FREE CROCHET TUTORIAL

Treble Crochet Stitch

The 5 moves, the chain rule and a practice plant pot cover in 3 sizes · US terms

SKILL LEVEL	PRACTICE	HOOK
Beginner	**Pot cover, 3 sizes**	**5 mm (US H-8)**
YARN	**STITCHES**	**TIME**
Worsted cotton (#4)	**ch, sc, sc2tog, tr**	**About 1 hour**

Materials

- Worsted (#4) cotton: 4 in pot 33 yd, 5 in pot 43 yd, 6 in pot 61 yd
- 5 mm (US H-8) hook, stitch marker, tapestry needle

Abbreviations (US terms)

ch	chain	**tr**	treble crochet (UK dtr)
sc	single crochet	**sl st**	slip stitch
sc2tog	sc 2 together	**blo**	back loop only

Treble crochet: yo twice, insert hook in st, yo and pull up a loop (4 loops on hook), [yo, pull through 2] three times.

Gauge (assumed, typical worsted cotton): 16 sc × 18 rnds and 13 tr × 4 rnds = 4 in.

The 5 moves

Move 1	Yarn over twice.	**(3 on hook)**
Move 2	Insert the hook in the stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop.	**(4 on hook)**
Move 3	Yarn over, pull through 2 loops.	**(3 on hook)**
Move 4	Yarn over, pull through 2 loops.	**(2 on hook)**
Move 5	Yarn over, pull through the last 2 loops.	**(1 on hook)**

Pot cover for a 4 in pot (4 in across, 4 in tall)

Rnd 1	Make a magic ring, ch 1, 6 sc in the ring. Sl st to the first sc.	**(6)**
Rnd 2	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around. Sl st to the first sc.	**(12)**
Rnd 3	Ch 1, *sc in the next 1 st, 2 sc in the next st* around. Sl st to the first sc.	**(18)**
Rnd 4	Ch 1, *sc in the next 2 sts, 2 sc in the next st* around. Sl st to the first sc.	**(24)**
Rnd 5	Ch 1, *sc in the next 3 sts, 2 sc in the next st* around. Sl st to the first sc.	**(30)**
Rnd 6	Ch 1, *sc in the next 4 sts, 2 sc in the next st* around. Sl st to the first sc.	**(36)**
Rnd 7	Ch 1, *sc in the next 5 sts, 2 sc in the next st* around. Sl st to the first sc.	**(42)**
Rnd 8	Ch 1, *sc in the next 6 sts, 2 sc in the next st* around. Sl st to the first sc.	**(48)**

Rnd 9	Ch 1, *sc in the next 7 sts, 2 sc in the next st* around. Sl st to the first sc.	**(54)**
Rnd 10	Ch 1, working in back loops only: *sc in the next 4 sts, sc2tog* around. Sl st to the first sc. The edge turns up here.	**(45)**
Rnds 11–13	Ch 4 (doesn't count as a st), tr in the same st as the join and in each st around. Sl st to the first tr.	**(45)**
Rnds 14–16	Ch 1, sc in each st around. Sl st to the first sc.	**(45)**
Finish	Fasten off and weave in the ends. The cover is 4 in across the base and 3.89 in tall.	

Pot cover for a 5 in pot (5 in across, 4.5 in tall)

Rnd 1	Make a magic ring, ch 1, 6 sc in the ring. Sl st to the first sc.	**(6)**
Rnd 2	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around. Sl st to the first sc.	**(12)**
Rnd 3	Ch 1, *sc in the next 1 st, 2 sc in the next st* around. Sl st to the first sc.	**(18)**
Rnd 4	Ch 1, *sc in the next 2 sts, 2 sc in the next st* around. Sl st to the first sc.	**(24)**
Rnd 5	Ch 1, *sc in the next 3 sts, 2 sc in the next st* around. Sl st to the first sc.	**(30)**
Rnd 6	Ch 1, *sc in the next 4 sts, 2 sc in the next st* around. Sl st to the first sc.	**(36)**
Rnd 7	Ch 1, *sc in the next 5 sts, 2 sc in the next st* around. Sl st to the first sc.	**(42)**
Rnd 8	Ch 1, *sc in the next 6 sts, 2 sc in the next st* around. Sl st to the first sc.	**(48)**
Rnd 9	Ch 1, *sc in the next 7 sts, 2 sc in the next st* around. Sl st to the first sc.	**(54)**
Rnd 10	Ch 1, *sc in the next 8 sts, 2 sc in the next st* around. Sl st to the first sc.	**(60)**
Rnd 11	Ch 1, *sc in the next 9 sts, 2 sc in the next st* around. Sl st to the first sc.	**(66)**
Rnd 12	Ch 1, working in back loops only: *sc in the next 4 sts, sc2tog* around. Sl st to the first sc. The edge turns up here.	**(55)**
Rnds 13–16	Ch 4 (doesn't count as a st), tr in the same st as the join and in each st around. Sl st to the first tr.	**(55)**
Rnd 17	Ch 1, sc in each st around. Sl st to the first sc.	**(55)**
Finish	Fasten off and weave in the ends. The cover is 4.89 in across the base and 4.44 in tall.	

