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# LEARN TO CROCHET

24 COURSE PROGRAM WITH 48 VIDEOS

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# INTRODUCTION

Learning to crochet has been made simpler with today's technology being readily available. Within this eBook, you will have a powerful collection of videos to get you started with crochet. In fact, there are 48 videos linked to this eBook.

As a collection of videos, they have been viewed over a quarter of a million times since their launch in December 2011. Crocheters appreciated the organization and skill building exercises that are presented in this series.

Each lesson has an additional bonus video project to try. Good Luck!



## INTRODUCTION

# WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THIS PROGRAM?

Learning to crochet is made simpler by following me in videos. I put you in the front seat as if my hands are yours. You can start and stop the videos at any time to help yourself learn.

This original program was commissioned by Curtzy Crochet Hooks out of England. Curtzy asked me to make a video series to help their customers learn new techniques. This entire video series was made possible through a joint partnership to create a program to help brand new crocheters, as well as, help experienced crocheters to refresh their skills.

In each lesson, you will find bonus video lessons to use the new skills that were just taught. Now let's get started!

### [Play Introduction Video](#)

#### **In This Video:**

- Introduction to Curtzy
- Learn what you can expect in the entire video series.





## LESSON 1

# BODY POSITIONS FOR COMFORT

In Lesson 1, I go back to the basics of sitting comfortably when crocheting. Many people express discomfort in hands, arms, back and neck after they have been crocheting. Many people think their favorite chair is the right one for them, when in fact, it could be the same chair that is causing them pain.

I cover aspects about yarn ball location, position tips when deciding where you should sit and how you should organize yourself for maximum comfort. I also get you started with a basic crochet lesson.

### [Play Lesson 1 Video](#)

#### **In This Video:**

- Learn proper ways to sit and what chairs are best for you.
- Yarn ball positions and learn about yarn tension control.
- How to hold your crochet hook and yarn.

### [Bonus Project: Sashay Chain Scarf](#)





## LESSON 2

# HOOKS, GAUGE & CHAINING

In Lesson 2, I examine different size crochet hooks and why there are so many different sizes to choose. I will go through elements of figuring out your gauge sizes that are required in patterns.

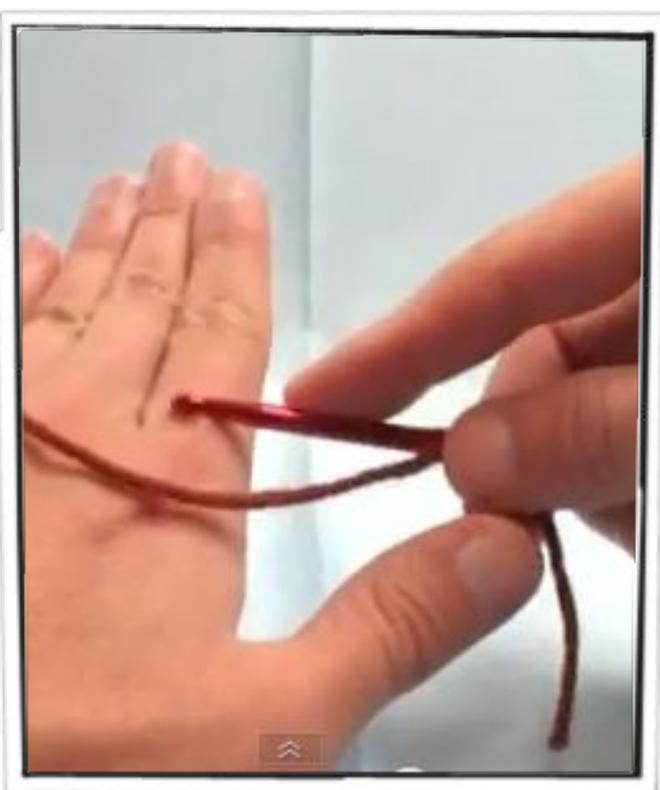
In some instances, many say to match the yarn to the hook. I will show you how you can determine that. I also review on how to hold your hook and get you on your way for simple chaining.

### [Play Lesson 2 Video](#)

#### **In This Video:**

- Learn about the importance of hook sizes.
- Figure out what gauge sizing is.
- Review how to hold your hook and yarn.
- How to do a simple chain.

### [Bonus Project: Extreme Crochet Chain](#)





## LESSON 3

# SINGLE CROCHET

(SC)

In Lesson 3, I begin with the foundations of crochet using Single Crochet. This is also known in pattern books as SC for the abbreviation.

It is important that you do not throw out your sample piece from this tutorial as we will be using it the next several videos to build a foundation sample for you to reference later.

Practice makes perfect. I encourage you to practice chaining and single crochet to get a steady tension and evenness about your work.

[\*\*Play Lesson 3 Video\*\*](#)

### **In This Video:**

- Chaining review.
- Learn how to Single Crochet.

[\*\*Bonus Project: Foundation Chain Technique\*\*](#)





## LESSON 4

# HALF DOUBLE CROCHET

## (HDC)

In Lesson 4, I start to make crochet rows taller by increasing the size of the crochet stitch. The next step up from Single Crochet is Half Double Crochet. Known for its abbreviation HDC.

For many baby related projects and where you want to grow your project but not have any gaps between the rows, many designers opt for this stitch. I know for hats, this stitch is used the most as it provides a great look, is comfortable to wear and keeps you warm.

