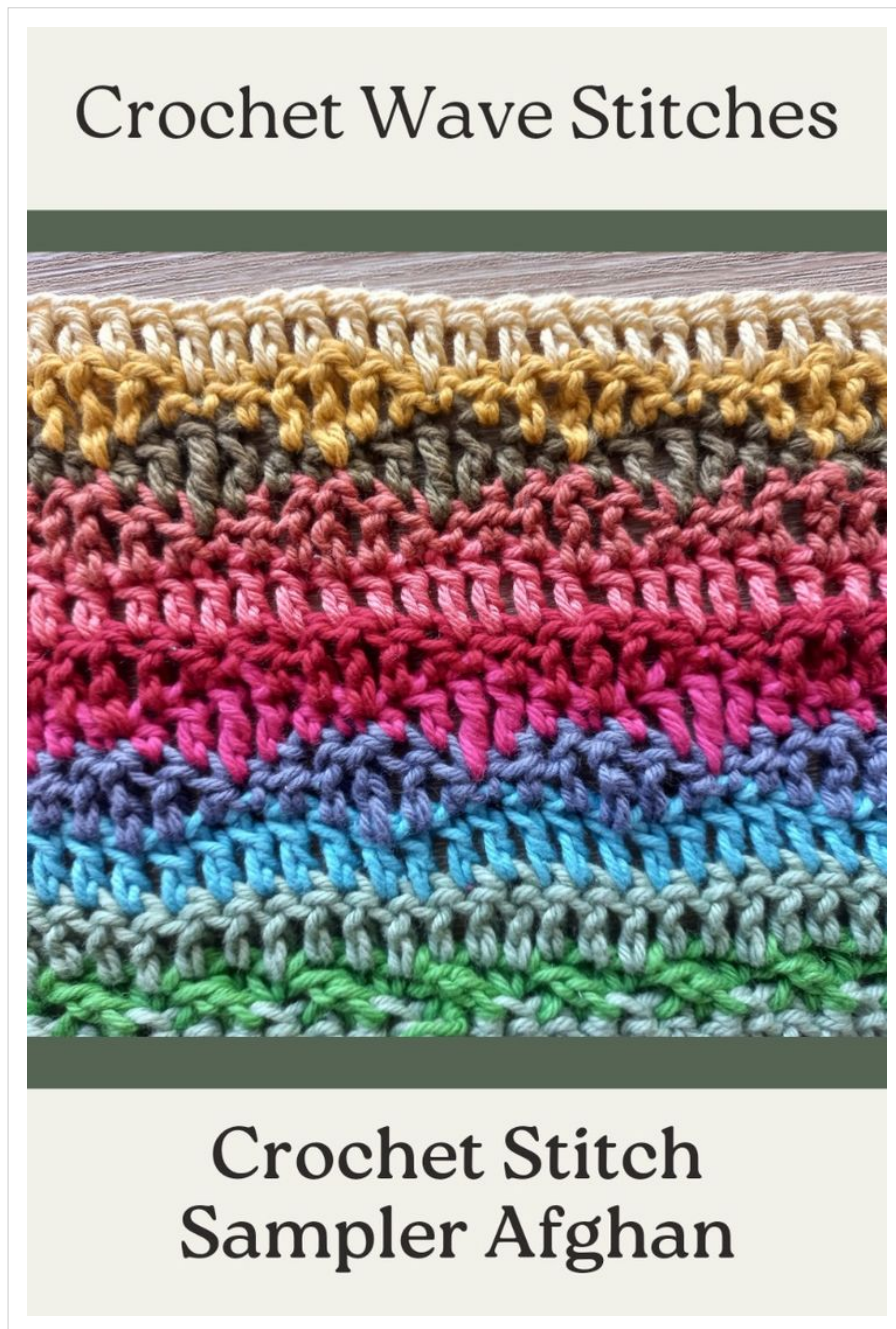


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The **crochet wave stitch pattern** is a textured stitch that creates a flowing, wave-like pattern across your crochet fabric. This effect is achieved by working a sequence of stitches that gradually move from **short stitches** to **taller stitches**, forming gentle peaks and dips similar to ocean waves.

This tutorial explains **how to crochet the wave stitch step-by-step**, including the stitch sequence, pattern repeats, and helpful tips for beginners. The wave stitch is often used in **crochet stitch sampler blankets**, but it can also be used for full blankets, scarves, and decorative home projects.



If you're working on a crochet stitch sampler project, this page can serve as a helpful reference guide alongside your pattern instructions and stitch diagrams.

Looking for a simple yet beautifully textured stitch to add flow and movement to your crochet projects? The Crochet Wave Stitch is the perfect beginner-friendly pattern that creates a soft, rhythmic ripple, ideal for blankets, scarves, and even dishcloths. With only basic stitches, you can achieve a pretty wave effect in just a few rows.

