
Learn Knit Stitches for Crochet with Tian Connaughton

Chapter 1 - Learn Knit Stitches for Crochet

Overview

(gentle music) - My name is Tian Connaughton, I am a knit and crochet designer, technical editor, teacher, and course creator. You may think knitting and crocheting are really different, but they're more similar than you think. In this class, I'm gonna show you some interesting crochet stitches inspired by knitting. We're just playing with hook and yarn to make swatches. You can incorporate these stitch patterns into so many projects, such as blankets, scarves, or hats. What will you make first? (gentle music)

Materials

- For this class, we'll need two skeins of worsted-weight yarn, one in each color, size H hook, scissors, a tapestry needle and an optional stitch marker.

Stockinette

- Stockinette is one of the most basic stitches in knitting, and I wanted to translate it into crochet. To begin, let's make a slip knot. Pull through. And we'll work 15 chains for this stitch. You can work any number of stitches. For our small sample, we'll just work 15 chains. So we have one. And then 15. And for row one, we'll single crochet into every chain across, starting with the second chain from the hook. So that was our first chain. Second chain, insert the hook. Pull up, and pull through both. We'll do that again. Insert our hook, yarn over, pull up the loop, and pull through both, and continue that across. And we'll end up with 14 single crochets. This is our last single crochet. We'll chain one, and turn our work. So what makes this stitch so interesting is we're not working into, traditionally, we would work into the V's of our stitch. We'd work a single crochet. That's normally how we would work. Instead, we're going to do something a little different to create this stitch. We're going to look at the back of our work, and we'll see little V's that are going upside down. We're going to insert our hook in between, right there, all the way through, yarn over, pull through, pull through two. And that's your first stitch. Again, you wanna look at these upside down V's, and make our single crochet right in between. And it's a little tight, but just wiggle your hook through, yarn over, and pull through two. Again, we wanna look at that little V, and continue to do that across the row. There's our V. These are going to be tight on the first row, but just make sure on the following rows, you are working a little looser. There's our V here. Just keep going. If you mess up, don't worry. Just rip it out. This is just practice. Again, that stitch is a little tight on the first row. Just make sure you're working a little looser than you think you have to. This is our last one. Just count across. There's 13. And then the last one will go into this little nubbin at the end. And that's why it's important to count your stitches, to just make sure that you don't miss one. And there is row one. Chain one, turn your work. So we wanna look at our little V's. And we're just going to continue to do that all the way across, every stitch. So just repeat row two here for your pattern. After you've done a few rows across, you should have a piece that looks like this. And I'm just going to finish off this row. You can see our little V's that look like mid stitches. Again, make sure you count each row, just to make sure you have the same number. We'll cut our yarn. Pull through to fasten off, and there you have your little swatch. You can choose to weave in your ends, but this is just for practice. Some examples of what you can use the stitch for, you can use it for hats, for a bag, you can use it for dish cloths. It's

such a sturdy fabric that the options are limitless.

Seed stitch

- The seed stitch in knitting has this really great texture. And we wanted to translate that into crochet. Insert our hook, and we wanna chain an odd number. For example, we're doing 17 chains. That's 17. We'll begin with the single crochet in the second chain from the hook. And single crochet all the way across to the end of the row. That's the end of row one. In row two, we'll start with a chain one. You'll turn your work. Single crochet in that very first stitch. We'll chain one, we'll skip that next stitch, single crochet in the next stitch. We'll do it again. Chain one, skip that stitch, single crochet in the next stitch, and we'll continue in that manner across. So chain one, skip one, single crochet in the next stitch. Keep going. So you'll notice we have one stitch remaining, which means we can't do a chain one, skip one, single crochet. So instead we'll just do a single crochet in that last stitch. So at the end, you'll have two single crochets right next to each other. We'll do that again. Chain one, turn your work. Single crochet into that very first stitch. Chain one, skip that single crochet, and then single crochet into that chain one space. Let's do that again. We'll chain one, skip the single crochet. Go under your chain one space from the previous row, and you work the single crochet. Okay, chain one, skip one, single crochet. And just like the previous row you've done your chain one single crochet, there is no more space to do another chain in a single crochet. So instead, we'll just do another single crochet in that last stitch. Now continue to work in the pattern following row three, until you have the desired length that you want for your mini swatch. And here we are at the end of our row again. We can't do another chain one single crochet. We only have one stitch remaining to work a single crochet. And for our final row, we'll work a row of just single crochet, so it really matches the bottom of our swatch. And what you'll do is you'll work your chain, turn your work, and single crochet into every stitch, and chain all the way across. And this gives your piece a nice finished edge, so it looks great at the bottom and at the top. And there's your last stitch. And this is just a swatch. You can practice weaving in your ends, or leave it as is. And here we have our swatch in another color.