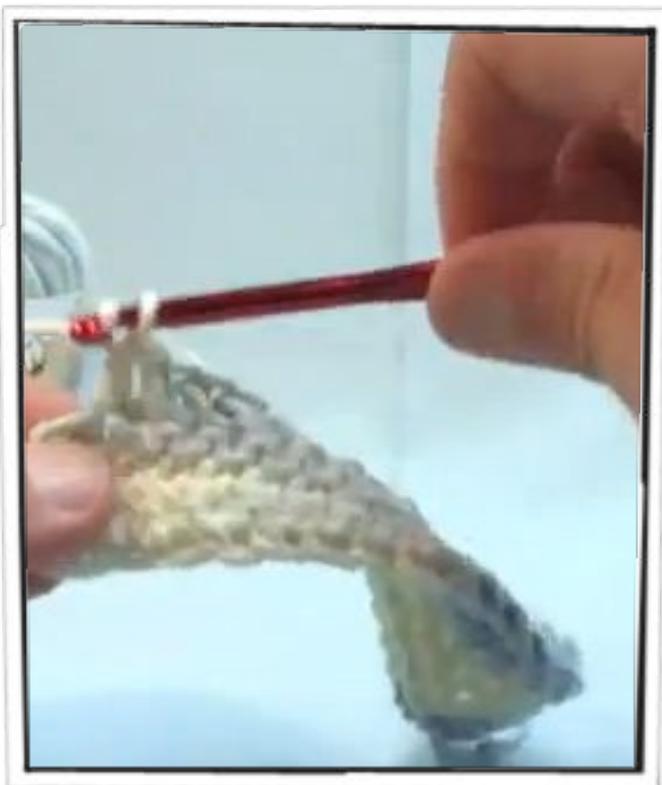
*Do not throw out your sample after you practice between we are going to use the next tutorial to continue to build your skills.*

**[Play Lesson 4 Video](#)**

**In This Video:**

- Learn how to Half Double Crochet.

**[Bonus Project: Half Double Crochet Dish Cloth](#)**





## LESSON 5

# DOUBLE CROCHET

(DC)

In Lesson 5, I begin to make the most common stitch known to crochet. Welcome to the world of Double Crochet. This is known in patterns as DC.

This stitch is the most commonly used as it can make your crochet project grow fast. Many granny square afghans, clothing, and assorted crochet projects benefit from this stitch.

*Do not throw out your sample after you practice between we are going to use the next tutorial to continue to build your skills.*

### [Play Lesson 5 Video](#)

#### **In This Video:**

- Learn how to Double Crochet.

### [Bonus Project: Top Down Shawl Project](#)





## LESSON 6

# TRIPLE CROCHET

### (TR)

In Lesson 6, I begin to teach the basics of Triple Crochet. I will warn you though, in some patterns that are based in Europe that the abbreviation (TR) could mean Treble Crochet which is the same as Double Crochet here in North America. Be sure you know the origin of the pattern so you can adjust yourself accordingly.

I am on the fence whether I like this stitch or not. It causes significant space between the rows but has its purpose in patterns. For some projects it looks fantastic and other projects it looks too spacey for me. You're the artist, you can decide for yourself.

*Do not throw out your sample after you practice between we are going to use the next tutorial to continue to build your skills.*

**[Play Lesson 6 Video](#)**

#### **In This Video:**

- Learn how to Triple Crochet.

**[Bonus Project: Cross Stitch Crochet](#)**





## LESSON 7

# CHANGING COLORS & FINISHING

In Lesson 7, I show you how to change colors without using knots. This is really important in order to hide colour changes or yarn ball changes if your yarn runs out. Seeing knots in work is really harsh after seeing how much work you have put into your project.

*You can save your sample as a reference guide for the future. You will not need to keep your sample piece for future use in tutorials coming up.*

