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What Is a Puff Stitch?

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A puff stitch is created by repeatedly pulling up loops through the same stitch or space several times before closing them all together with one yarn over.
The more times you pull up loops, the puffier your stitch will be! Most puff stitches use 3 to 5 yarn overs, but you can easily adjust this for lighter or chunkier textures.
It's similar to the bobble and cluster stitches but softer and less dense, ideal when you want texture without heaviness.

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Abbreviation

Crochet Stitch Method

1. Yarn over, insert hook, pull up loop — repeat specified number of times (e.g., 3–5 pulls) so multiple loops on hook.
2. Yarn over and pull through all loops, ch1 to secure (if pattern asks).



Step by Step

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Skill Level: Beginner

If you know how to yarn over and pull up loops, you can make this stitch easily.

Follow these steps using US terms (UK terms in brackets):

1. Yarn over, insert your hook into the indicated stitch or space.
2. Yarn over again and pull up a loop (you now have 3 loops on your hook).
3. Repeat step 2 three to five times (depending on puff size). Each time, insert your hook into the same stitch and pull up a loop.
4. You should now have 7–11 loops on your hook (depending on how many times you repeated).
5. Yarn over one final time and pull through all loops on the hook.
6. Chain 1 to secure the puff.

You've made your first puff stitch!

Think of the puff stitch as a soft, squishy bundle of yarn that stands out from your fabric ,like a tiny yarn cloud. Each puff adds texture and warmth without making your project too stiff.

Tips for Success

- Pull loops to even height: Try to pull up each loop to the same height so your puffs look uniform.
- Use the same number of yarn overs each time: Consistency creates neat, even stitches.
- Don't skip the securing chain: That tiny chain after each puff keeps your rows flat and prevents the fabric from bunching.
- Use smooth yarns: Fluffy or fuzzy yarns can make it tricky to pull through all loops at once.

Crochet Stitch Practice Example

Practice Swatch

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Try this simple puff stitch practice swatch:

1. Ch 22
2. Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Turn.
3. Row 2: Ch 1, puff stitch in next st, ch 1, skip 1 st; repeat from across, ending with 1 sc in last st. Turn.
4. Row 3: Repeat Row 1.

This creates a soft, textured pattern perfect for beginners to practice even tension.

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