FREE CROCHET TUTORIAL

Linked Double Crochet

A gap-free dc fabric, plus a hook roll and a long needle roll · US terms

SKILL LEVEL **Advanced beginner**	PRACTICE **Hook roll + needle roll**	YARN **Worsted (#4) cotton, 2 colors**
HOOK **5 mm (US H-8)**	STITCHES **ch, ldc, sc, sl st**	TIME **About 4 / 6 hours**

Materials

- Worsted (#4) cotton. Hook roll: 140 yd mustard, 25 yd cream. Needle roll: 170 yd mustard, 25 yd cream
- 5 mm (US H-8) hook (6 mm for the chain if you chain tightly), 2 stitch markers, tapestry needle

Abbreviations (US terms)

ch	chain	**sl st**	slip stitch
ldc	linked double crochet	**st(s)**	stitch(es)
sc	single crochet	**yo**	yarn over

Gauge: 14 sts and 9 rows = 4 in (10 cm) in linked dc. This is an assumed typical worsted value: swatch first.

Ldc: insert in the horizontal bar at the middle of the previous ldc, yo, pull up a loop, insert in the next st, yo, pull up a loop (3 loops), [yo, pull through 2] twice.

Hook roll

Foundation	With mustard, ch 46 loosely (a hook 1 size up for the chain helps).	
Row 1	Insert the hook in the 2nd ch from the hook, yo, pull up a loop, insert in the next ch, yo, pull up a loop (3 loops), [yo, pull through 2] twice: first ldc made. *Insert in the horizontal bar at the middle of the ldc just made, yo, pull up a loop, insert in the next ch, yo, pull up a loop, [yo, pull through 2] twice*; repeat to the end. Turn.	**(44)**
Row 2	Ch 2 (doesn't count as a st). Insert in the 2nd ch from the hook, yo, pull up a loop, insert in the first st, yo, pull up a loop, [yo, pull through 2] twice. Ldc in each st across, the last one in the last st (not in the turning ch). Turn.	**(44)**
Rows 3–31	Repeat row 2. Place a marker at the end of row 8 (pocket fold) and of row 25 (flap fold). Fasten off after row 31.	**(44)**
Fold	Fold rows 1–8 up along the first marker so the foundation chain lies across the back. Row ends of the pocket sit exactly on row ends of the back.	
Edging	With cream, join at the bottom left (the fold). Sc up the side, 2 sc per row end (46), going through both layers where the pocket is; 3 sc in the corner st, sc across the top (42 sc between the corner sts), 3 sc in the corner st, then down the other side (46). Fasten off.	**(140)**

Slots	With cream and a tapestry needle, backstitch 9 straight lines through both layers, from the fold to the pocket edge, in the gap between 2 columns of stitches: after st 5, 9, 13, 17, 21, 25, 29, 33, 38 counted from the left edge. Slot widths in sts: 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5.	**(10 slots)**
Tie	With cream, ch 126, sl st in the back bump of each ch back along (36 in, 91 cm). Fold in half and sew the fold to the right edge, halfway up the back.	

Needle roll

Foundation	With mustard, ch 32 loosely (a hook 1 size up for the chain helps).	
Row 1	Insert the hook in the 2nd ch from the hook, yo, pull up a loop, insert in the next ch, yo, pull up a loop (3 loops), [yo, pull through 2] twice: first ldc made. *Insert in the horizontal bar at the middle of the ldc just made, yo, pull up a loop, insert in the next ch, yo, pull up a loop, [yo, pull through 2] twice*; repeat to the end. Turn.	**(30)**
Row 2	Ch 2 (doesn't count as a st). Insert in the 2nd ch from the hook, yo, pull up a loop, insert in the first st, yo, pull up a loop, [yo, pull through 2] twice. Ldc in each st across, the last one in the last st (not in the turning ch). Turn.	**(30)**
Rows 3–56	Repeat row 2. Place a marker at the end of row 14 (pocket fold) and of row 48 (flap fold). Fasten off after row 56.	**(30)**
Fold	Fold rows 1–14 up along the first marker so the foundation chain lies across the back. Row ends of the pocket sit exactly on row ends of the back.	
Edging	With cream, join at the bottom left (the fold). Sc up the side, 2 sc per row end (84), going through both layers where the pocket is; 3 sc in the corner st, sc across the top (28 sc between the corner sts), 3 sc in the corner st, then down the other side (84). Fasten off.	**(202)**
Slots	With cream and a tapestry needle, backstitch 7 straight lines through both layers, from the fold to the pocket edge, in the gap between 2 columns of stitches: after st 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 20, 24 counted from the left edge. Slot widths in sts: 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 5.	**(8 slots)**
Tie	With cream, ch 98, sl st in the back bump of each ch back along (28 in, 71 cm). Fold in half and sew the fold to the right edge, halfway up the back.	

