

A close-up photograph of a red, textured fabric surface, likely a carpet or rug. The fabric features a dense, repeating pattern of small, raised, diamond-shaped tufts or knots. The color is a vibrant red, and the texture appears soft and plush. The lighting is even, highlighting the intricate details of the weave.

5 0 0.6
 3 0 0.4
 1 0 0.2

US: (ch) - chain
 UK: (ch) - chain
 0 turn (sc) single crochet
 turn (dc) double crochet (sc) single crochet
 (dc) double crochet

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This stitch is built from just basic crochet stitches, chains and single crochets (in US terms) or chains and double crochets (in UK terms). The combination of solid and open spaces gives the fabric a flat, neat appearance with subtle texture and beautiful drape.



Because of its balance and simplicity, the Moss Stitch is ideal for a wide variety of projects, from cozy blankets and scarves to dishcloths and wearables. It's a perfect next step for beginners who want to move beyond basic rows and explore texture and rhythm in crochet.

Beginner's Guide to the Moss Stitch in Crochet - (Also known as the Linen Stitch or Granite Stitch)

Understanding the Moss / Linen / Granite Stitch

The Moss Stitch is made by alternating single crochet stitches and chain spaces, then working into those chain spaces on the next row. This creates a delicate pattern of staggered stitches that look like tiny woven squares.

Its charm lies in its simplicity and balance, each solid stitch is separated by a space, allowing the fabric to breathe while maintaining a structured look. The result is a flat, flexible texture that drapes beautifully and looks great from both sides.

The stitch has three common names, Moss Stitch, Linen Stitch, and Granite Stitch, but they all refer to the same technique. It's one of the few crochet stitches that can resemble knitting, especially when worked in a single color. When made with multiple colors, it produces a striking woven pattern, making it popular for temperature blankets, striped designs, and modern home décor.

Because it's worked only into chain spaces, the Moss Stitch is also gentle on your hands, no complicated stitch counts or tall loops to manage, making it a relaxing, meditative pattern for crocheters of all levels.

Abbreviation

Crochet Stitch Method

1. Chain even number.
2. Row 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook, ch1, skip 1, sc in next; repeat.
3. Row 2: ch1, sc in ch-1 space, ch1, skip the sc below, repeat.



Step by Step

Moss Stitch in Crochet Step-by-Step Instructions (US Terms)

1. Foundation Row:

Start with an even number of chain stitches.

2. Row 1:

Single crochet (SC) in the fourth chain from your hook (this creates your first chain space).

Chain 1, skip the next chain, and single crochet into the next chain.

Repeat across the row: Chain 1, skip 1, SC in next stitch.

Turn your work.

3. Row 2:

Chain 2 (this counts as one chain and one chain space).

Single crochet into the chain-1 space from the previous row.

Chain 1, skip the next SC, and work a single crochet into the next chain-1 space.

Repeat this pattern to the end of the row.

Work your final SC into the turning chain from the previous row.

Turn your work.

4. Repeat:

Continue repeating Row 2 for the rest of your project.

As you build more rows, you'll see the delicate woven texture appear, soft, flat, and beautifully balanced.

UK Equivalent

In UK crochet terminology, the Moss Stitch is worked using double crochet (DC) stitches instead of single crochets. The technique and pattern remain exactly the same: chain one, skip one, and work a double crochet into the next chain space.

Crochet Stitch Practice Example

Practice Swatch Exercise

To practice, start with a small swatch using a light-colored medium-weight yarn. Chain 16 to 20 stitches, then work the Moss Stitch pattern for about 10 rows. Watch how the texture forms, neat, woven, and consistent.

You can also practice color changes every two rows to see how the stitch handles transitions. Once you're comfortable, you can easily scale this pattern up for larger projects like afghans or shawls.

The Moss Stitch, also known as the Linen Stitch or Granite Stitch, is a timeless crochet favorite. It combines simplicity with elegance, using only basic stitches to create a texture that looks sophisticated and professional.

This stitch's balance, flexibility, and clean finish make it perfect for both beginners and experienced crocheters. Whether you're making a cozy blanket, a colorful scarf, or a modern home décor piece, the Moss Stitch provides the perfect canvas for creativity.

Once you learn its easy rhythm, you'll find yourself returning to it again and again, it's truly a crochet classic.

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