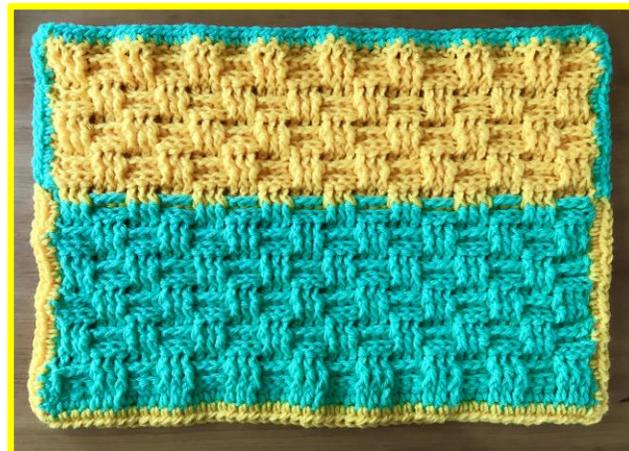


# Basket Weave

This pattern makes a blanket that is very snugly. It's thicker than most other patterns, even though it uses just one strand. It's quick to work up too, once you get the hang of working around the posts!

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



**To begin** - CH 53.

**Row 1** – DC in fourth CH from hook and in each chain across to the end. You should have 51 stitches, and it should measure about 18 inches. (Adjust, if needed, by adding multiples of 6 to the initial chain.)

**Row 2 + 3** – CH 2, turn, skip the first DC, \* work a FPDC (see note at bottom) around the POST of the next 3 DCs, work BPDC (see note at bottom) around the POST of the next 3 DCs. Repeat from \* to the end of the row. Put a DC in the top of the last stitch.

**Row 4 + 5** – CH 2, turn, skip the first DC, \* work a BPDC around the POST of the next 3 DCs, work FPDC around the POST of the next 3 DCs. Repeat from \* to the end of the row. Put a DC in the top of the last stitch.

**Rows 6+** – Repeat rows 2 through 5, until piece is roughly square.

**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 SC in each stitch along the perimeter, putting three SCs in each corner. I then went back around with a HDC, in the same manner.

## **Notes:**

### **How to create a Front Post Double Crochet (FPDC)**

*YO, insert hook around the post by inserting it into the hole before the stitch and then back up through the hole after the stitch (the hook should now be behind the stitch or "post"). YO and draw up a loop, YO and pull through first 2 loops on hook, YO and pull through the remaining 2 loops. You'll notice this is just like doing a DC, you're just working the hook around the post and not into the top of a stitch. The resulting FPDC should appear at the front.*

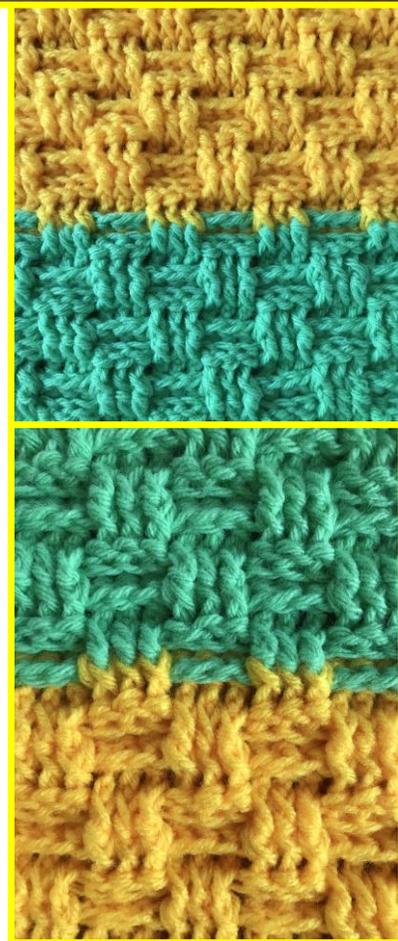
### **How to create a Back Post Double Crochet (BPDC)**

*YO, insert hook around the post by inserting it from the back into the hole before the stitch and then back out through the hole after the stitch (the hook should now be in front the stitch or "post"). YO and draw up a loop, YO and pull through first 2 loops on hook, YO and pull through the remaining 2 loops. The resulting BPDC should appear at the back.*

## **Key:**

YO – Yarn over  
CH – Chain

DC – Double crochet  
BPDC – Back post double crochet



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