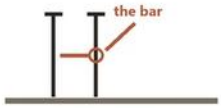
What's exact, what's calculated

Exact	Stitch counts checked row by row, every ldc linked to the one before, slot count = tool count.
Calculated	Slot widths from the tool diameters, rows from the tool length, tie length from the rolled size, yarn.
Assumed	The gauge, fabric thickness and yarn per stitch. Swatch first.

How to Crochet Linked Double Crochet

the yarn over of a dc becomes a loop pulled through the stitch beside it

1 · Pick up the bar



2 loops on the hook

Insert the hook under the horizontal bar at the middle of the ldc you just made, yo, pull up a loop.

2 · Into the next st



3 loops on the hook

Insert in the next stitch, yo, pull up a loop. The bar loop replaces the yarn over of a plain dc.

3 · Finish like a dc



1 loop left

[Yo, pull through 2] twice. The new stitch is joined to its neighbor at mid-height.

4 · First of a row



ch 2, then link to the 2nd ch

Ch 2, insert in the 2nd ch from the hook for the bar, then into the first st.

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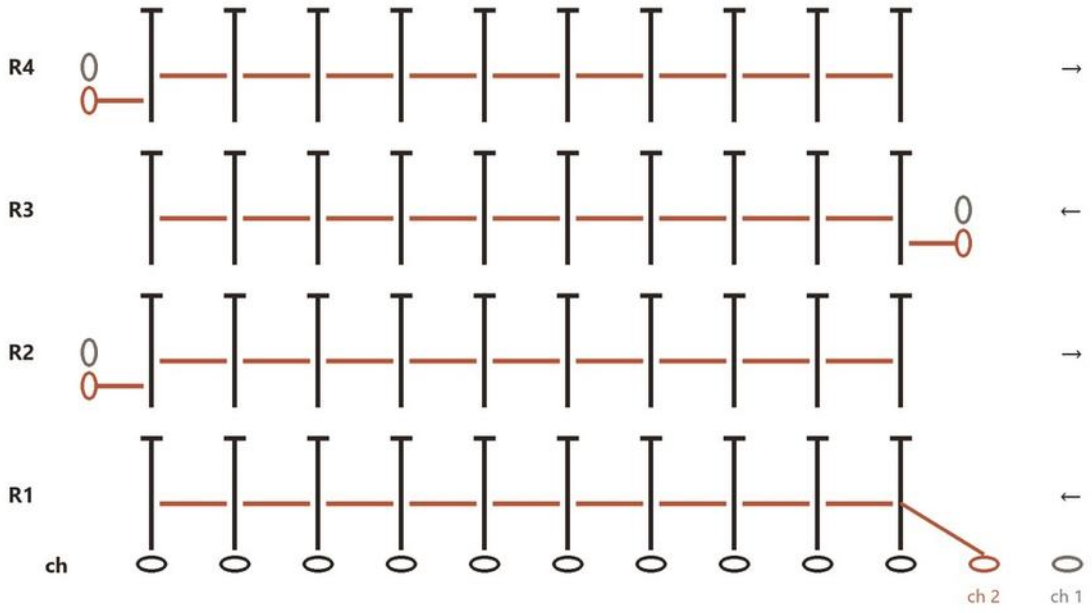
Linked Double Crochet · Chart

10 ldc × 4 rows on a chain of 12 · red bars = the loop each ldc picks up from the stitch before it



T = double crochet post. Red line = the bar: each ldc pulls a loop through the middle of the stitch before it.

