FREE CROCHET TUTORIAL

Cluster Stitch Crochet

How to crochet a 3-dc cluster, plus a table runner in 2 sizes · US terms

SKILL LEVEL	PRACTICE	YARN
Advanced beginner	**Table runner, 2 sizes**	**Worsted (#4) cotton**
HOOK	**STITCHES**	**TIME**
5 mm (US H-8)	**ch, sc, dc, cl**	**About 7 / 11 hours**

Materials

- Worsted (#4) cotton: 450 yd (coffee table) or 700 yd (dining table)
- 5 mm (US H-8) hook, tapestry needle

Abbreviations (US terms)

ch	chain	**dc**	double crochet
sc	single crochet	**cl**	cluster: (yo, insert in the st, pull up a loop, yo, pull throu

Gauge: 16 sts and 10 rows = 4 in (10 cm) in the cluster pattern, a typical worsted cotton value.

Runner, Coffee table

Foundation	Ch 49.	
Row 1 (WS)	Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across (48 sc). Turn.	**(48)**
Row 2 (RS)	Ch 3 (counts as a dc), *cl in the next st, ch 1, skip the next st*; repeat 23 times, dc in the last st (23 clusters). Turn.	**(48)**
Row 3 (WS)	Ch 1, sc in each st across: in each dc, cluster and ch-1 space, and in the top of the ch-3. Turn.	**(48)**
Row 4 (RS)	Ch 3 (counts as a dc), *ch 1, skip the next st, cl in the next st*; repeat 23 times, dc in the last st (23 clusters, offset by one stitch). Turn.	**(48)**
Row 5 (WS)	Repeat row 3.	**(48)**
Rows 6–89	Repeat rows 2–5, ending after a row 5 (an sc row). The runner measures about 36 in (90 cm).	**(48)**
Border	Don't turn. Ch 1, sc evenly round the edge: 48 sc along the top and bottom, 1 sc in the end of each sc row and 2 in the end of each cluster row down the sides, 3 sc in each corner. Join, fasten off and block.	

Runner, Dining table

Foundation	Ch 57.	
Row 1 (WS)	Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across (56 sc). Turn.	**(56)**

Row 2 (RS)	Ch 3 (counts as a dc), *cl in the next st, ch 1, skip the next st*; repeat 27 times, dc in the last st (27 clusters). Turn.	**(56)**
Row 3 (WS)	Ch 1, sc in each st across: in each dc, cluster and ch-1 space, and in the top of the ch-3. Turn.	**(56)**
Row 4 (RS)	Ch 3 (counts as a dc), *ch 1, skip the next st, cl in the next st*; repeat 27 times, dc in the last st (27 clusters, offset by one stitch). Turn.	**(56)**
Row 5 (WS)	Repeat row 3.	**(56)**
Rows 6–121	Repeat rows 2–5, ending after a row 5 (an sc row). The runner measures about 48 in (123 cm).	**(56)**
Border	Don't turn. Ch 1, sc evenly round the edge: 56 sc along the top and bottom, 1 sc in the end of each sc row and 2 in the end of each cluster row down the sides, 3 sc in each corner. Join, fasten off and block.	

What's exact, what's calculated

Exact	Every stitch modelled with its column: same count every row, clusters in sc, brick offset.
Calculated	Stitches, rows and yarn from the gauge.
Assumed	The gauge.

How to Crochet a Cluster Stitch

3 unfinished double crochets in one stitch, closed together · a dc3tog cluster

1 · Half a dc



Yarn over, insert in the stitch, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops (2 left on the hook).

2 · Again, same stitch



Yarn over, insert in the SAME stitch, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through 2 (3 loops left).

3 · A third time



Do it once more in the same stitch: 4 loops on the hook.

4 · Close the cluster



Yarn over and pull through all 4 loops. Then ch 1 and skip a stitch.