In this tutorial, I'll walk you through the stitch pattern using clear, row-by-row instructions.

What Is the Crochet Wave Stitch?

The **crochet wave stitch** is a repeating stitch pattern created by alternating stitch heights across a row. By combining short stitches and tall stitches in a specific order, the fabric naturally forms a flowing wave pattern.

Unlike ripple stitches that rely on increases and decreases, the wave stitch simply uses **variations in stitch height** to create the texture.

The pattern normally consists of **three or more repeating rows** where the stitch sequence alternates slightly from row to row. When stacked together, these rows create the distinctive wave appearance seen in the stitch diagram.

Why You'll Love the Wave Stitch

- Beginner-friendly
- Repetitive and relaxing
- Creates a soft, wavy texture
- Works well for multicolour and striped projects
- Ideal for blankets, baby makes, scarves, and home decor

What You'll Need

- Any yarn weight (DK or worsted recommended)
- A suitable hook size for your yarn
- Scissors
- Yarn needle

Tip: For the best texture, use a soft acrylic or blend yarn that drapes well.

Wave Stitch Pattern Summary

- **Skill Level:** Beginner to Advanced Beginner
- **Stitch Repeat:** Multiple of 6 stitches

Stitches Used:

- Single Crochet (sc)
- Half Double Crochet (hdc)
- Double Crochet (dc)
- Treble Crochet (tr)

Wave Pattern Concept:

- Stitches move from short to tall
- The sequence then moves back from tall to short
- Each row alternates the stitch order to form the wave effect



Recommended Materials

To practice the crochet wave stitch, you will need:

- Medium weight yarn (worsted weight / #4)
- 5 mm crochet hook (H/8) or appropriate hook size
- Scissors
- Yarn needle

Tip: Using two or more colors will highlight the wave pattern and make the stitch texture easier to see.

Abbreviation

Crochet Stitch Method

Work in multiples of 6 + 1. Repeat a simple two-row pattern: Row 1 builds the wave shape using sc, hdc, dc, and tr across each 6-stitch repeat. Row 2 mirrors the sequence to complete the ripple. Continue alternating Rows 1 and 2 for the full length of your project.

Step by Step

How to Crochet the Wave Stitch Step-by-Step

The wave stitch is worked across groups of 6 stitches. The stitch heights change within each repeat to form the wave pattern.

Crochet Wave Stitch Pattern

Stitch Multiple: Work in multiples of 6 + 1.

Abbreviations:

- ch – chain
- dc – double crochet
- hdc – half double crochet
- sc – single crochet
- tr – treble crochet
- rep – repeat
- st(s) – stitch(es)

Row 1 – First Wave Row

Join new yarn.

1. Chain 3.
2. Work the following sequence into the next 6 stitches:

1dc, 1hdc, 1sc, 1hdc, 1dc, 1tr

Repeat across the row:

1dc, 1hdc, 1sc, 1hdc, 1dc, 1tr

Finish the row with 1dc. Fasten off the yarn.



Row 2 – Reverse Wave Row

Join new yarn.

1. Chain 2.
2. Work the following sequence into the next 6 stitches:

1sc, 1hdc, 1dc, 1tr, 1dc, 1hdc

Repeat across the row:

1sc, 1hdc, 1dc, 1tr, 1dc, 1hdc

Finish the row with 1sc. Fasten off yarn.

Row 3 – Repeat the First Wave Pattern

Join new yarn.

1dc, 1hdc, 1sc, 1hdc, 1dc, 1tr into the next 6 stitches.

Repeat across the row and finish with 1dc.

Row 4 – Repeat the Reverse Wave Pattern

Join new yarn.

1sc, 1hdc, 1dc, 1tr, 1dc, 1hdc into the next 6 stitches.

Repeat across the row and finish with 1sc.

Continuing the Wave Stitch Pattern

Repeat Rows 1–4 until your project reaches the desired length.

The alternating stitch sequence creates the flowing wave pattern as the rows build on top of each other.

Understanding the Wave Stitch Diagram

The stitch diagram for the crochet wave stitch shows how the stitch heights alternate across the row.

- Tall stitches (tr) create the peaks of the wave.
- Short stitches (sc) create the dips.
- Each row reverses the stitch order to maintain the flowing pattern.

Always refer to the stitch diagram if you need help visualizing the pattern sequence.

Beginner Tips for Crocheting the Wave Stitch

- Work in multiples of 6 stitches.
- Count stitches carefully in each repeat.
- Use contrasting colors to highlight the waves.
- Maintain even tension for consistent texture.
- Refer to the stitch diagram when needed.



Crochet Stitch Practice Example

Practice Swatch Exercise

1. Chain a multiple of 24 stitches.
2. Work a foundation row of double crochet.
3. Follow the wave stitch pattern rows.
4. Repeat Rows 1-4 several times.

This swatch will help you learn the stitch rhythm before starting a larger project.

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