Row 1: the first ldc links to the 2nd ch from the hook. Later rows: ch 2, the first ldc links to the 2nd ch of that turning ch.

The turning ch never counts as a st, so every row has the same number of ldc.

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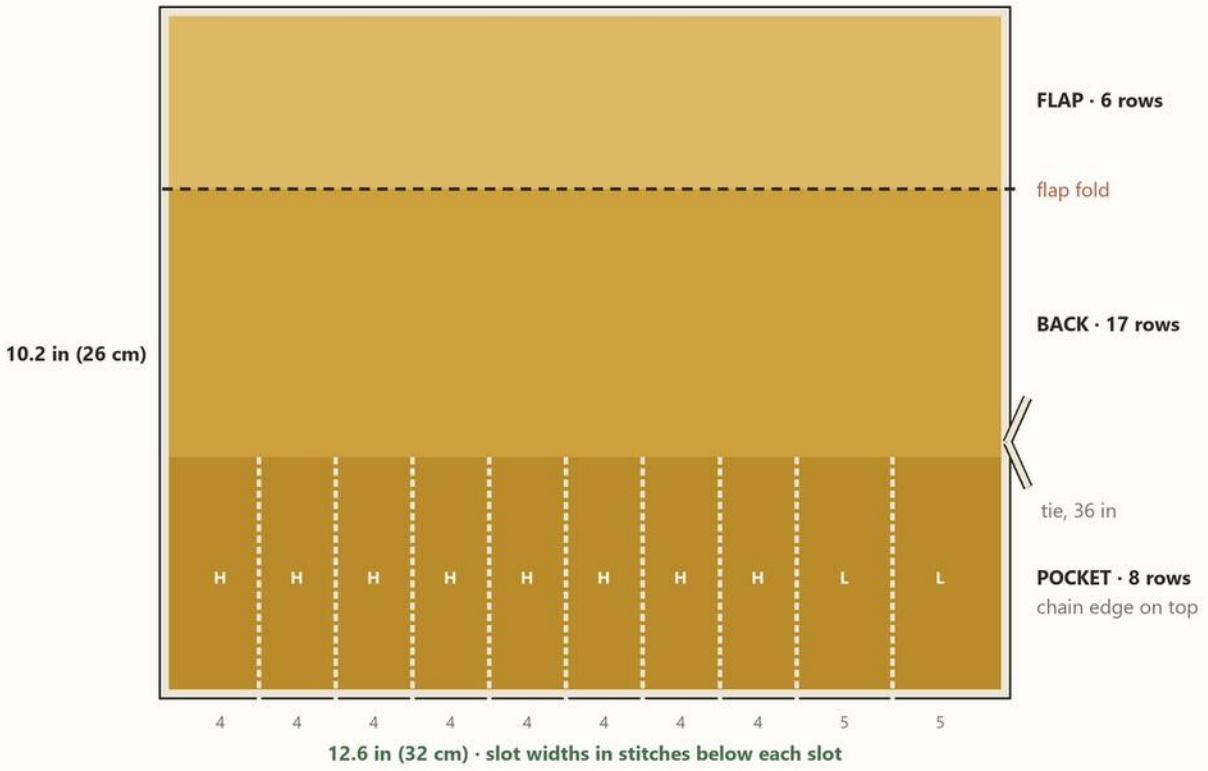
Linked Double Crochet Hook Roll · Layout

44 sts · 8 pocket + 17 back + 6 flap rows · 10 slots · shown folded, flap open



H = hook with a grip up to 1/2 in thick · L = large hook or tool up to 3/4 in

Dashed cream lines = backstitched slot lines through both layers, in the gap between 2 stitch columns.

