

Adding New Stitches Sample Pattern

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INSTRUCTIONS:

Starting at bottom of pattern chain 31. Chain 3 to turn which will count as first double crochet of first row. Double crochet in 5th chain from hook. Double crochet in next 2 chains to complete bottom right solid square of pattern. Continue following pattern for first row reading pattern right to left. After completing first row, chain 3 to turn to start next row. Continue following pattern until all rows are complete. At end of row 12 fasten off. (See "HOW TO READ PATTERN" below) For how to increase or decrease select Advance Instructions under Page menu.

MATERIALS (based on crochet cotton size):

Using Worsted Weight: about 40 yds, steel crochet hook US size I or SIZE FOR GAUGE.

APPROXIMATE FINISHED SIZES:

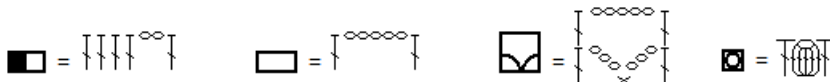
Using Worsted Weight: width = 9.1 inches, height = 8.9 inches

GAUGE:

Using Worsted Weight: 10 squares = 9.1 inches, 10 rows = 7.4 inches

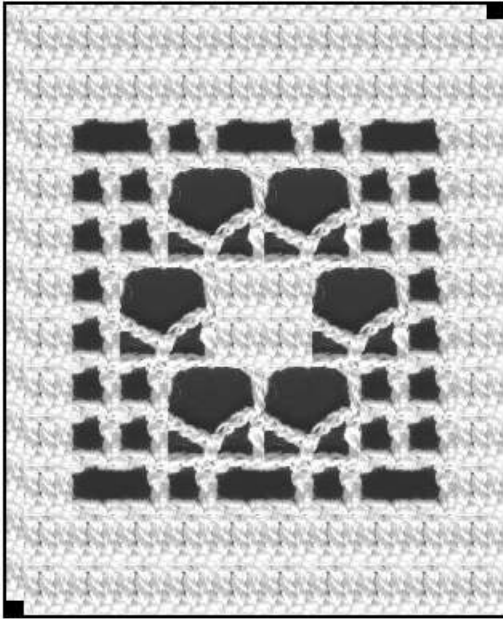
HOW TO READ PATTERN:

Each solid square is equal to 4 double crochets. Each open square is equal to 1 double crochet, followed by 2 chains, followed by 1 double crochet. The double crochet at the end of each square also counts as the first double crochet of the next square. For example, a solid square followed by an open square is 4 double crochets, 2 chains, 1 double crochet. See diagram below:



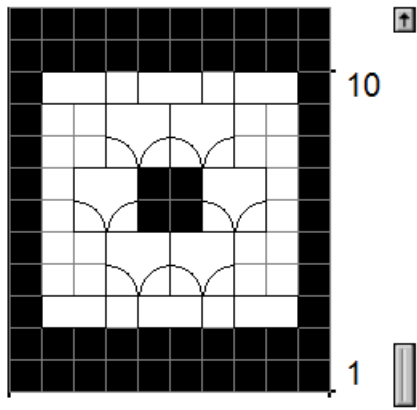
Where "}" is the symbol for one double crochet, "o" is the symbol for one chain, and "x" is the symbol for one single crochet.

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Starting at the bottom of the pattern chain 31 to start. (following the rule, the number of squares in the first row x 3, plus 1, $\{10 \times 3\} + 1 = 31$) Chain 3 more to turn, this will also count as the first double crochet in the first solid square, first row. Double crochet in the 5th chain from your hook, and then in the next two stitches, this completes first square first row. You are reading graph from right to left for odd rows, left to right for even rows. There are 9 more solid squares, each count as 3 double crochet, so 27 more double crochet stitches brings you to the end of the row. You should have 31 stitches in each row.

Chain 3 more to turn, this will also count as the first double crochet in the first solid square, second row. Double crochet in the 5th chain from your hook, and then in the next two stitches, this completes first square second row. Reading left to right there are 9 more solid squares, so that is again another 27 double crochet stitches, totaling 31 stitches in the row.

Chain 3 more to turn, this will also count as the first double crochet in the first solid square, third row. Double crochet in the 5th chain from your hook, and then in the next two stitches, this completes first square third row. Reading right to left, there is a two square open box, a new symbol. This represents chain 5 then double crochet, so you will chain 5, skipping 5 stitches, and double crochet in the 6th stitch, creating the open space you can see in the finished photo. Then we come to one open square, which equals chain 2 then double crochet, so chain 2, skipping two stitches, and double crochet in the third stitch. Again, the two square open, chain 5 then double crochet, remember to skip the 5 stitches to create the open space. Next one open square, chain 2 then double crochet, remember to skip the two stitches. Then one final two square open, meaning chain 5 then double crochet. The last square is solid which equals 3 more double crochet to finish the row.

Chain 3 more to turn, this will also count as the first double crochet in the first solid square, fourth row. Double crochet in the 5th chain from your hook, and then in the next two stitches, this completes first square fourth row. Following left to right for the fourth row, there are 2 single open squares, which equal chain 2 then double crochet, chain 2 then double crochet, remember to skip the stitches and double crochet in third stitch. This brings us to another new symbol, the 4 square, you will work the bottom of this symbol in row 4, and then the top when you go across row 5. The bottom equals chain 3 then single crochet, chain 3 then double crochet, (skip 2 stitches and single crochet in the 3rd stitch, then chain 3 skip 2 more stitches and double crochet in the 3rd stitch.) You can see what it should look like in the photo of the finished piece. There is another 4 square directly after this one, which means again chain 3 then single crochet, chain 3 then double crochet. Then there are two single open squares, which equal chain 2 then double crochet, chain 2 then double crochet. Bringing you to the end of the row with one solid square, which equals 3 more double crochet.

Chain 3 more to turn, this will also count as the first double crochet in the first solid square, fifth row. Double crochet in the 5th chain from your hook, and then in the next two stitches, this completes first square fifth row. Reading right to left there are then two single open squares, meaning chain 2 then double crochet, chain 2 then double crochet. Then you come to the top of the 4 square symbol from row 4. The top of this symbol means chain 5 then double crochet, remember to skip the 5 stitches and double crochet in the 6th stitch. Next is the top of the next 4 square symbol from row 4, which also means chain 5 then double crochet. Now there are two single open squares which equal chain 2 then double crochet, chain 2 then double crochet. This brings you to the last square of the 5th row which is solid, and equals 3 more double crochet.

Hopefully by now you will have the hang of the pattern and be able to complete the remaining 5 rows. Have questions, need help? Email me tinagibbons@superlativestitchery.com