Ribbing

- I'm gonna show you the rib stitch. It's a really stretchy stitch that you can use on the cuff of your sweater and sleeves and on the brim of hats. To work your crochet rib, begin with a slip knot. Place it on your hook and work 16 chains. For this stitch, you can work any number even or odd. Here we have 16 chains. Our first stitch will be in the second chain from the hook. We'll work, a single crochet, insert your hook, pull up a loop and pull through. And work like that all the way across for 15 single crochet. That's row one complete. Chain one and turn your work. And this is where the magic begins. We'll work our single crochet in the back loop. Normally we would work into both these loops that make up the V in our stitch, but to create this stitch pattern you're gonna work on only in the back loop. So there we have our V, so you wanna pick up the back loop in the V right here, the back loop only. And just keep it all the way to the end of your row. There's row two You'll chain one and turn. So you'll just repeat row two until you have the length that you want for your ribbing. And when you're working your ribbing, even though you're working in this direction, if it's on your sleeve, it'll be going in this direction up and down. There you have the first three rows. And after you've done a few rows, this is what your swatch should look like. And again, if this is your sleeve it would go in this direction around your sleeve. And now we'll snip our end, fasten off, and here's the rib stitch in another color.

Two-color mosaic

- I love the geometric shapes that you get with knitted mosaics and I want to translate that same geometric shape to crochet, and that's why we're creating this two-color mosaic swatch. For this stitch, you'll need a chain that's a multiple of eight plus one. We're starting with 17 chains. And our beginning chain is using our light color yarn. And for row one, we'll single crochet in that second chain from the hook and all the way across. And so we'll have 16 total single crochets. Your last chain might be a little tight. Be patient. That's row one. Row two, we'll chain one, turn your work and single crochet all the way back across those 16 stitches. So here we are at the end of row two. We'll work row three the same. So chain one, turn your work and single crochet all the way across. And here we are at our last stitch. So we'll insert our hook, pull up a loop and then instead of finishing off our single crochet, like we normally would, we wanna switch colors to our dark color. So we'll insert our hook, pull up a loop, drop the light color and with a dark color, pull through. We'll chain one, turn our work and single crochet in the back loop all the way across. So single crochet through the back loop in all 16 stitches. While you're working with your new color, we're just gonna have our old color just dangle in the back. We're not carrying it along or doing anything with it. We're just gonna continue the row with the new color, and I'll show you some options when we get to the other end. So we just did our last stitch, chain one, turn our work, and single crochet in both loops. The last row we just did, we're working in the back loop only. Now we're working through both loops. And we're at the last stitch. And here are some options. You can either carry your work along, meaning that instead of snipping the ends of your old yarn and rejoining, you can just simply pick it up and finish your single crochet. When you do that, just to make sure that you're not pulling it too tight and that your fabric isn't puckering, but that it's nice and loose. But if you're not comfortable doing that, you can break your yarn and rejoin it. But for our example, we'll carry it along gently off the side. Chain one, turn your work, single crochet in the back loop of your first stitch. Half double crochet in the front loop three rows below. And this is why we work in the back loop only before. So we have these empty loops to work into. So our next stitch is a half double crochet, yarn over, insert into the front loop. Yarn over, pull up a loop. And you want it to be the same height as your single crochet. And just pull through all three. Once you have your half double crochet work, now do six single crochets in the back loop. Single crochet one more in the back loop. And follow along in the PDF for this pattern. You wanna half double crochet again in that front group. And when you work that half double crochet, you'll notice that you have the single crochet in the back. We're not working into that because this half double crochet is replacing that stitch. Single crochet the back loops. Row seven, chain one, turn your work and single crochet in both loops across your row. So as we're finishing up row seven, we're changing colors again to the dark color. Again, you can break your yarn and rejoin or you can carry it up the side of your work. Just make sure not to pull too tight, that your stitch won't pucker. Chain one, turn your work. And single crochet in the back loop of the first two stitches. We'll work a half double crochet three rows below. And this row and the subsequent rows are going to be super easy because we've done our work into the front loop stitch, right next to the ones that you did in the previous row. So work your seven single crochet in the back loop and then work your half double crochet through the front loop. And again, it's right next to your previous half double crochet. Pull up a loop until you're at the same height as your single crochet. And pull through three. And just single crochet to the end. You can see the pattern start to take shape. And we have this really cool geometric shape happening. So you'll work across the back of your work, chain one, and single crochet in both loops until you get to the end and change color again. Alternate between changing from the light color to the dark color all the way until your

