



Welcome back to Day 19!

The Basket Weave stitch is a fun way to create texture with simple double crochet stitches worked in alternating front and back post stitches. There are a lot of special stitches listed below but you've already come across most of them already so don't be intimidated by all the words!

Special Stitches and pattern notes:

Stacked Single Crochet (STSC) - This is made at the beginning of a round or row as an alternative to a turning chain. To make a STSC, immediately after slip stitching to join your round, insert your hook into the same stitch, YO and draw up a loop. YO and pull through both loops to complete a SC. Then insert your hook into the far left vertical leg of the stitch just made (far right leg if you are a left handed crocheter), YO, draw up a loop, YO and pull through both loops on your hook to complete another SC.

Front Post Double Crochet (FPDC) - YO and instead of inserting your hook into the top of the stitch, insert it from front to back around the post of the stitch one row below. Bring your hook around the post and come out the other side. YO and pull that loop all the way back around the post until you have 3 loops on your hook. YO and pull through the first two loops on your hook. YO and pull through the remaining 2 loops on your hook.

Back Post Double Crochet (BPDC) - YO and instead of inserting your hook into the top of the stitch, insert it from back to front around the post of the stitch one row below. Bring your hook around the post and come out the other side. YO and pull that loop all the way back around the post until you have 3 loops on your hook. YO and pull through the first two loops on your hook. YO and pull through the remaining 2 loops on your hook.

Front Post Double Crochet 2 Together (FPDC2TOG) - YO and insert your hook from front to back around the post of the first FPDC stitch, YO and pull up a loop. YO and pull through 2 loops. YO and insert your hook from front to back around the post of the next FPDC stitch, YO and pull up a loop. YO and pull through 2 loops. You should have 3 loops on your hook. YO and pull through all 3 loops.

Half Double Crochet 2 Together (HDC2TOG) - YO and insert your hook into the indicated stitch, YO and pull up a loop. Immediately insert your hook into the next stitch or space and YO. You should have 4 loops on your hook. YO and pull through all 4 loops.



Pattern Instructions:

Round 1 - Make a MR and CH2 (does not count as a stitch). Place 7 DC into your ring. SLST to first DC to close the round, DO NOT CHAIN (7)

Round 2 - STSC in the first stitch, DC into the same stitch. Place 2 DC into each remaining stitch. SLST to STSC to close the round, DO NOT CHAIN (14)

Round 3 - STSC in the first stitch, 2 DC in the next. *Place 1 DC in the next stitch and 2 DC in the next stitch. Repeat from * around. SLST to STSC to close the round. CH1(21)

Round 4 - We are starting our basket weave pattern while also increasing our stitches so read the instructions carefully. *BPDC around the post each of the first two stitches (your first stitch is the STSC of the round below), Make 2 FPDC around the post of the next stitch. Repeat from * around. SLST to the first BPDC to join (28) CH1

Round 5 - *BPDC around the post each of the first two stitches, FPDC around the post of each of the next two stitches. Repeat from * around. SLST to the first BPDC to join (28) CH1

Round 6 - *FPDC around the post of each of the first two stitches, BPDC around the post of each of the next two stitches. Repeat from * around. SLST to the first FPDC to join (28) CH1

Round 7 - Repeat round 6

Rounds 8 - 10 - repeat round 5 twice and then round 6 once more. Before starting your decreases tighten the magic ring and fasten off that tail.

Round 11 - *FPDC2TOG over the first two FPDC stitches, BPDC around the post of each of the next two stitches. Repeat from * around. SLST to the first stitch to join. CH1 (21)

**** INSERT YOUR BAUBLE **** - we will be working around the bauble from now on as we close. Remove the metal top to make it easier to work around the ball.

Round 12 - HDC in the first stitch, *HDC2tog over the next two stitches. Repeat from * around. (11) At the end of the round, cut a long tail, pull it out through your stitch. Thread it onto your yarn needle and weave it through the tops of each stitch. Pull tight and FO.

Finishing - Replace the metal top of your bauble and decorate as you desire with ribbon, moss or greenery.