Pot cover for a 6 in pot (6 in across, 5 in tall)

Rnd 1	Make a magic ring, ch 1, 6 sc in the ring. Sl st to the first sc.	**(6)**
Rnd 2	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around. Sl st to the first sc.	**(12)**
Rnd 3	Ch 1, *sc in the next 1 st, 2 sc in the next st* around. Sl st to the first sc.	**(18)**
Rnd 4	Ch 1, *sc in the next 2 sts, 2 sc in the next st* around. Sl st to the first sc.	**(24)**
Rnd 5	Ch 1, *sc in the next 3 sts, 2 sc in the next st* around. Sl st to the first sc.	**(30)**
Rnd 6	Ch 1, *sc in the next 4 sts, 2 sc in the next st* around. Sl st to the first sc.	**(36)**
Rnd 7	Ch 1, *sc in the next 5 sts, 2 sc in the next st* around. Sl st to the first sc.	**(42)**
Rnd 8	Ch 1, *sc in the next 6 sts, 2 sc in the next st* around. Sl st to the first sc.	**(48)**
Rnd 9	Ch 1, *sc in the next 7 sts, 2 sc in the next st* around. Sl st to the first sc.	**(54)**

Rnd 10	Ch 1, *sc in the next 8 sts, 2 sc in the next st* around. Sl st to the first sc.	**(60)**
Rnd 11	Ch 1, *sc in the next 9 sts, 2 sc in the next st* around. Sl st to the first sc.	**(66)**
Rnd 12	Ch 1, *sc in the next 10 sts, 2 sc in the next st* around. Sl st to the first sc.	**(72)**
Rnd 13	Ch 1, *sc in the next 11 sts, 2 sc in the next st* around. Sl st to the first sc.	**(78)**
Rnd 14	Ch 1, *sc in the next 12 sts, 2 sc in the next st* around. Sl st to the first sc.	**(84)**
Rnd 15	Ch 1, working in back loops only: *sc in the next 2 sts, sc2tog* around. Sl st to the first sc. The edge turns up here.	**(63)**
Rnds 16–19	Ch 4 (doesn't count as a st), tr in the same st as the join and in each st around. Sl st to the first tr.	**(63)**
Rnds 20–22	Ch 1, sc in each st around. Sl st to the first sc.	**(63)**
Finish	Fasten off and weave in the ends. The cover is 6.22 in across the base and 4.89 in tall.	

How to Treble Crochet in 5 Moves

Loops on the hook: 3, 4, 3, 2, 1 · three 'pull through 2' in a row

1 · Yarn over twice



3 loops on the hook

Wrap the yarn round the hook two times.

2 · Pull up a loop



4 loops on the hook

Insert into the stitch, yarn over, pull up a loop.

3 · Through 2



3 loops on the hook

Yarn over, pull through the first 2 loops.

4 · Through 2



2 loops on the hook

Yarn over, pull through the next 2 loops.

5 · Through 2



1 loop on the hook

Yarn over, pull through the last 2. Done.