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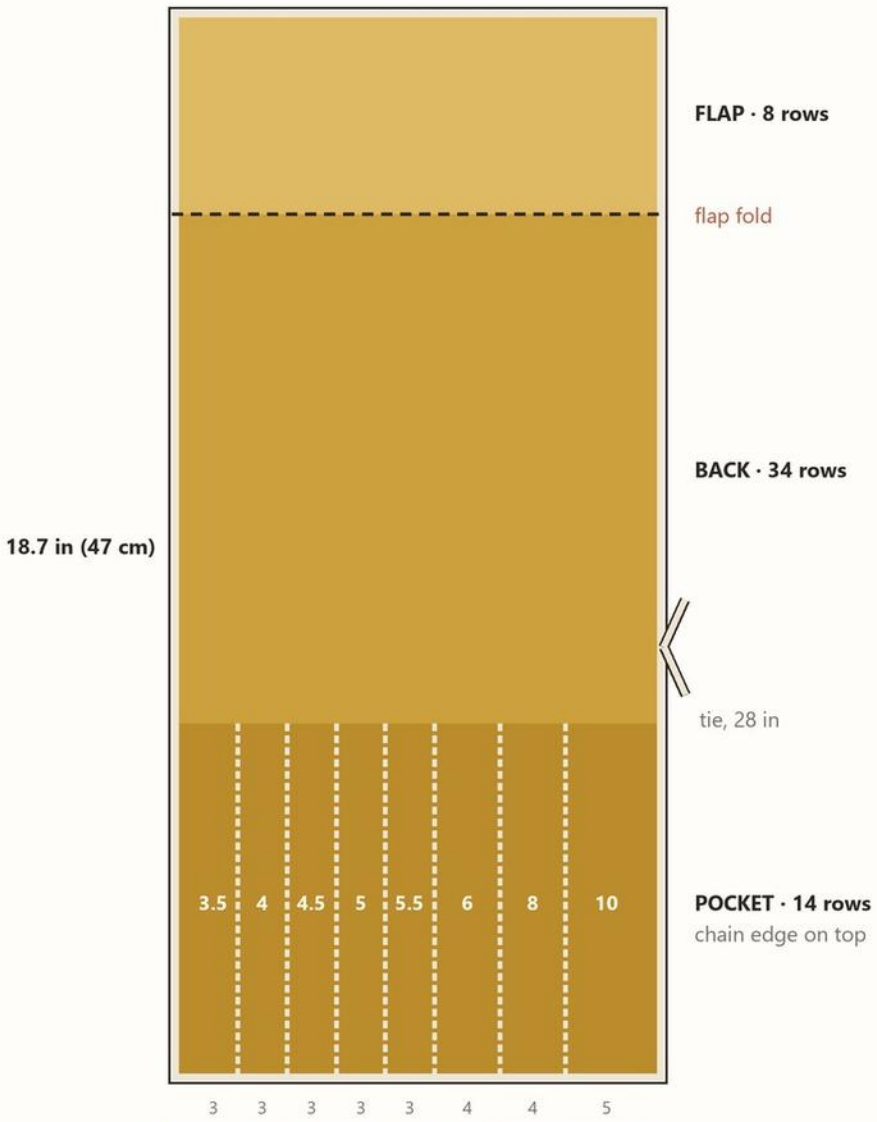
Linked Double Crochet Needle Roll · Layout

30 sts · 14 pocket + 34 back + 8 flap rows · 8 slots · shown folded, flap open



Numbers = needle size in mm; each slot holds a pair of 14 in (35 cm) straight needles

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Linked Double Crochet Tool Rolls · Sizes

Worsted (#4) cotton · 5 mm (US H-8) hook · assumed gauge 14 sts × 9 rows = 4 in in linked dc

Roll	Holds	Start	Rows pocket / back / flap	Folded size	Mustard / cream
Hook roll	10 slots	ch 46 → 44 ldc	8 / 17 / 6	12.6 × 10.2 in	140 / 25 yd
Needle roll	8 slots	ch 32 → 30 ldc	14 / 34 / 8	8.6 × 18.7 in	170 / 25 yd

Hook roll: 8 hooks with grips + 2 large tools. Needle roll: 8 pairs of 14 in straights, 3.5 to 10 mm.

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