FREE CROCHET TUTORIAL

Star Stitch Crochet

How to crochet the star stitch (marguerite stitch), plus washcloths in 2 sizes · US terms

SKILL LEVEL	PRACTICE	YARN
Intermediate	**Washcloth, 2 sizes**	**Worsted (#4) cotton**
HOOK	**STITCHES**	**TIME**
5 mm (US H-8)	**ch, star, hdc, sc**	**About 2 / 3 hours**

Materials

- Worsted (#4) cotton: 70 yd (washcloth) or 105 yd (dishcloth)
- 5 mm (US H-8) hook, tapestry needle

Abbreviations (US terms)

ch	chain	**eye**	the ch 1 that closes a star
hdc	half double crochet	**yo**	yarn over
sc	single crochet		

Gauge: 1 star = 0.55 in (1.4 cm); 1 star row + 1 hdc row = 0.9 in (2.3 cm). A typical worsted cotton value.

Washcloth

Foundation	Ch 31.	
Row 1 (stars)	Pull up a loop in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th ch from the hook (6 loops on the hook), yo and pull through all 6, ch 1 to close (this makes the 'eye'). *Pull up a loop in the eye, in the back of the last loop of the star, in the same ch as the last loop, and in each of the next 2 ch (6 loops), yo and pull through all 6, ch 1*; repeat from * across. Hdc in the last ch. Turn. (13 stars)	**(13 stars)**
Row 2 (hdc)	Ch 2 (counts as hdc), 2 hdc in each eye across, hdc in the top of the first star. Turn.	**(28)**
Row 3 (stars)	Ch 3, pull up a loop in the 2nd and 3rd ch from the hook and in each of the first 3 hdc (6 loops), yo and pull through all 6, ch 1. *Pull up a loop in the eye, in the back of the last loop, in the same st as the last loop and in the next 2 hdc (6 loops), yo and pull through all 6, ch 1*; repeat across. Hdc in the top of the turning ch. Turn.	**(13 stars)**
Rows 4–18	Repeat rows 2 and 3, ending with a row 2 (hdc). The cloth measures about 8 in (21 cm).	**(28)**
Border	Ch 1, sc evenly all round: 1 sc in each hdc along the top and bottom, 3 sc along every 2 rows of the sides, 3 sc in each corner (118 sc). Sl st to the first sc. Optional: ch 10 and sl st in the same corner for a hanging loop. Fasten off.	**(118)**

Dishcloth

Foundation	Ch 39.	
Row 1 (stars)	Pull up a loop in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th ch from the hook (6 loops on the hook), yo and pull through all 6, ch 1 to close (this makes the 'eye'). *Pull up a loop in the eye, in the back of the last loop of the star, in the same ch as the last loop, and in each of the next 2 ch (6 loops), yo and pull through all 6, ch 1*; repeat from * across. Hdc in the last ch. Turn. (17 stars)	**(17 stars)**
Row 2 (hdc)	Ch 2 (counts as hdc), 2 hdc in each eye across, hdc in the top of the first star. Turn.	**(36)**
Row 3 (stars)	Ch 3, pull up a loop in the 2nd and 3rd ch from the hook and in each of the first 3 hdc (6 loops), yo and pull through all 6, ch 1. *Pull up a loop in the eye, in the back of the last loop, in the same st as the last loop and in the next 2 hdc (6 loops), yo and pull through all 6, ch 1*; repeat across. Hdc in the top of the turning ch. Turn.	**(17 stars)**
Rows 4–22	Repeat rows 2 and 3, ending with a row 2 (hdc). The cloth measures about 10 in (25 cm).	**(36)**
Border	Ch 1, sc evenly all round: 1 sc in each hdc along the top and bottom, 3 sc along every 2 rows of the sides, 3 sc in each corner (146 sc). Sl st to the first sc. Optional: ch 10 and sl st in the same corner for a hanging loop. Fasten off.	**(146)**

What's exact, what's calculated

Exact	Every loop modelled: 5 per star, every base stitch used once, counts per row.
Calculated	Stars, rows, border and yarn from the gauge.
Assumed	The gauge.

How to Crochet the Star Stitch

5 loops pulled up and closed together · each star shares its last stitch with the next

1 · Pull up loops



Pull up a loop in each of 5 stitches (row 1: the 2nd-6th ch). Keep them all on the hook.

2 · 6 loops



With the loop you started with, there are 6 loops on the hook.

3 · Close + ch 1



Yo, pull through all 6 loops, ch 1: the ch 1 is the star's 'eye'.

4 · Next star



Loops in the eye, the back of the last loop, the same st, and the next 2 sts.

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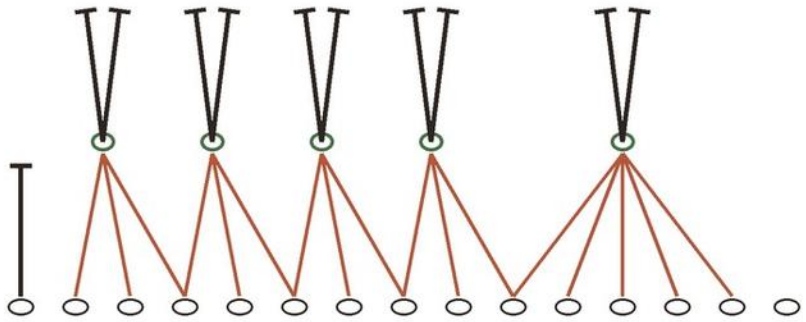
Star Stitch · Diagram

5 stars · foundation ch 15 (2 × 5 + 5) · star rows and hdc rows alternate



Terracotta lines = loops pulled up into one star · green oval = the eye (ch 1) · T = hdc, 2 in each eye on the next row

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Star Stitch Washcloths · Sizes

Worsted (#4) cotton · 5 mm (US H-8) hook · gauge 1 star = 0.55 in, 1 star row + 1 hdc row = 0.9 in

Size	Finished	Start	Stars per row	Rows	Border sc	Cotton
Washcloth	8 × 8 in (20 cm)	ch 31	13	18	118	70 yd
Dishcloth	10 × 10 in (25 cm)	ch 39	17	22	146	105 yd

Any width: chain 2 × (number of stars) + 5. Cotton is best for washcloths: it's absorbent and washable.

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