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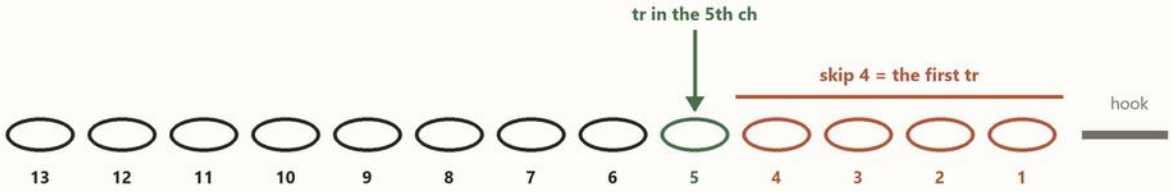
Where the First Treble Crochet Goes

For 10 tr, chain 13: stitches + 3. Count from the hook (the loop on the hook doesn't count).

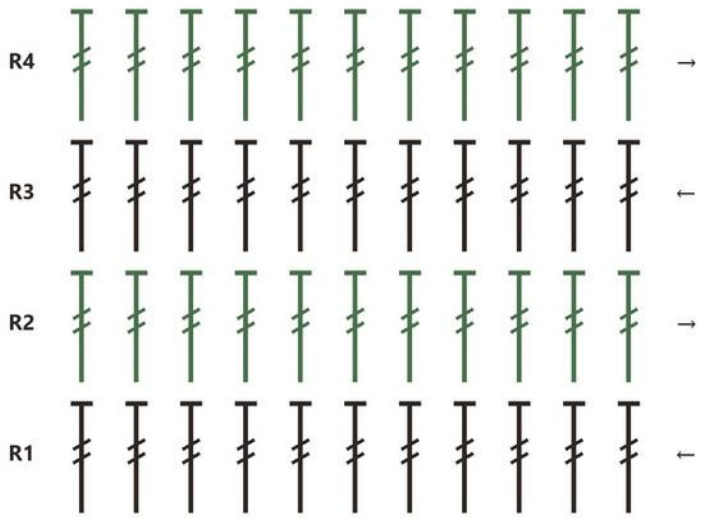


1 (the skipped 4) + 9 tr in chains 5–13 = 10 stitches.

Turning chain doesn't count? Skip 3 and start in the 4th ch: 10 tr = 10 again.

Treble Crochet Rows · Stitch Chart

11 tr a row. Rows 2+ start with ch 4, which counts as the first tr.



Row 1 goes into the chain (5th ch from the hook). Rows 2+: ch 4, skip the first st, tr across, last tr in the top of the ch 4.

Treble symbol: a tall T with two little bars across the stem, one for each yarn over.

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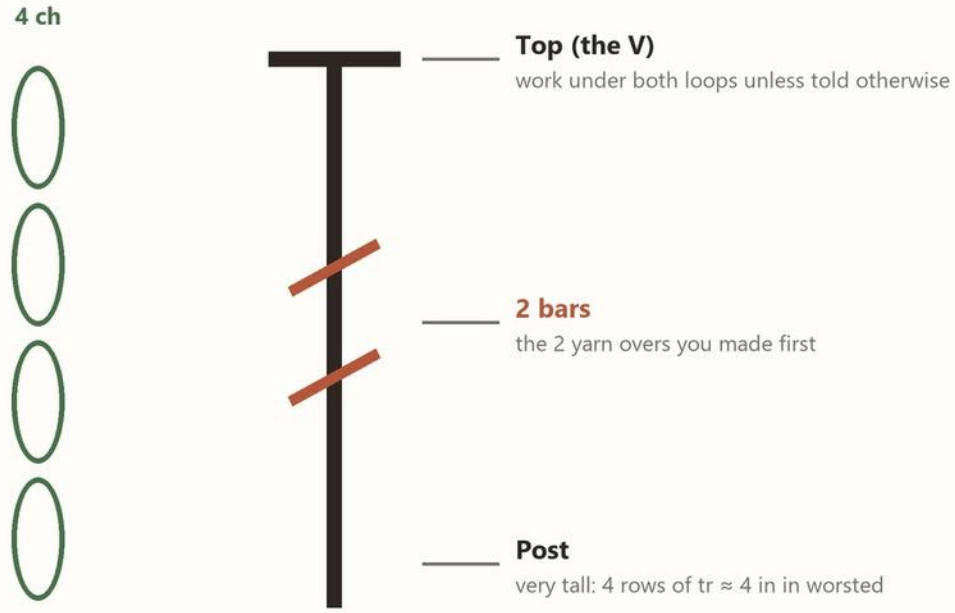
Anatomy of a Treble Crochet

US treble (tr) = UK double treble (dtr) · about as tall as 4 chains



One more yarn over at the start = one more bar and one more 'pull through 2' at the end (double treble has 3).

