

The Puff Stitch



Supplies Needed: Crochet hook size K, one skein of washable yarn and one partial skein to add a contrasting border.

To begin - CH 45-50, depending on the thickness of the yarn and your stitch gauge. Chain should measure approximately 20" from start to hook.

Row 1 – SC in second CH from hook * CH1, skip next CH, SC in next CH, repeat from * across to end.

Row 2 – CH2, turn, create a PUFF stitch in next CH1 space, (PUFF stitch: YO, insert hook in CH1 space and pull up a loop even with the hook. Repeat this 3 times. YO and draw through all 7 loops on the hook. CH1 to close), * CH1, work PUFF stitch in next CH1 space, repeat from * across to end, except work HDC in last SC.

Row 3 – CH1, turn, SC in first HDC, CH1, * SC in next CH1 space (between PUFFS), CH1, repeat from * across, SC in top of beginning CH.

Rows 4+ - Repeat rows 2 and 3 until piece is approximately square. Do one final row of SC across to balance the piece.

Border – Work a SC along the perimeter of the piece using the same color yarn. Put 3 SCs into each corner to give it a nice square shape. Add any second border you'd like, in a contrasting color. In the example, a HDC was used, placing 3 HDCs into each corner to keep it square.

Key:

CH – chain

SC – single crochet

YO – yarn over

HDC - half double crochet

PUFF – puff stitch