swatch is complete, following the pattern in the PDF. As you can see, we are finishing up our swatch here. Just continue to single crochet in the back loop until you find that other half double crochet that's worked in the front loop and just work your next half double crochet right next to it. You'll chain and work through both loops across the back. And for this example, you can see that I didn't carry the colors up the side, I just snipped away, which mean I'll have ends to weave in but again, this is just a swatch. You can choose to weave in your ends or just leave them be. And here's a swatch showing the stitches in a different color palette. You can really see the shape take life.

Cable stitch

- Knit cables give your fabric an interesting texture and we can do that as well in crochet. Start your swatch with a slip knot, you'll chain 20. We have 20 chains. Row one, we'll need to skip the first chain and single crochet into each chain across the row. Enter your hook, pull up a loop, and pull through. You continue to single crochet, we do every chain across the row. There you have your first row of single crochets. Chain one and turn and single crochet across those 19 stitches. There we have row two complete. Not much to see yet. Chain one, turn, single crochet in the first two stitches and then we'll work a front post double crochet. When we're working a post stitch, that just means that we're working around the leg of a stitch instead of into the v that we normally work into. And then to work a double crochet, yarn over, here's the leg that we want to work into, and we wanna put our hook through and around. Yarn over, pull up a loop, and make sure your stitches are in line with your single crochet of the previous row. Pull through two, yarn over, pull through two. And there you have your front post double crochet. You can see it stand out a bit more than your single crochet. Next, single crochet six. And for this stitch, we're doing a front post cluster. And that just means we're working two partial double crochets around the post of the next stitch. So yarn over, instead of going through the v of our stitch, we're gonna go through the post with the next stitch two rows below. Wrap your hook around, yarn over, pull up our stitch so they're the same height as our single crochet from our current row. Yarn over, pull through two, you wanna do that again, yarn over, pull through the same post and we'll pull through two. Yarn over, pull through three. And that gives you a thicker stitch to work. And it looks a bit different from our front post double crochet. So here's our front post and here is our cluster. And again, there is a single crochet behind that this stitch replaces. So we'll work six single crochet across. We'll work a front post double crochet, similar to the first one we did around the post of the stitch. And finish with two single crochets. There you have row three where our cable is starting to take shape. On row four and all the wrong side rows, chain one and single crochet across. And just count your stitches to make sure you have 19. And follow along with the printed PDF for this pattern. Chain one, turn your work. So single crochet in the first two stitches. And instead of going around the post of your single crochet, at this point we'll start to work our front post double crochet around the post of the previous double crochet and I'll show you how. Yarn over, you wanna put your hook underneath your front post double crochet from two rows below, yarn over, pull up a loop, make sure your yarn is at the same height as your single crochet row. You don't want it to be too tall. So just kind of do that, yarn over, pull through two, pull through two, and single crochet in five stitches. The next three stitches we'll be working will be a front post cluster into the cluster from two rows below. Then we'll do a single crochet and then another front post cluster in the same cluster. Don't worry, we'll walk you through slowly. So yarn over, insert your hook underneath the cluster from below, we'll pull up a loop. We now have three loops on our hook, yarn over, pull through two. That's the first half of our first cluster. We'll do that again, yarn over under the cluster, yarn over and pull up a loop. You now have