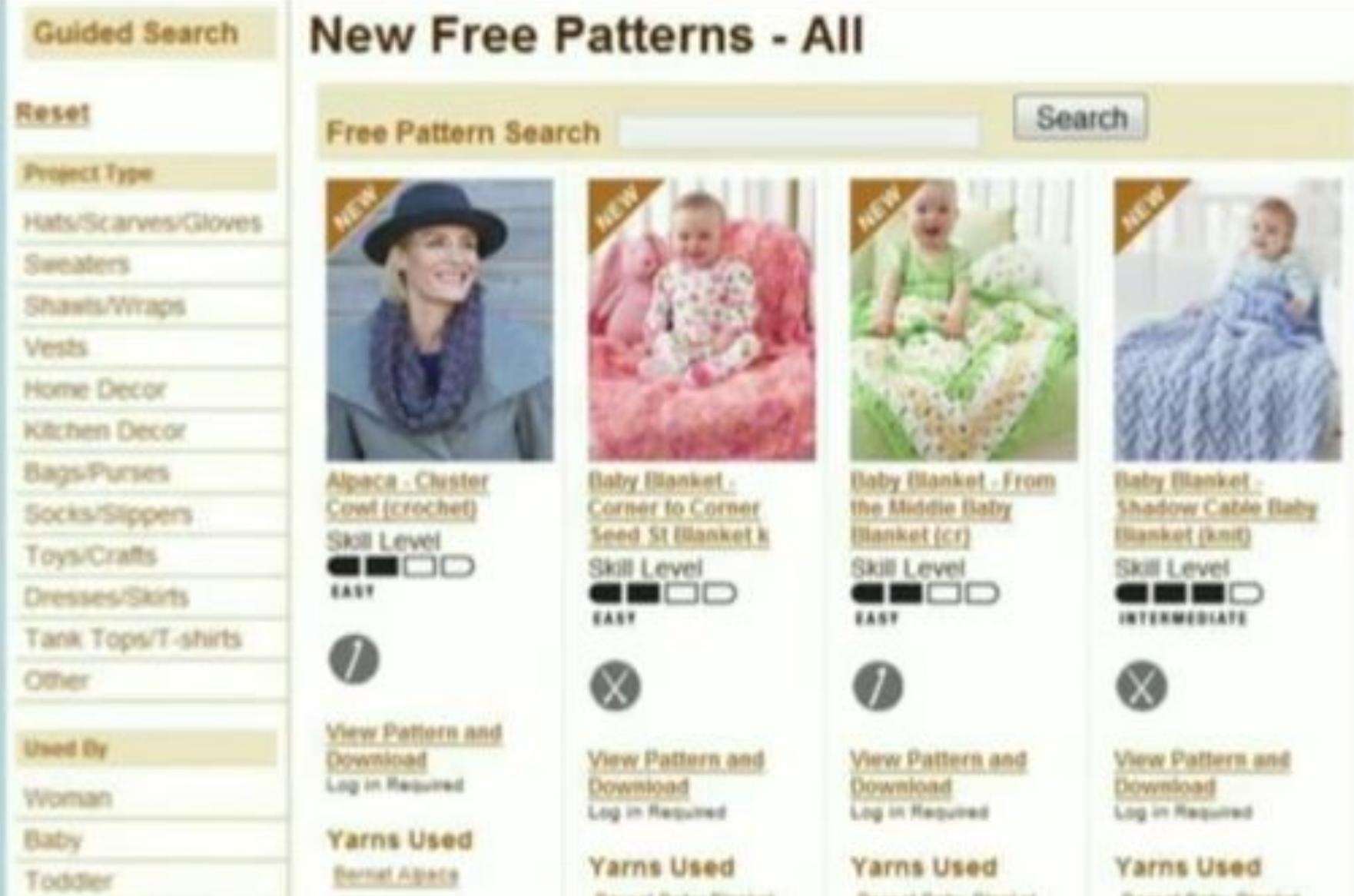
### [Play Lesson 7 Video](#)

#### **In This Video:**

- Learn how to change colors. You can use this same technique if you run out of yarn and need to start a new ball.
- I will show you my technique for finishing off and weaving in my work.

### [Bonus Project: Proper Finishing Technique](#)





## LESSON 8

# CRASH COURSE IN READING PATTERNS

In Lesson 8, I go through the basics of reading a crochet pattern. Teaching how to read patterns is really subjective on the person learning. Some people require just an explanation while others need to see the stitches worked up as we read along.

I cover the basics on a website about reading the pattern. There is a [How Read Patterns](#) mini series available that is very detailed through several videos to show you more specific examples and lessons.

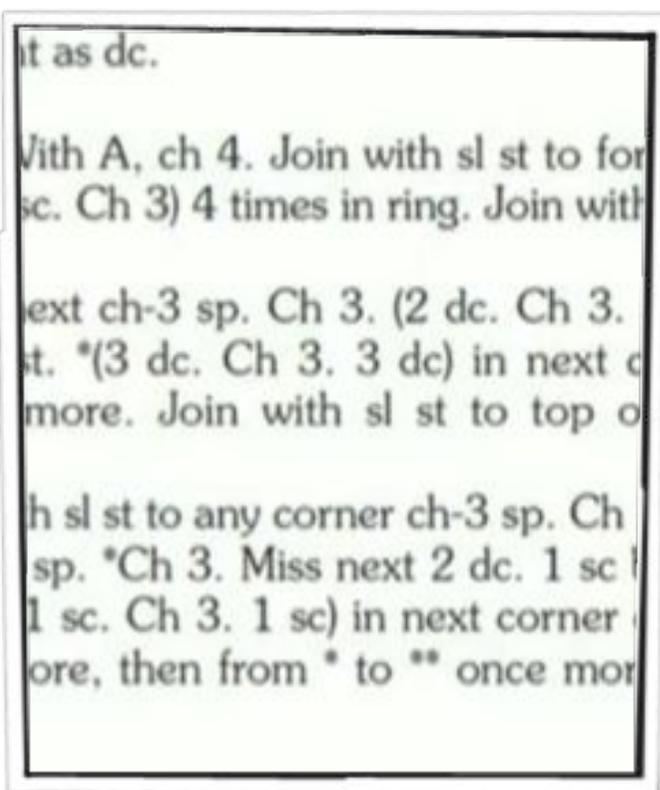
### [Play Lesson 8 Video](#)

#### In This Video:

- You will learn the basic anatomy of crochet patterns using a free online website.
- Learn where to find resources in order to help you read the patterns.

### [Bonus: 8 Part Pattern Reading Series](#)

*Keep in mind that reading patterns takes time and practice.*





## LESSON 9

# GRANNY SQUARES

In Lesson 9, I teach you how to create a granny square. Granny Square Afghans are the most favorite and completed projects of crocheters today. You can make the granny squares any size that you need. In afghans you can have one big square as your afghan or create an afghan using between 18 - 200 squares sewn together. The choice is up to you.

Learning this basic granny square will open up your world to endless possibilities of afghans.

