FREE CROCHET TUTORIAL

Basketweave Stitch Crochet

How to crochet the basketweave stitch, plus a pillow cover in 2 sizes · US terms

SKILL LEVEL	PRACTICE	YARN
Intermediate	Pillow cover, 2 sizes	Worsted (#4)
HOOK	**STITCHES**	**TIME**
5 mm (US H-8)	dc, hdc, fpdc, bpdc	About 10 / 12 hours

Materials

- Worsted (#4) yarn: 490 yd (16 in form) or 610 yd (18 in form)
- 5 mm (US H-8) hook, tapestry needle, a pillow form

Abbreviations (US terms)

fpdc front post dc: insert round the post from the front

bpdc back post dc: insert round the post from the back

dc / hdc double / half double crochet

RS / WS right / wrong side

Gauge: 14 sts and 8 rows = 4 in (10 cm) in basketweave, a typical worsted value. On WS rows fp and bp swap so the same blocks stay raised.

Panel, 16 in form

Foundation	Ch 58.	
Row 1 (WS)	Dc in the 3rd ch from the hook and in each ch across (56 dc). Turn.	**(56)**
Row 2 (RS)	Ch 2 (doesn't count as a st), hdc in the first st, *fpdc in the next 3, bpdc in the next 3*; repeat 9 times, hdc in the last st. Turn.	**(56)**
Row 3 (WS)	Ch 2 (doesn't count as a st), hdc in the first st, *fpdc in the next 3, bpdc in the next 3*; repeat 9 times, hdc in the last st. Turn.	**(56)**
Row 4 (RS)	Ch 2 (doesn't count as a st), hdc in the first st, *bpdc in the next 3, fpdc in the next 3*; repeat 9 times, hdc in the last st. Turn.	**(56)**
Row 5 (WS)	Ch 2 (doesn't count as a st), hdc in the first st, *bpdc in the next 3, fpdc in the next 3*; repeat 9 times, hdc in the last st. Turn.	**(56)**
Rows 6–31	Repeat rows 2–5, ending after row 31. The panel measures about 15.5 in (39 cm) square.	**(56)**
Second panel	Make a second panel the same.	
Join	Hold the panels wrong sides together. Sc through both layers round 3 sides (3 sc in each corner), insert the pillow form, then sc the 4th side closed. Join, fasten off.	

Panel, 18 in form

Foundation	Ch 64.	
Row 1 (WS)	Dc in the 3rd ch from the hook and in each ch across (62 dc). Turn.	**(62)**
Row 2 (RS)	Ch 2 (doesn't count as a st), hdc in the first st, *fpdc in the next 3, bpdc in the next 3*; repeat 10 times, hdc in the last st. Turn.	**(62)**
Row 3 (WS)	Ch 2 (doesn't count as a st), hdc in the first st, *fpdc in the next 3, bpdc in the next 3*; repeat 10 times, hdc in the last st. Turn.	**(62)**
Row 4 (RS)	Ch 2 (doesn't count as a st), hdc in the first st, *bpdc in the next 3, fpdc in the next 3*; repeat 10 times, hdc in the last st. Turn.	**(62)**
Row 5 (WS)	Ch 2 (doesn't count as a st), hdc in the first st, *bpdc in the next 3, fpdc in the next 3*; repeat 10 times, hdc in the last st. Turn.	**(62)**
Rows 6–35	Repeat rows 2–5, ending after row 35. The panel measures about 17.5 in (44 cm) square.	**(62)**
Second panel	Make a second panel the same.	
Join	Hold the panels wrong sides together. Sc through both layers round 3 sides (3 sc in each corner), insert the pillow form, then sc the 4th side closed. Join, fasten off.	

What's exact, what's calculated

Exact	Every row modelled column by column: blocks, swaps and fp/bp on RS and WS rows.
Calculated	Stitches, rows and yarn from the gauge.
Assumed	The gauge.

