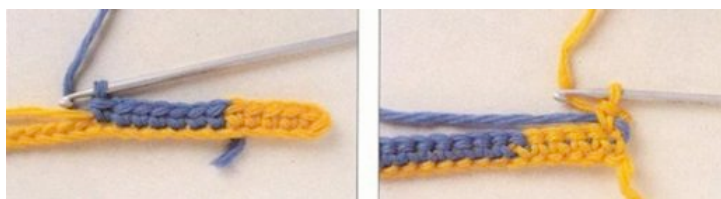
When you change colors, the last sc of one color has to be finished with the thread of the other

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.



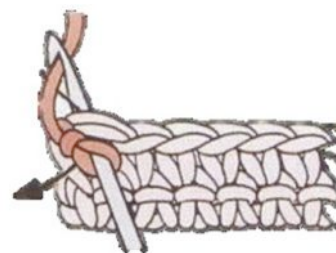
Crab stitch (Reverse Single Crochet Stitch)

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.



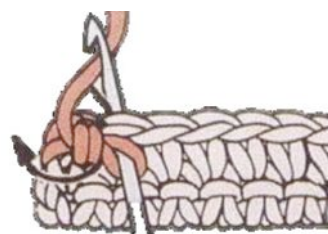
3. Yarn over, draw yarn through two loops on the hook as the arrow shows.



4. 1 crab stitch is made, the loop is on the hook.



5. Repeat step 2.



6. Continue till the end of the edge.



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