### [Play Lesson 9 Video](#)

#### **In This Video:**

- Learn how to crochet a granny square.

### [Bonus Project: Color Burst Granny Afghan](#)





## LESSON 10

# CIRCLES

In Lesson 10, I begin to start shaping to go beyond rows and squares. Learn the basics of circle creation and what to look for.

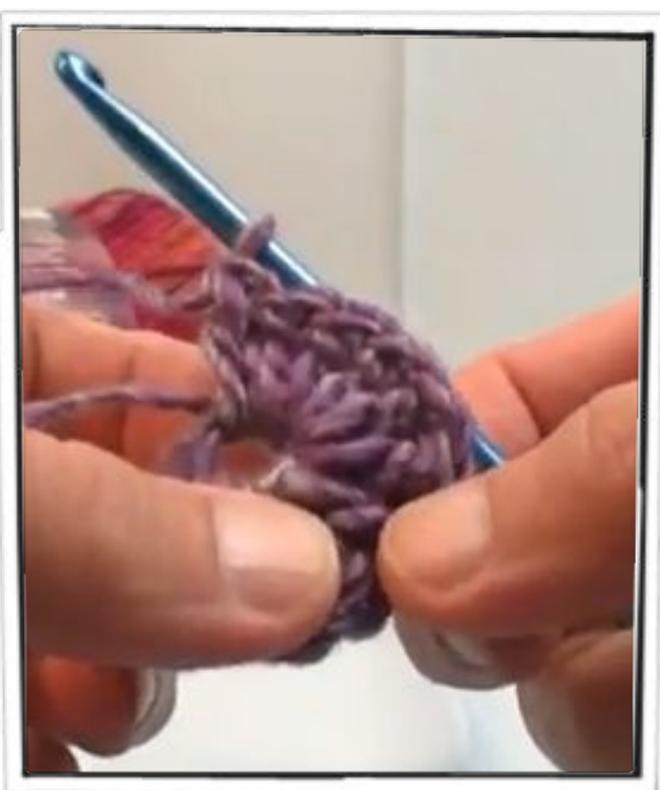
The reality is that circles aren't really circles if you are to grow them out really big. They are essentially 12 sided objects but when they are small you can barely notice.

### [Play Lesson 10 Video](#)

#### **In This Video:**

- Learn the basics of circle creation.
- You will see common elements to look for when creating the circles to grow them evenly.

### [Bonus Project: Circle Center Granny Squares](#)





## LESSON 11

# CRISS CROSS CROCHET

In Lesson 11, I show you that you can jump stitches forward and/or backward in order to create criss cross stitch crochet. I've come to really enjoy the final look of this stitch as it can be 3D and unusual.

By criss crossing your double crochet, it makes your project thicker. If you are looking for something new or a new technique, this is definitely one of those stitches I would recommend you try.

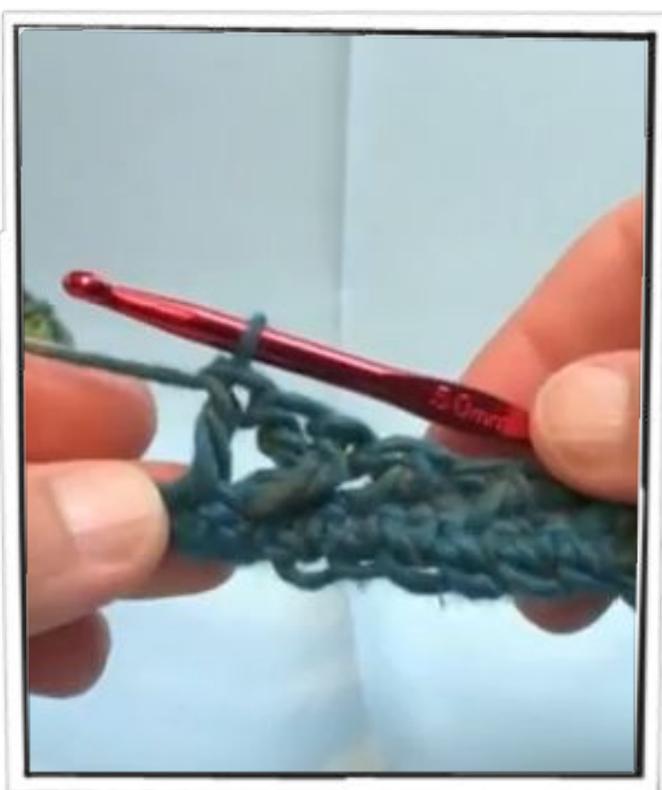
You don't have to do the single crochet line in this video if you don't want to. It's an option. I encourage you to explore using this stitch.

[\*\*Play Lesson 11 Video\*\*](#)

### **In This Video:**

- How to criss cross crochet.

[\*\*Bonus Project: The 2 Day Afghan\*\*](#)





## LESSON 12

# FRONT & BACK POSTS

In Lesson 12, I show you how to play with the posts of the stitches from the row underneath. Playing with the posts provides a 3D effect of lifting and sinking levels within your project. Basket weaving with crochet is achieved through using the front and back posts.

In patterns, you will see this stitch being called FPDC = Front Post Double Crochet and BPDC = Back Post Double Crochet. I will show you in this video how to do both techniques.

### [Play Lesson 12 Video](#)

#### **In This Video:**

- How to front post double crochet.
- How to back post double crochet.



