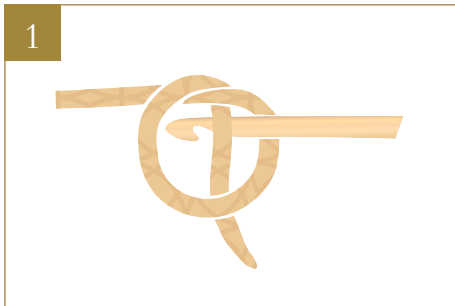


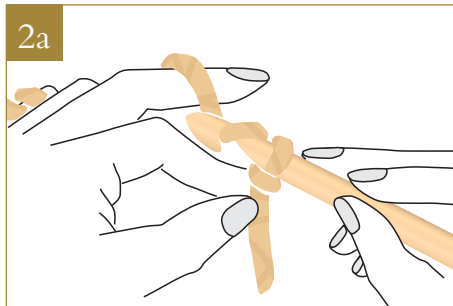
Essential crochet sheet 4

Here's a handy guide to the basic stitches you need to get started



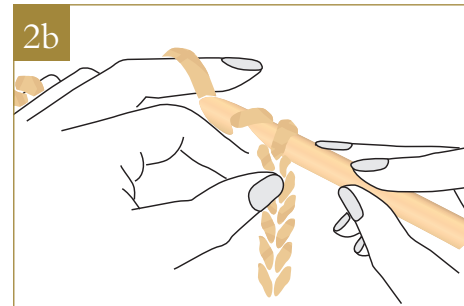
Slip knot

Attach yarn to hook (1).



Chain stitch (ch)

Hold hook in right hand. Wind yarn round middle finger of left hand. Take yarn round hook (yrh), going under then over the taut yarn. Hold the bottom knot of the slip knot down.



Firmly pull the yarn in the curve of the hook through the loop (2a) to form a chain stitch (ch). Pull down chain stitch and repeat (2b). The first chain forms your foundation row.



Double crochet (dc)

[US single crochet (sc)].

Row 1: Insert hook through 3rd chain, yarn round hook (yrh) and draw a loop through the chain. There are now 2 loops on the hook. Yarn round hook, pull through both loops to complete dc stitch.

*Insert hook through next chain, yrh, draw loop through, yrh, pull through both loops. Repeat from * to end of chain (3).

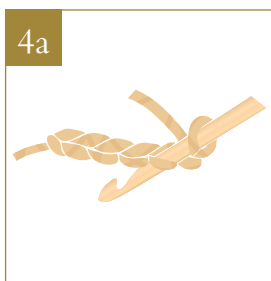
Turn. The 2 ch you missed out at the start of the row are counted as 1 dc on top of 1 ch. To start the next row, you work 2 ch and turn.

Row 2: Miss the first dc (the one that the 2 ch is sitting on). *Insert hook through top 2 loops of the next dc, yrh and pull loop through, yrh, pull through 2 loops. Repeat from * to end.

Don't forget the 2 chain right at the end - make a dc into the edge of these or you will lose a stitch at the end of each row.

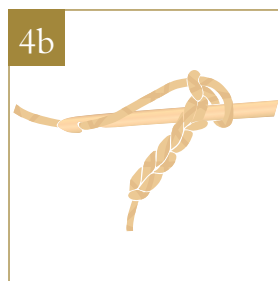
Work 2 ch (turning chain), turn.

Rep row 2 for the number of dc rows needed.

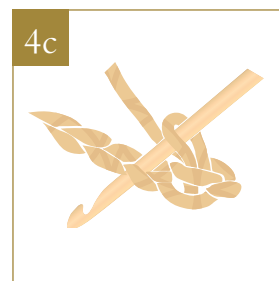


Slip stitch

Take hook through top 2 loops of stitch (4a), yrh (4b) and pull right through, so it goes



through the loop on the hook as well (4c).



Half treble

Take yarn over hook then insert into stitch (or a starting chain). Yarn over hook again and pull a loop through.

There are 3 loops on hook (5).

Take yarn over hook again and pull through all 3 loops, leaving 1 stitch on hook.



Treble

Work a half treble until there are 3 loops on hook. Yarn over hook, pull through 2 loops.

Yarn over hook, pull through the other 2 loops (6). ●