

Comfy Spikes



I really enjoyed learning the new “spike” stitch because it adds quite a bit of thickness to a blanket, even when only one strand of yarn is used. It’s also quite easy to do!

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 – CH45 loosely.

Row 1 – SC in second CH from hook and in each CH across.

Row 2 – CH1, turn, SC in each SC across to end.

Row 3 – CH1, turn, SC in first SC, * SPIKE stitch, SC, repeat from * across to end, except put 2 SCs in last 2 SC. *You’re simply doing one SC and then one SPIKE all the way across.*

Row 4 – CH1, turn, * SPIKE, SC, repeat from * across to end.

Row 5+ - Repeat rows 3 and 4, until you reach the finished size you want. *You’re basically alternating between starting a row with SC, and starting the next row with a SPIKE. Then as you crochet the rows, you’re putting a SPIKE into any SC, and putting a SC into any SPIKE!*

Final Rows – I did the final two rows as SCs across to the end, so that it matches the beginning of the blanket and gives it a nice, finished look. I changed colors every 8 rows, which was about 3”. This created a blanket with a finished size of 20” x 20”.

Border – Any type of border can be applied to this piece. For the sample (pictured) I chose a simple SC all around the perimeter, putting three SCs in each corner.

Key:

CH – chain

SC – single crochet

YO – yarn over

SPIKE – Spike stitch. Directions: Insert hook in SC **BELOW** the next SC (this is the same stitch that the next SC was worked), pull up loop even with your hook, YO and draw through both hoops on the hook. *You’re doing a basic SC, except you’re going into the stitch below where you normally would!*