### [Bonus Project: Wristers \(Fingerless Gloves\)](#)



## LESSON 13

# BASKET WEAVING CROCHET

In Lesson 13, I show you how to create a simple basket weave. I love this stitch as the visual look of the final project is really incredible. Use this stitching technique to create afghans and more. I've even used this stitch to create two panels and sewn them together to create amazing pillows.

This is a lot simpler than people realize. Watch how it's done and you find you have another favorite stitch.

### [Play Lesson 13 Video](#)

#### **In This Video:**

- How to crochet the basket weave.



### [Bonus Project: Basket Weave Pillows](#)



## LESSON 14

# RIB STITCHING

In Lesson 14, it's all about the rib stitch. Creating ribs within your crochet work help to create elastic like edgings for hats, cuffs and much more.

This stitch looks amazing. It reminds me of the sand underwater of a beach.

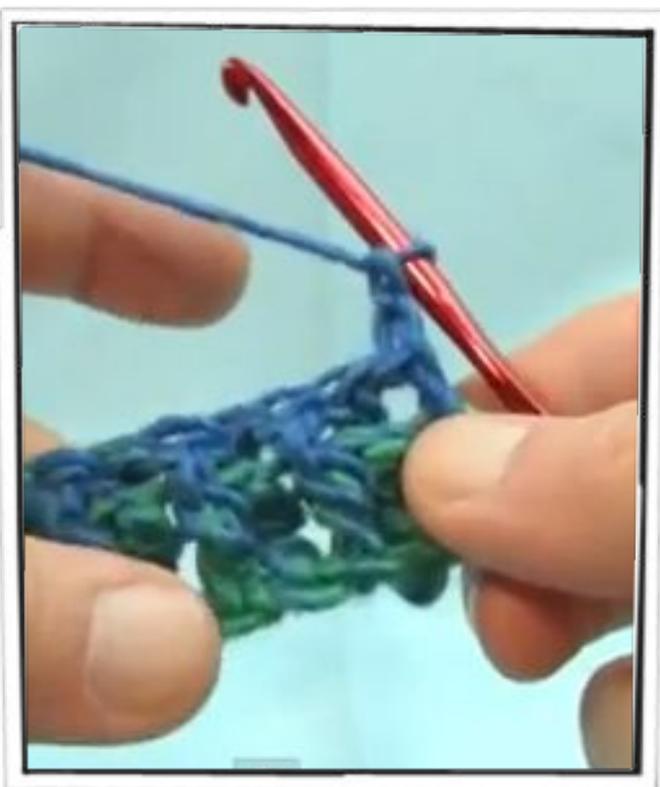
This stitch causes the ribs to appear on both sides of your work. This simply means there are no good or bad sides as they are equally the same.

### [Play Lesson 14 Video](#)

#### **In This Video:**

- How to crochet the rib stitch.

### [Bonus Project: The Woven Look Scarf](#)





## LESSON 15

# RIPPLE STITCH

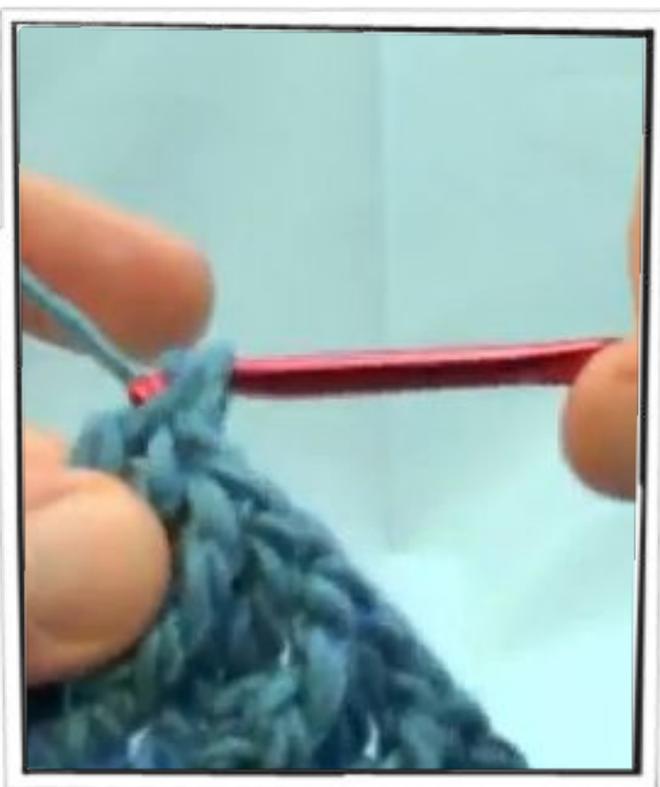
In Lesson 15, I explore the depths of playing with the posts again for the ripple stitch. What is unusual about this stitch is that the way it is constructed has a good and bad side. On one side of the project, you will notice it's flat. Meanwhile, on the other side the gorgeous ripple stitching effects has occurred.

I've done some amazing scarves using this technique. It's one of my favorite stitches as well.

### [Play Lesson 15 Video](#)

#### **In This Video:**

- How to crochet the ripple stitch.



### [Bonus Project: Crochet Tartan Afghan](#)



## LESSON 16

# CATHERINE WHEEL STITCH SQUARES

In Lesson 16, I show you how to create a Catherine Wheel Stitch Square. You can make these squares as big or as small as you need them. By changing your hook size, it will change the size of the pattern as well.