How to Crochet the Basketweave Stitch

front post and back post double crochet in blocks · a thick woven fabric

1 · Front post dc

hook in FRONT



Yo, insert the hook from front to back round the post of the next st, out to the front again. Finish as a dc.

2 · It sits on top



The front post dc pushes its stitch forward: a raised column on the side facing you.

3 · Back post dc

hook BEHIND



Yo, insert from BACK to front round the post, to the back again. That stitch sinks away from you.

4 · Blocks



3 front, 3 back across; after 2 rows swap them. Raised and sunken blocks weave.

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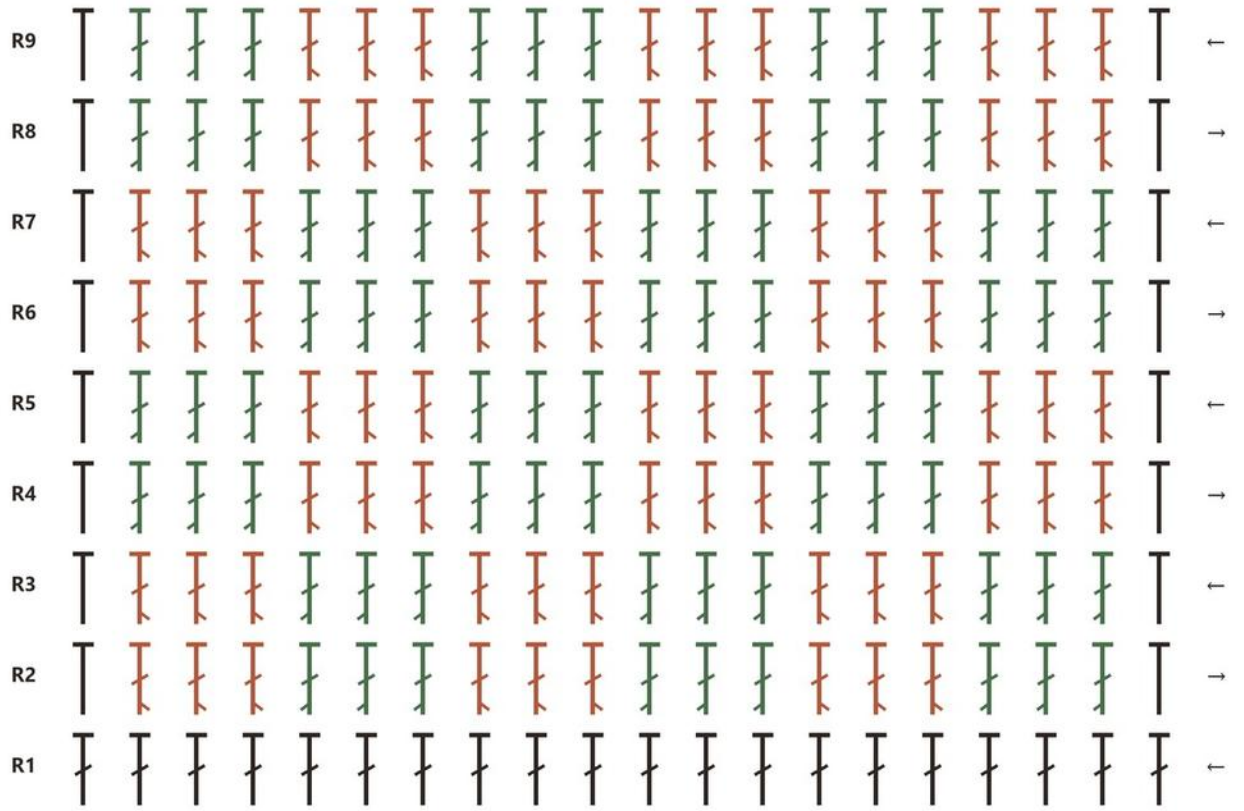
Basketweave Stitch · Chart (as seen from the right side)

20 sts × 9 rows · blocks of 3 sts, swapped every 2 rows



Orange = raised block (front post dc on RS rows, back post dc on WS rows)

