

WHO WHAT WHERE?

Stitch name	# of Stitches for turning chain	Where first stitch of each row is made	Where last stitch of each row is made
Single Crochet (sc)	1	Stitch at base of turning chain	Last stitch of previous row
Half-Double Crochet* (hdc)	2	Stitch at base of turning chain	Last stitch of previous row
Double Crochet (dc)	3	Skip stitch at base of turning chain; crochet into next stitch	Top of previous row's turning chain
Triple Crochet (tr)	4	Skip stitch at base of turning chain; crochet into next stitch	Top of previous row's turning chain

*Some books say that even for half-double crochet, you should skip the stitch at the base of the turning chain and crochet into the next stitch, and at the end of the row, you should crochet into the turning chain of the previous row. But I find that stumpy little turning chain next to impossible to crochet into, so I prefer the method I give here, which is also taught by the National NeedleArts Association—so there!

4. You have 3 loops left on your hook. Hook the strand again and pull it through 2 of these loops.

5. You have 2 loops left. Hook the yarn one more time and pull it through the last 2 loops.

You have only one loop left, and your triple crochet is done. Just look at how dang tall it is! Repeat steps 1 through 5 all the way across your row. Just like double crochet, the triple crochet stitch (and all taller stitches) requires you to make your final stitch into the top of the previous row's turning chain. But by now you're a pro at that and have no fear of it, of course. To continue on, chain 4, turn your work, wind yarn over twice and insert your hook under the V of the second stitch of the row and so forth and so on.

up to the Highest Heights

Double Triple (dtr) and Triple Triple (ttr) Crochet

Right about now you might be thinking: Hey, if I can make a tall stitch by wrapping the yarn once and dropping off loops two at a time, and I can make an even taller one by wrapping the yarn twice and dropping the loops off two at a time, what happens if I wrap the yarn three or even four times? Will the stitches get taller and taller and taller?

The answer is yes, and, in fact, someone else already thought of this. That's how she or he invented the double triple and triple triple crochet stitches, which are kind of