This is a detailed stitch requiring a lot of “get started” knowledge and so there are 4 videos in this lesson that walk you through the process.

[Play Lesson 16 A Video](#)

[Play Lesson 16 B Video](#)

[Play Lesson 16 C Video](#)

[Play Lesson 16 D Video](#)

### In This Video:

- How to crochet the Catherine Wheel Stitch Square.

[Bonus Project: Traditional Catherine Wheels](#)





## LESSON 17

# SIDE SADDLE CROCHET STITCH

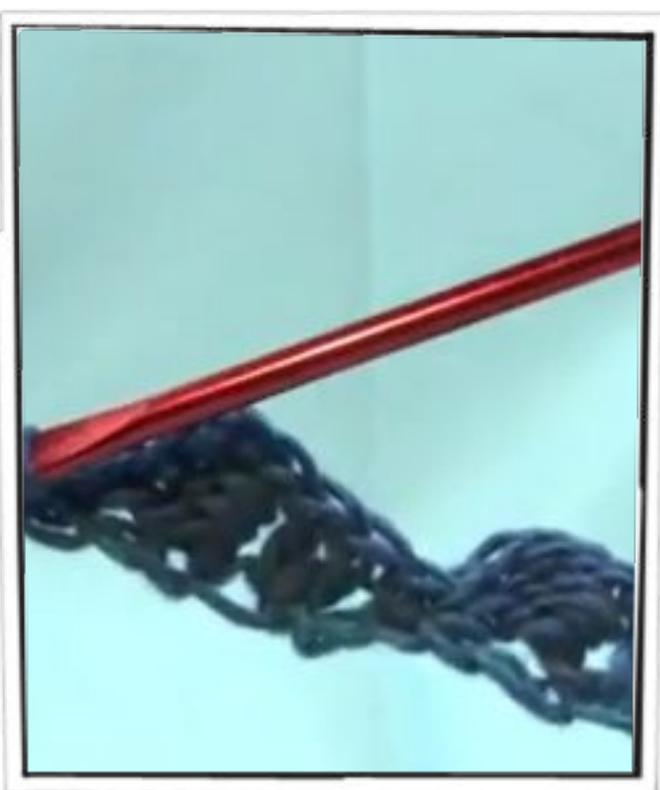
In Lesson 17, I show you how to create a Side Saddle Stitch. This tutorial is different in the sense on where the stitches originate. Instead of grabbing stitches from the top, you will grab the post so the stitches turn sideways.

I have done table runners using this stitch with variegated yarn. I have seen afghans done with this stitch and it looks incredible.

[\*\*Play Lesson 17 Video\*\*](#)

### **In This Video:**

- How to crochet the Side Saddle Stitch.



[\*\*Bonus Project: Spectrum Scarf\*\*](#)



## LESSON 18

# BOXED BLOCK STITCH

In Lesson 18, you will begin to learn the Boxed Block Stitch. This stitch has a uniqueness as it can be done in different colors. As you see the top photo to the left, one line is completed in black while the other line is done in red. On the right, I haven't changed the color and it's a solid colored piece.

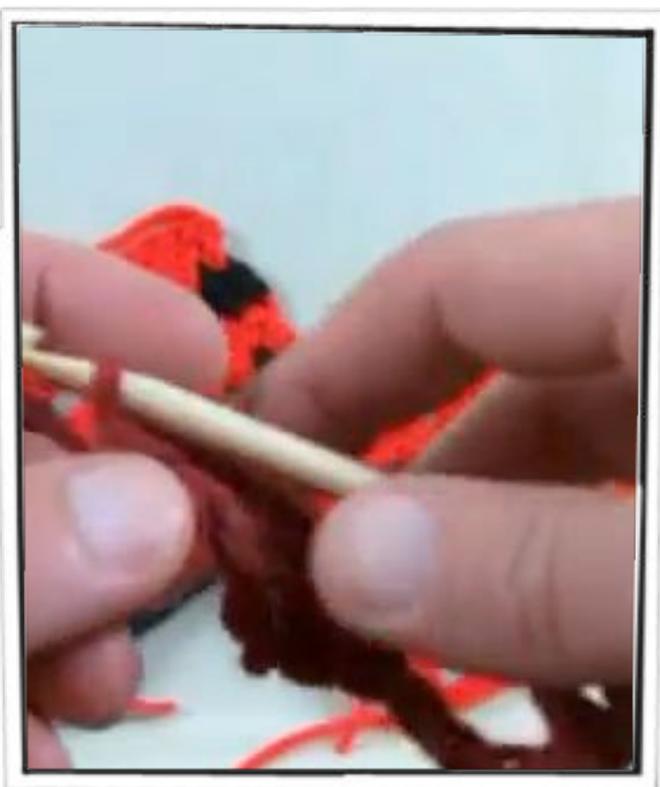
I used this stitch in the Peonies Afghan. It allows your afghan and/or work to be light without having to look like a typical granny square stitch technique.

### [Play Lesson 18 Video](#)

#### **In This Video:**

- How to crochet the Boxed Block Stitch.

### [Bonus Project: Rectangular Granny Afghan](#)





## LESSON 19

# WAVY SHELL STITCH

In Lesson 19, I show you how to create a Wavy Shell Stitch. This is the stitch that first prompted me to teach crochet on YouTube at the very beginning.

