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Double Crochet Decrease (dc tog) — Step-by-Step Guide

The Double Crochet Decrease (dc tog) is used to reduce the number of stitches in your row, making shaping for hats, garments, amigurumi, and other projects easy.

A single dc decrease works by combining two double crochet stitches into one, creating a smooth, slanted decrease.

Best Uses for dc Decrease

- Shaping hats and beanies
- Amigurumi shaping (arms, legs, head)
- Decreasing stitch count in garments.

Tips

- Keep tension even to avoid a bulky decrease.
- Count stitches carefully, each decrease counts as one stitch.
- Practice the slanted decrease on a small swatch first.

Abbreviation

Crochet Stitch Method

1. Yarn over, insert into stitch A, pull up loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops (leaving one loop) — you've started DC A.
2. Yarn over, insert into stitch B, pull up loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops — now two partial DCs on hook.
3. Yarn over, pull through all remaining loops — decrease complete.

Step by Step

Step-by-Step Instructions (2 DC Together)

1. Yarn over (yo) and insert your hook into the first stitch.
2. Yarn over and pull up a loop , three loops on your hook.
3. Yarn over and pull through the first two loops two loops remain.
4. Yarn over and insert your hook into the next stitch.
5. Yarn over and pull up a loop four loops on your hook.
6. Yarn over and pull through the first two loops, three loops remain.
7. Yarn over and pull through all three loops.

You've completed one dc decrease (dc tog)!

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