

Crochet Boxed Block Stitch Pattern

The Crochet Boxed Block Stitch is a beautifully textured design that creates an elegant boxed effect, perfect for blankets, scarves, and decorative throws. The alternating spaces and clusters give it a modern look while still being cozy and warm. Whether you're making a baby blanket or a larger afghan, this stitch works up quickly and looks stunning in both solid colors and stripes.

Stitches Used (US Terms)

- Single Crochet (SC): Insert hook into stitch, yarn over (YO) and pull up a loop, YO and pull through both loops on hook.
- Double Crochet (DC): YO, insert hook into stitch, YO and pull up a loop, YO and pull through two loops, YO and pull through the last two loops.
- Front Post Double Crochet (FPDC): YO, insert hook from front to back around the post of the next DC, YO and pull up a loop, complete as a regular DC.
- Back Post Double Crochet (BPDC): YO, insert hook from back to front around the post of the next DC, YO and pull up a loop, complete as a regular DC.

Pattern Instructions

Foundation: With white yarn, ch 103. (For custom sizes, use a multiple of 5 plus 3 chains.)

Row 1: SC in the 2nd ch from hook and in each stitch across. Ch 1, turn.

Row 2: SC in each of the first 2 sts, *ch 3, skip next 3 sts, SC in the next 2 sts*. Repeat from * to end. SC in each of the last 2 sts. Ch 3, turn.

Row 3: Work 5 DC into each ch-3 space across, skipping over the SCs. End with 1 DC in the last SC of the row below. Ch 1, turn.

Row 4: SC in the first 2 DC, *ch 3, skip the next 3 DC, SC in the next 2 DC*. Repeat from * across. SC in each of the last 2 sts. Ch 1, turn.

Continue repeating Rows 3 and 4 until your project reaches the desired length.

Border

1. Prepare for Border: Weave in all loose ends with a tapestry needle before starting.
2. Round 1: With white yarn, join in the top left-hand corner. Ch 3, then work 1 round of DC evenly around the entire blanket. In each corner, work 5 DC. On the sides, place 2 DC into the side of each DC row and 1 DC into each SC row.
3. Round 2: When you return to your starting point, work 5 DC around the starting corner. Continue in the same direction, alternating FPDC and BPDC around the blanket. In the

corners, maintain this alternating pattern but work 3 stitches into the same corner post.

- Example: If you approach a corner with a FPDC, work FPDC–BPDC–FPDC into the corner post, then continue with the opposite stitch next.

4. Rounds 3–4 (and more if desired): Continue working alternating FPDC and BPDC, matching the post stitches to the row below so the raised ridges stay consistent. In each corner, work 3 alternating post stitches into the corner post.

5. Finishing: Complete as many rounds as you want for your desired border height (5 rounds recommended). Join with a sl st to the starting stitch, fasten off, and weave in any remaining ends.

Tips for Success

- Use high-contrast colors for striking striped designs.
- Keep your tension even for a uniform boxed look.
- Block your finished piece for crisp edges.