This stitch is only 2 lines of work but it appears to be a lot more complicated than it really is. I was surprised how quickly it worked up.

This video course is 3 videos long so ensure that I have taken my time to show you what to do.

[\*\*Play Lesson 19 A Video\*\*](#)

[\*\*Play Lesson 19 B Video\*\*](#)

[\*\*Play Lesson 19 C Video\*\*](#)

### **In This Video:**

- How to crochet the Wavy Shell Stitch.

[\*\*Bonus Project: Wavy Baby Afghan\*\*](#)





## LESSON 20

# BABY HAT PROJECT

In Lesson 20, we begin to work on a project from start to finish. Using the skills that you have already learned, it's now time for you to test your skills.

You will create a full size baby hat using these two tutorials. I cover all the basics from start to finish.

[\*\*Play Lesson 20 A Video\*\*](#)

[\*\*Play Lesson 20 B Video\*\*](#)

### **In This Video:**

- How to crochet a full size baby hat.



[\*\*Bonus Project: Men's Beanie Hat\*\*](#)



## LESSON 21

# SIMPLE CENTER PIECE PROJECT

In Lesson 21, I continue to build onto your skills to create a simple table center piece. This is a great little project to help your understand circles and fringing with your projects.

This will help you continue to work on ideas and yarn tension as you build up your confidence in crochet.

[Play Lesson 21 A Video](#)

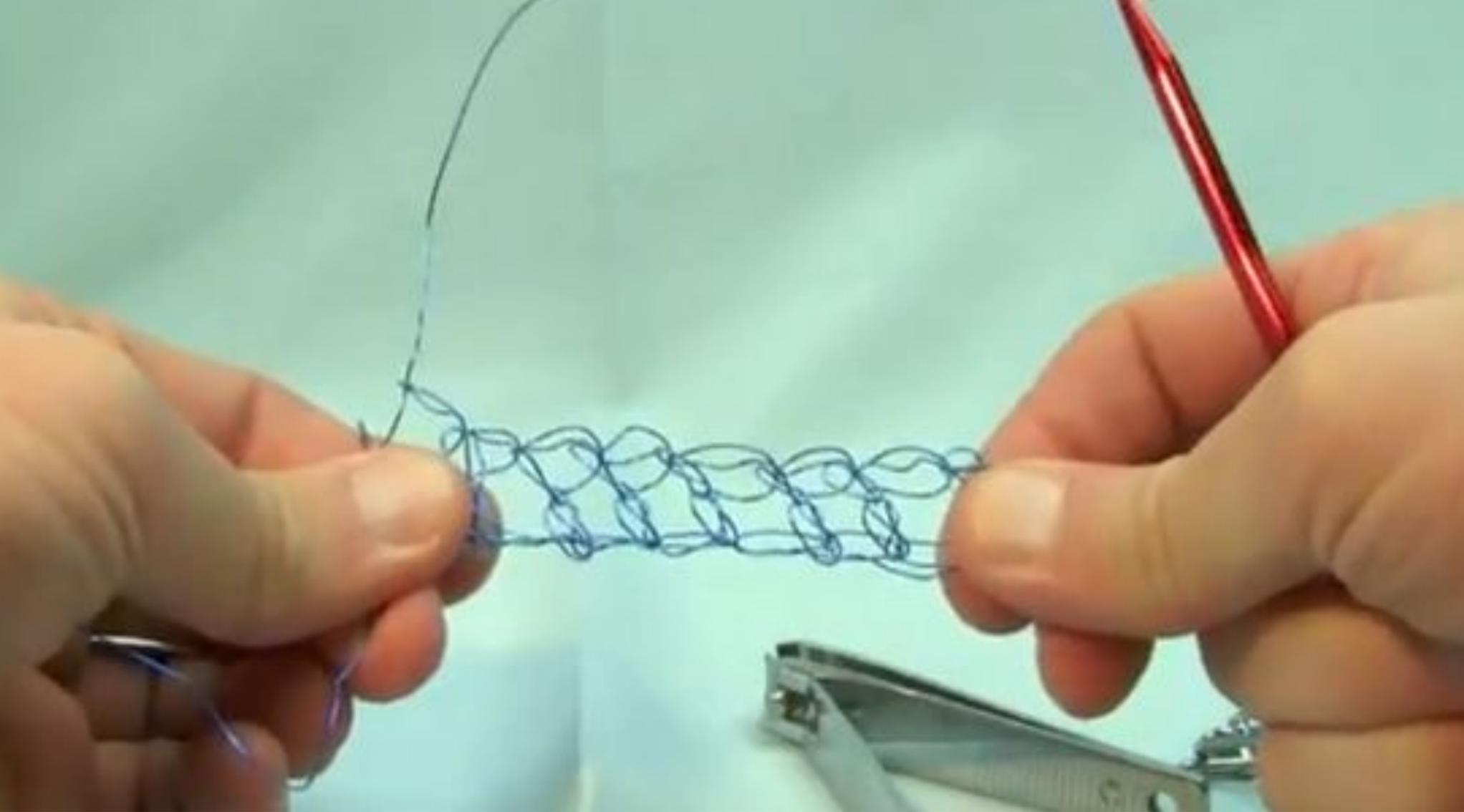
[Play Lesson 21 B Video](#)

### In This Video:

- How to crochet a great little table center piece.



