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The 3 Double Crochet Stitch (3 DC Stitch) is a simple yet versatile technique for adding clusters, mini-shells, or texture to your crochet projects. It pairs beautifully with shell stitches, cross stitch patterns, and post stitches for eye-catching, dimensional designs.

3 Double Crochet (3 DC) Stitch Beginner Step-by-Step Guide

The 3 Double Crochet Stitch (3 DC Stitch) is a versatile technique where you work three double crochet stitches into the same stitch or chain space. This creates a clustered, fan-like texture that adds dimension and decorative appeal to your crochet projects.

It's commonly used in shells, clusters, and pattern repeats, perfect for blankets, scarves, shawls, and decorative panels.

What Is a 3 DC Stitch?

Three double crochet stitches are worked into the same stitch or chain space.

Forms a small bump, cluster, or mini-shell.

Can be used alone for texture or as part of shell stitch patterns, cross stitch panels, or cluster designs.

Common Mistakes to Avoid

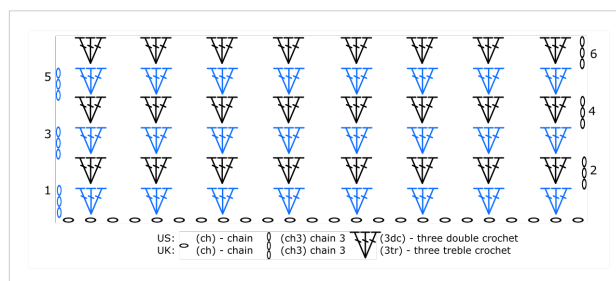
- Not working all three DCs into the same stitch — this will break the cluster pattern.
- Pulling loops too tight — keep an even tension for uniform stitches.
- Skipping stitches accidentally — count carefully to maintain your pattern.

Best Uses for 3 DC Stitch

- Mini-shell stitch patterns in blankets and throws
- Cluster stitches for decorative scarves or shawls
- Textured panels or motifs in garments

Tips for Perfect 3 DC Stitches

- Place all three stitches firmly in the same space for an even fan shape.
- Adjust skipped stitches between clusters according to your pattern.
- Practice on a small swatch to perfect your spacing and tension.



Abbreviation

Crochet Stitch Method

1. Work 3 dc into the same stitch (one after the other).
2. Space or skip per pattern to create clusters/shells.



Step by Step

Step-by-Step Instructions (US Terms)

1. Identify the stitch or chain space where you want to place the 3 DC stitches.
2. Yarn over (yo) and insert your hook into the stitch or space.
3. Yarn over and pull up a loop — three loops on your hook.
4. Yarn over and pull through the first two loops — two loops remain.
5. Yarn over and pull through the remaining two loops — one DC is complete.
6. Repeat two more DCs in the same stitch or space using the same steps.

You've completed the 3 DC Stitch!

Crochet Stitch Practice Example

Practice Row Example

Chain 12.

Row 1 : DC in 4th chain from hook and across (9 DC). Turn.

Row 2 : Chain 3, 3 DC in next stitch, skip 1, repeat across. Turn.

Repeat for several rows to see a textured, fan-like effect form.

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