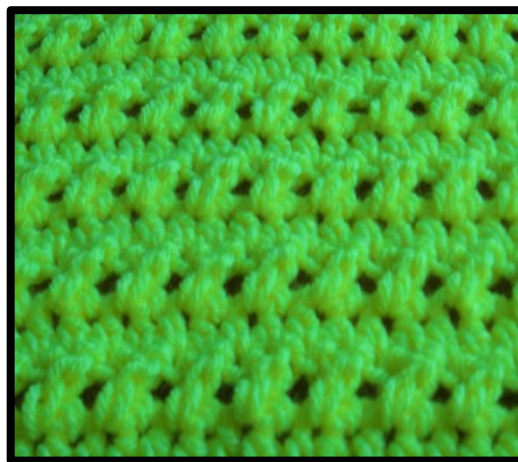


Crossed Crochet Stitch*



This pattern was suggested by Michael A. of Boston, MA and I loved it as soon as I tried it. It involves working behind stitches to make an “X” shape (see picture at right) and creates thick and fluffy blankets. Perfect for pets!

Getting Started! I suggest using 4-ply yarn and a “K” sized hook for best results, but thicker yarn and a larger hook would work too.

To begin - CH about 50, depending on the thickness of the yarn and your stitch gauge. Chain should measure approximately 18-20” from start to hook.

Row 1 – SC in each chain across to the end.

Row 2 – CH 2, turn, *skip the next chain and work a DC in the next chain, then working behind the DC you just made, work a DC in the chain you deliberately skipped*. Repeat from * all the way to the end.

Row 3+ – Alternate row 1 (SCs) and row 2 (CC) until finished piece is somewhat square.

Final Row – Your final row should be SC all the way across.

Border – Any type of border can be applied to this piece, from a simple SC to something more elaborate. To duplicate the blanket pictured, simply HDC in each stitch along the perimeter, putting three HDCs in each corner.

Key:

CC – crossed crochet

CH – chain

DC – double crochet

HDC - half double crochet

SC – single crochet

** Thank you to Michael!*