[Bonus Project: Funky & Twirly Placemats](#)



## LESSON 22

# LEARN HOW TO CROCHET WITH WIRE

In Lesson 22, I push your skills to using wire instead of yarn. Using an Aluminum or Steel Crochet Hook and 26 Gauge Wire, I show you how to create your own jewelry using wire. This is a technique that takes getting used to the feel of the wire. I know many people who have tried this and have got 'hooked' onto the process.

Crochet Wire Jewelry is really appealing. Remember as well, jewelry such as this is more desirable when the stitches are misshaped or unusual. Many people strive to keep it uniform looking but I don't think it's as appealing.

[\*\*Play Lesson 22 Video\*\*](#)

### In This Video:

- How to crochet using wire.

[\*\*Bonus Project: 3 Strand Wire Bracelet\*\*](#)





## LESSON 23

# CROCHET WITH WIRE USING BEADS

In Lesson 23, we expand your skills further to putting on beads onto the wire as you are crocheting. You can use charms or anything you want. The trick is to load the beads ahead of time and then with your crochet hook to capture them into position and secure them permanently.

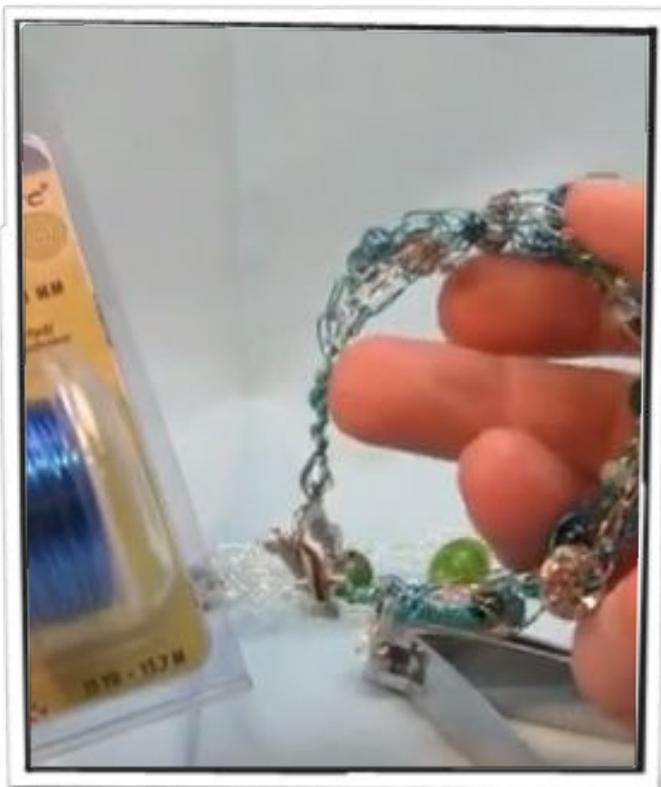
This is a really fun process and your work will take shape really quickly. You will need these skills for the next tutorial as we complete your graduation bracelet for completing our 24 course program.

[\*\*Play Lesson 23 Video\*\*](#)

### **In This Video:**

- How to crochet using wire and using beads at the same time.

[\*\*Bonus Project: Chunky Wire Bracelet\*\*](#)





## LESSON 24

# CROCHET A WIRE BRACELET

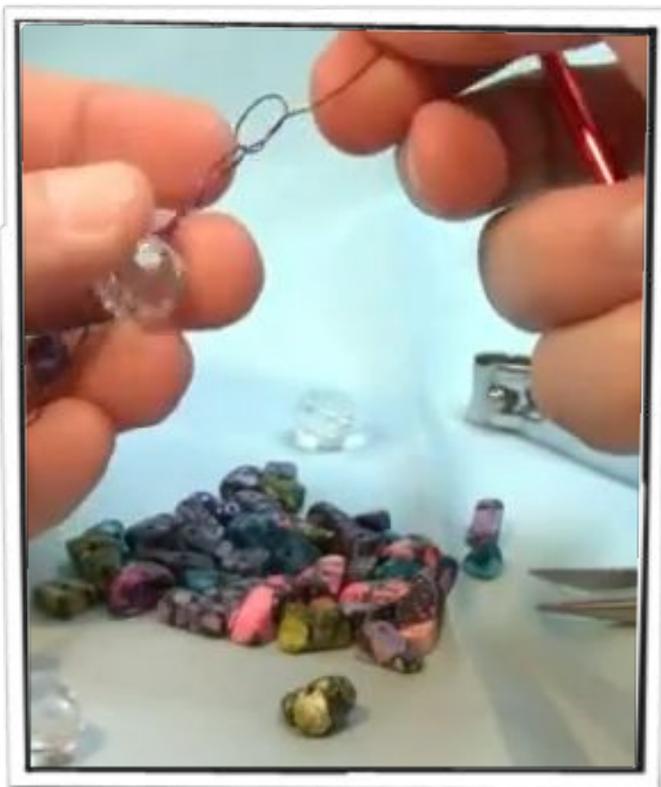
In Lesson 24, let's put your crochet wire skills to the test as you complete your very first bracelet. This is really so simple and you just need some simple clasping toggles to secure it together.

Use your own creativity and beads that you have access to. Make a statement and showing people you know how to crochet by showing off your new bling.

### [Play Lesson 24 Video](#)

#### **In This Video:**

- How to crochet using wire and beads to create your very first bracelet.



### [Bonus Project: Chunky Wire Necklace](#)



## GRADUATION DAY

## YOU DID IT!

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