

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. I did find that I had to watch what I was doing (usually I don’t), and not be glued to watching the TV. I will say that the stitch gets a lot easier as you go and it’s just perfect for pet blankets!

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 second CH from hook and 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 (CC made!). Repeat from * all the way to the end, putting a DC into the last ST.

Row 3 – CH 2, turn, HDC into top of each ST across to the end.

Row 4+ – Alternate row 2 and 3 until the pet blanket is somewhat square.

Final Row – Your final row should be SC all the way across, rather than doing row 3 (HDC 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, add two rows of HDC in each ST along the perimeter, putting three HDCs into each corner.

Key:

CC – crossed crochet (skip next chain & work DC in the next chain, then working behind the DC you just made, work a DC in the chain you deliberately skipped!)

CH – chain

DC – double crochet

HDC - half double crochet

SC – single crochet

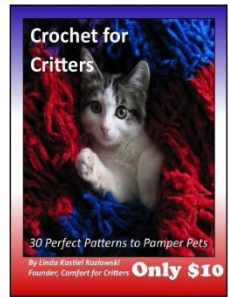
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