FREE CROCHET TUTORIAL

Waffle Stitch Crochet

How to crochet the waffle stitch, plus a baby blanket in 2 sizes · US terms

SKILL LEVEL	PRACTICE	YARN
Advanced beginner	**Baby blanket, 2 sizes**	**Worsted (#4)**
HOOK	**STITCHES**	**TIME**
5.5 mm (US I-9)	**ch, dc, fpdc, sc**	**About 4 / 14 hours**

Materials

- Worsted (#4) yarn: 140 yd (lovey) or 610 yd (stroller)
- 5.5 mm (US I-9) hook, tapestry needle

Abbreviations (US terms)

ch	chain	**sc**	single crochet
dc	double crochet	**st(s)**	stitch(es)
fpdc	front post double crochet		

Gauge: 13 sts and 7 rows = 4 in (10 cm) in waffle stitch, a typical value for worsted: the posts pull the fabric in.

Blanket, Lovey

Foundation	Ch 46.	
Row 1	Dc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across. Turn. (44 dc)	**(44)**
Row 2	Ch 2 (does not count as a st here and throughout), dc in first st, *dc in next 2 sts, fpdc around next st*; repeat from * to the last st, dc in last st. Turn.	**(44)**
Row 3	Ch 2, dc in first st, *dc in next st, fpdc around next 2 sts*; repeat from * to the last st, dc in last st. Turn.	**(44)**
Rows 4–24	Repeat rows 2 and 3. The blanket measures about 14 in (35 cm).	**(44)**
Border	Ch 1, sc all round: 1 sc in each st along the top and bottom, 2 sc in the side of each row, 3 sc in each corner (192 sc). Sl st to the first sc. Fasten off.	**(192)**

Blanket, Stroller

Foundation	Ch 94.	
Row 1	Dc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across. Turn. (92 dc)	**(92)**
Row 2	Ch 2 (does not count as a st here and throughout), dc in first st, *dc in next 2 sts, fpdc around next st*; repeat from * to the last st, dc in last st. Turn.	**(92)**
Row 3	Ch 2, dc in first st, *dc in next st, fpdc around next 2 sts*; repeat from * to the last st, dc in last st. Turn.	**(92)**
Rows 4–56	Repeat rows 2 and 3. The blanket measures about 32 in (81 cm).	**(92)**

Border	Ch 1, sc all round: 1 sc in each st along the top and bottom, 2 sc in the side of each row, 3 sc in each corner (416 sc). Sl st to the first sc. Fasten off.	**(416)**

What's exact, what's calculated

Exact	Every stitch modelled: count per row, every fpdc on a dc, every inner dc on a post.
Calculated	Stitches, rows, border and yarn from the gauge.
Assumed	The gauge.

How to Crochet the Waffle Stitch

Front post double crochet (fpdc) + double crochet, swapping places every row

1 · Yarn over



Yarn over as for a normal double crochet.

2 · Round the post



Insert the hook from the FRONT, right to left, around the post of the next stitch below.

3 · Finish the dc



Yarn over, pull up a loop, then (yarn over, pull through 2) twice: 1 fpdc.

4 · dc, dc, fpdc



Plain dc in the next 2 stitches, fpdc around the next. Next row, swap: posts go round the dc.

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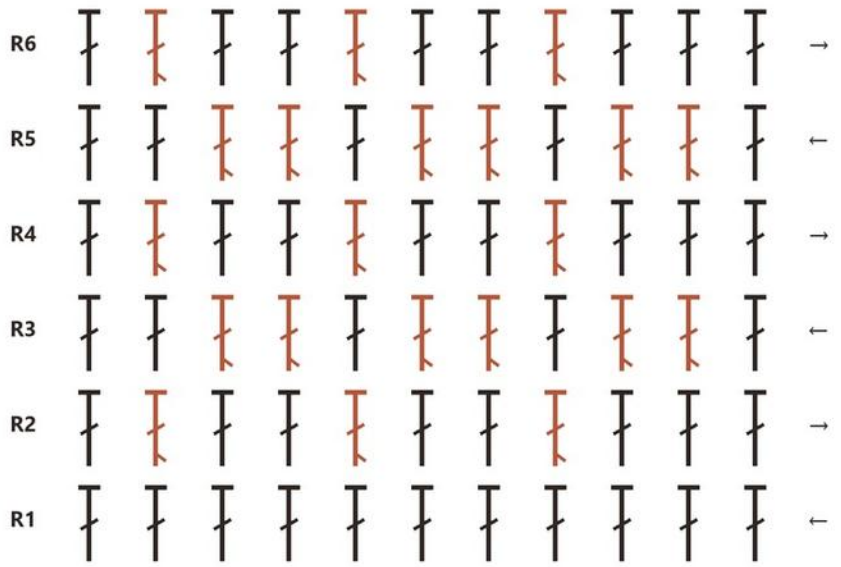
Waffle Stitch · Chart

3 repeats (11 sts) × 6 rows · rows 2 and 3 repeat · read odd rows right to left, even rows left to right



Black T with a bar = dc · terracotta T with a hook at the bottom = front post dc (fpdc) · every fpdc wraps the dc below it

The posts of one row and the plain dc of the next build the raised grid; the dc on top of a post make the hollow cells.

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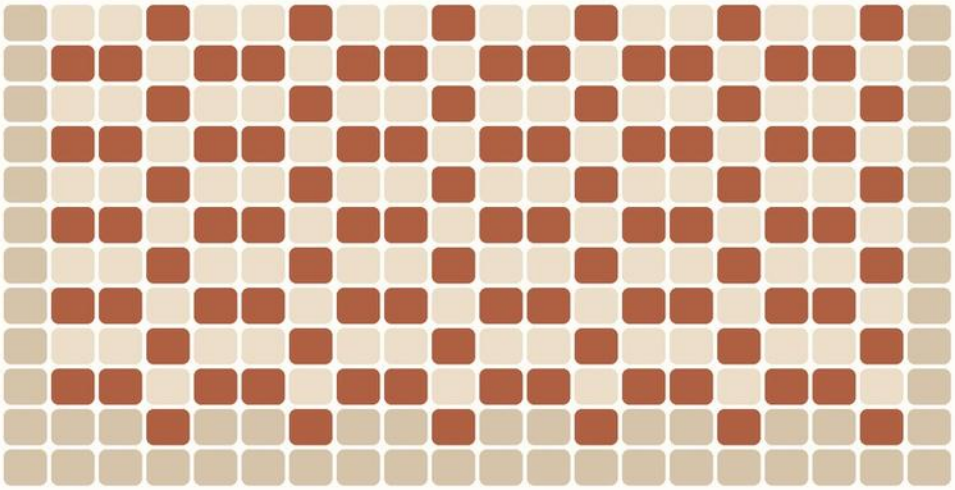
Waffle Stitch · Texture Map

20 sts × 12 rows from the stitch model · raised posts (dark) build a grid, the dc on top of a post sink into a cell (light)



Dark = fpdc (raised) · light = a dc sitting on a post (the waffle cell) · mid = edge stitches and row 1.

Waffle Stitch Baby Blanket · Sizes

Worsted (#4) soft acrylic or cotton blend · 5.5 mm (US I-9) hook · gauge 13 sts × 7 rows = 4 in in waffle stitch

Size	Finished	Start	Sts	Rows	Border sc	Worsted
Lovey	14 × 14 in (36 × 36 cm)	ch 46	44	24	192	140 yd
Stroller	28 × 32 in (71 × 81 cm)	ch 94	92	56	416	610 yd

Any size works: chain a multiple of 3, plus 4. Waffle stitch uses a lot of yarn: buy an extra skein.

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