four loops on your hook, pull through two, and pull through three. Remember when you work a cluster or a front post stitch, it replaces the stitch behind. So instead of working that single crochet, as you pull your work back this would be our next single crochet but the cluster replaces it. So we're working to that single crochet. Now we'll work the second half of our v with another front post cluster. Yarn over, insert our hook under the very same cluster we just worked into, yarn over, pull through. You have three loops on your hook, pull through two. Yarn over, underneath that cluster, pull up a loop. You have four loops on your hook, yarn over, pull through two, yarn over, pull through three. And there we have our v, which will start our cable diamond. You'll look behind your work, we wanna see where we worked our last single crochet because we wanna skip that one and work into the next. You wanna work five single crochets and work another post double crochet into our first post double crochet from two rows below. So yarn over, put our hook beneath the post, pull up a loop, three loops on your hook, pull through two, pull through two and finish with two single crochets. And there you have the start of one small cable here, a matching cable here and we'll start our diamond shape here. So that's the end of row five. For row six, chain one, turn your work and single crochet 19 across. Now for row seven, chain one, turn your work, single crochet two, work a front post double crochet into the post of the front post double crochet below Single crochet four and work a front post cluster around the right leg of your v. Yarn over, underneath the cluster, do it again. Pull through two and pull through three. We're gonna skip the single crochet directly behind and single crochet into three stitches. You'll work your second front post cluster into the left side of your v. So yarn over, insert, pull up to be even with your row, pull through two, yarn over, pull through two, pull through three. We wanna look at our work. You're gonna skip the single crochet directly behind the cluster you just made and single crochet into the next four stitches. And work a front post double crochet into the double crochet below and single crochet two. You can see how we have two different cables being worked. This one is smaller, less definition, this one is thicker. And that will give you so much more definition and texture. The next row, chain one and single crochet 19. For row nine, single crochet in your first two stitches, work a front post double crochet into that front post. Single crochet in the next three stitches. Work a front post cluster into the right leg of your v. Skip that single crochet behind and work into the next five single crochets. Work a front post cluster into the left leg of your v. Single crochet three. Make a front post double crochet and single crochet two. Chain one and single crochet 19 stitches. Row 11, work two single crochets then work a front post double crochet. Single crochet in the next two stitches. And work a front post cluster in the right leg of your v. Yarn over, pull through two, pull through three. We wanna make sure we're skipping the next single crochet, which is here and work into seven single crochets. We have a cluster around the left leg of your v. And crochet in two stitches. Work a front post double crochet and finish the two single crochets. You can see the pattern starting to take form as you work less single crochets on the outside. We're working more single crochets in the inside as we continue our v. And work our next row the same as we have been doing with our wrong side rows. Single crochet 19. For row 13, it's worked exactly the same as row 11. Row 14, single crochet across those 19 stitches. And here we are at row 15, which is worked the same as row nine and row 17 is the same as row seven. We're starting the top of our diamond for the center cable here. Work a front post cluster around the right leg of your v cable. Single crochet in the next five stitches. And when you're working this left leg, just be careful when you're skipping the stitch behind that you're not skipping too many. But we'll walk through that slowly. So yarn over, insert your hook, pull up a loop, pull through two, work the second half of your cluster, pull through two, pull through three, and just peek back there to make sure you're not skipping too many stitches

because there we have our single crochet and there is our next blank single crochet. So work into that one. You're going to start to see our v start to take shape here. And if you've missed a single crochet in your counting and you don't have enough, just go back and look for your missed stitch. So chain one, turn your work, single crochet across the back all 19 stitches. Now for row 17, which is worked exactly the same as row seven, single crochet in the first two stitches, work a front post double crochet. Single crochet into three. And it looks like I did not skip my single crochet. So take a peek and this is the one we skipped. Single crochet into three. Work our front cluster on the left side. There's a stitch to skip and work into that one. And that's four single crochets we've worked. And we work our front post double crochet and a single crochet in the last two stitches. Chain one, turn, single crochet across all 19 stitches. Continue to work your cable following the pattern in the PDF. Row 15 will be a repeat of row nine. Row 17 is a repeat of row seven and row 19 is a repeat of row five. And all the even number rows are worked the same. Row 21 is worked two single crochets then work in our front post double crochet. Single crochet across six stitches. Our last cluster is to close the v of our diamond. So what we'll do is yarn over, insert our hook under the right leg of our v and also the left leg of our v. Pull through, yarn over, pull through two. We're gonna do that again. Yarn over and work underneath both legs of our v. Pull through, yarn over, pull through two and yarn over, pull through three. And then we're just gonna peak to make sure that we're skipping only one single crochet and work six single crochets. Work another front post double crochet, single crochet the last two. And for row 22, single crochet all the way across and then fasten off. And there's our cable. We have two types of cable, we have the simple front post and we have the cluster front post. We're done with our cable swatch. It took a bit of time but it's so worth it. Look at all the great stitch patterns we've worked through together. There are so many options to what you can make with each of these stitches. With the cable, you can put that stitch on a hat. You can work a scarf with the stockinette stitch or maybe even a baby blanket with the seed stitch. The ribbon is great for any project that needs a bit of stretch. This two color mosaic is perfect for the edge of a blanket or a scarf.