Green = sunken block (back post dc on RS rows, front post dc on WS rows) · black = hdc edge · row 1 = plain dc

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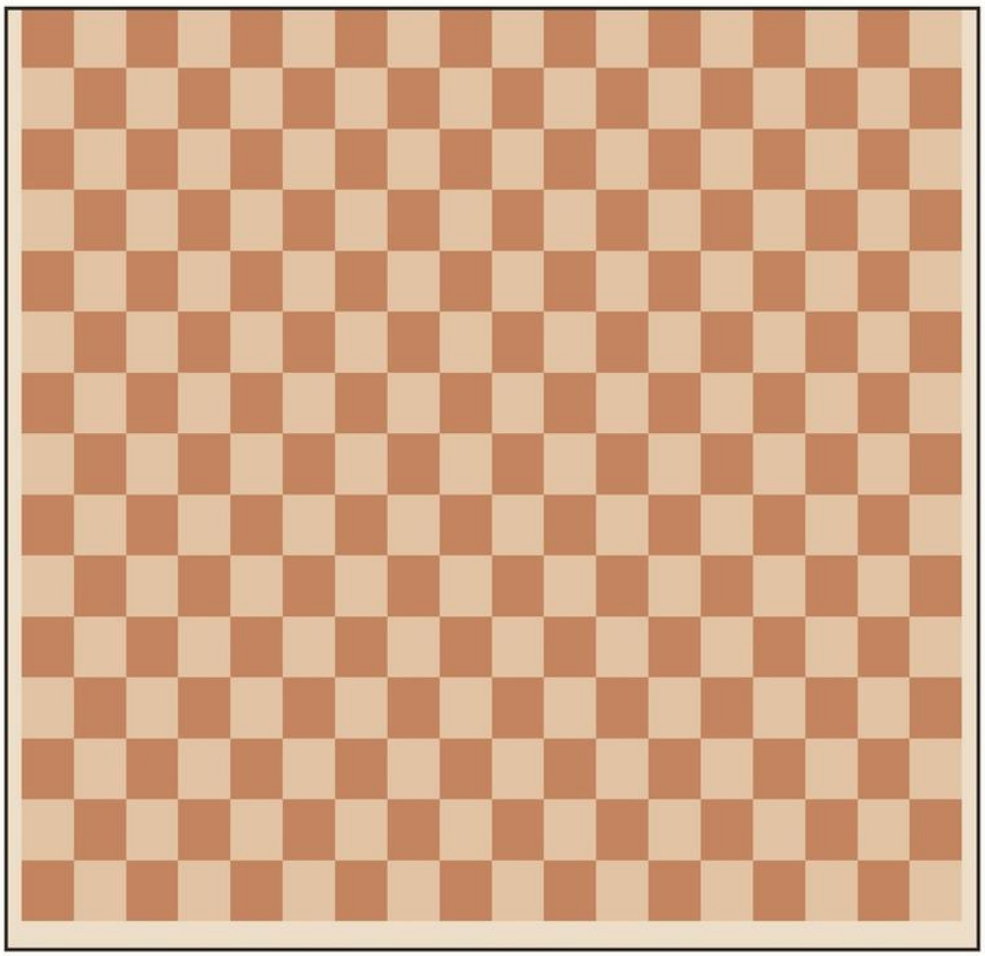
Basketweave Pillow Panel · 16 in form

56 sts × 31 rows · 18 blocks across · make 2 panels



Dark = raised blocks, light = sunken · 16.0 in (41 cm) square, about 0.5 in smaller than the form for a snug fit.

Basketweave Pillow Cover · Sizes

Worsted (#4) wool blend · 5 mm (US H-8) hook · gauge 14 sts × 8 rows = 4 in in basketweave

Pillow form	Panel	Start	Sts	Rows	Worsted (2 panels + join)
16 in	16.0 in (41 cm)	ch 58	56	31	490 yd
18 in	17.7 in (45 cm)	ch 64	62	35	610 yd

Any width: a multiple of 6 + 2 sts. Post stitches use a lot of yarn: allow extra.

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