

# Potholder Stitch

As the name implies this stitch is perfect for making potholders, but because it creates a thick pad, it's also great for making wonderful blankets! It eliminates the need to double or triple yarn to make the blanket nice and thick. *Give it a try!*

**Getting Started:** I suggest using 4-ply yarn and an "I" sized crochet hook for best results.

**To begin** - CH about 60, depending on the thickness of the yarn and your stitch gauge. Chain should measure approximately 20" from start to hook.

**Row 1** – SC in both top loops beginning in the second CH from the hook and across to the end. CH 1 and turn.

**Row 2** – SC in the back loop only of each SC in the row. (As you do this, pay attention to the location of the row of front loops which you didn't use. You'll stitch into these in row 3.) CH 1 and turn.

**Row 3** – Insert hook into the back loop only of the first stitch and the unused row of loops I mentioned in the previous step, yarn over hook and pull through the two stitches, yarn over and pull through the two loops on your hook. This completes a "potholder" stitch (see picture outlined in blue). Work a potholder stitch all the way across, CH 1 and turn.

**Remaining Rows** – Create as many rows as is necessary to create a blanket that is somewhat square (it doesn't have to be perfect!).

**Border** – This stitch creates a nice straight side border, but you can easily add any type of border, from a simple SC to something more elaborate. It's also nice to add a border in a contrasting color, for added interest!

**Key:**

CH – chain

SC – single crochet