How Many Chains for a Treble Crochet Piece?

tr = width × stitches per inch · chain = tr + 3 · gauge from typical yarn labels

Yarn	Hook	6 in wide	30 in wide	50 in wide	10 in tall
DK (#3)	4 mm (G-6)	24 tr · ch 27	120 tr · ch 123	200 tr · ch 203	12 rows
Worsted (#4)	5 mm (H-8)	20 tr · ch 23	98 tr · ch 101	162 tr · ch 165	10 rows
Bulky (#5)	6.5 mm (K-10.5)	15 tr · ch 18	75 tr · ch 78	125 tr · ch 128	8 rows
Super bulky (#6)	9 mm (M/N-13)	10 tr · ch 13	52 tr · ch 55	88 tr · ch 91	6 rows

Treble rows grow fast: about 1 in each in worsted. Swatch 20 sts × 5 rows and measure.

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Treble Crochet Pot Cover · Sizes

Worsted (#4) cotton, 5 mm hook · sc 16 × 18 rnds and tr 13 × 4 rnds = 4 in

Pot	Across × tall	Base	Edge round	Sides	Cotton
4 in pot	4 × 4 in	9 rnds · 54 sc	54 → 45	3 tr + 3 sc	33 yd
5 in pot	5 × 4.5 in	11 rnds · 66 sc	66 → 55	4 tr + 1 sc	43 yd
6 in pot	6 × 5 in	14 rnds · 84 sc	84 → 63	4 tr + 3 sc	61 yd

Measure across the pot's bottom and its height. Straight-sided pots work best.

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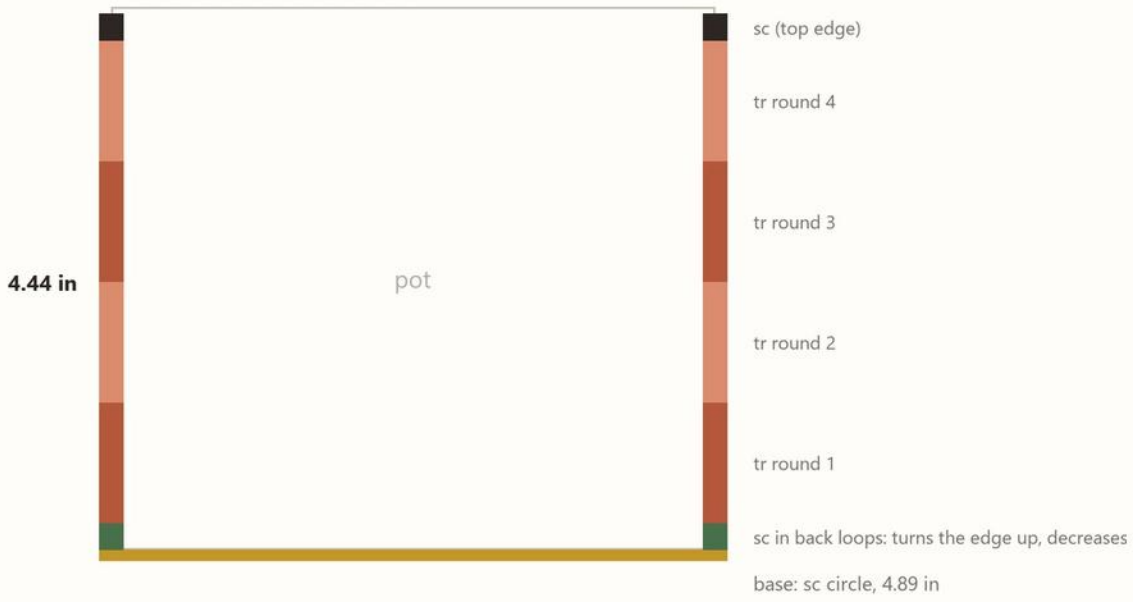
Pot Cover · Side View (to scale)

5 in pot: base 66 sc, edge round 66 → 55, then 4 tr rounds and 1 sc rounds



Grey outline = the pot. The cover is 0.2 in wider so it slides on.