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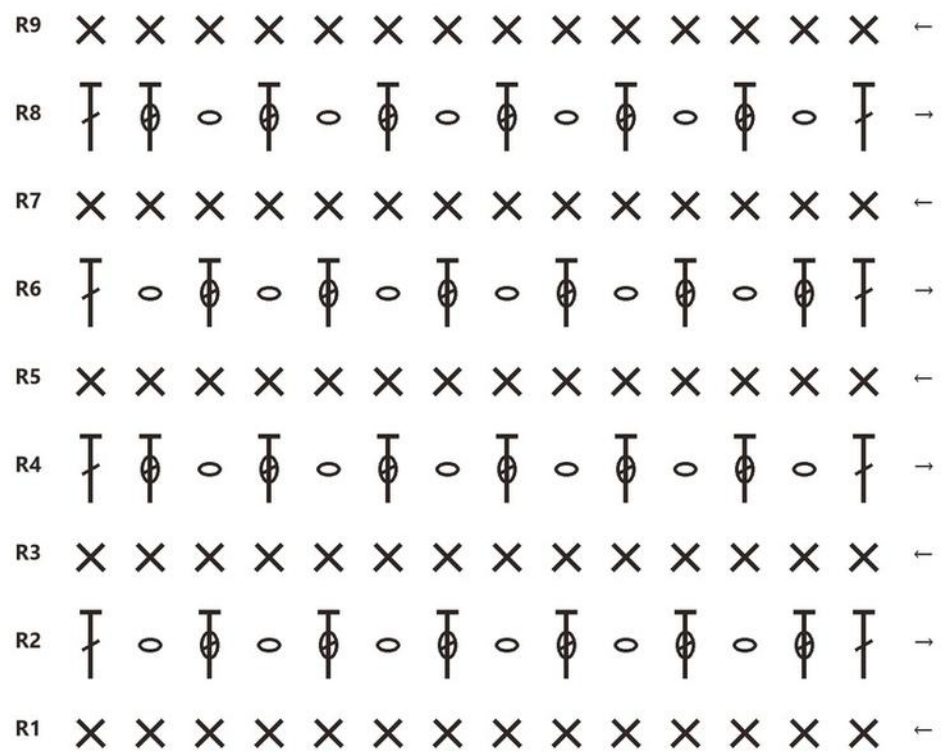
Cluster Stitch · Chart

14 sts × 9 rows · cluster rows alternate with sc rows; every other cluster row is offset by one stitch



X = sc · oval = ch · T with a bar = dc · T with a bar and an oval = 3-dc cluster in one stitch

Row 1 is the bottom row. Rows 2–5 repeat; the clusters of row 4 sit above the chains of row 2.

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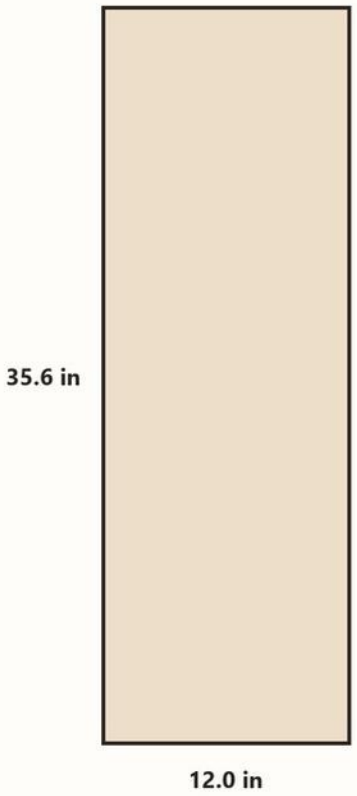
Cluster Stitch Table Runner · Coffee table

48 sts × 89 rows · 23 clusters in every cluster row · sc border round



Work across the short width; the rows build up the length.
Block flat to straighten the edges and open the clusters.

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Cluster Stitch Table Runner · Sizes

Worsted (#4) cotton · 5 mm (US H-8) hook · gauge 16 sts × 10 rows = 4 in in the cluster pattern

Size	Finished	Start	Sts per row	Rows	Worsted cotton
Coffee table	12 × 36 in (30 × 91 cm)	ch 49	48 (23 clusters)	89	450 yd
Dining table	14 × 48 in (36 × 122 cm)	ch 57	56 (27 clusters)	121	700 yd

Any width: chain an odd number (an even number of sts + 1). Clusters use yarn quickly: allow extra.

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