
How to Seam Crocheted Fabric with Edie Eckman

Chapter 1 - Introduction

Overview

- Hi, I'm Edie Eckman, I'm a knit and crochet designer, and I'm going to show you how to seam in double crochet. (bright music)

Chapter 2 - Crochet Seaming Basics

How to seam crocheted fabric

- The first thing we need to pay attention to is we want the seam from the right side of the fabric because the right side is the public side. That's the part we really want to look good. I want to arrange my two pieces of double crochet right next to each other with the right sides facing and the edges are butting one another so I can watch what I'm doing on the right side of the fabric. I'll take my threaded tapestry needle and I want to use a blunt tip tapestry needle because I don't want to be working through or piercing the yarn. I want to be working under the yarn strands throughout. And leaving a nice long tail, I'll just work from the wrong side to the right side on one side of the piece and leave that tail to weave in later. Then I'm going to work from the wrong side to the right side. On this side I'm going to work not through a space here but throughout I want to work under a strand of a stitch. To begin with I'm going to do what I call a figure eight so I'm working from this side to this side and I'm going to work back up through here. That kind of cinches the two pieces together and I can pull them up. I don't want them too tight. Now I'm going to work from side to side. I work under a strand on this side, working down then out. So I'm working from the right side every time from bottom to top. Now I'm going to go over to the other piece and work under and out. I want to make sure that I'm matching my rows, but you can see that this strand of yarn is going back and forth across. And as I work I want to match row for row. Now I'm going to go back on this side. Now it can be kind of tricky to know where to put your needle. I'm going down and then out or I could go down and out here. You just want to work close to the edge. You don't want to work way over here because that will leave too much of a seam to go to the back. So I just want to pick up something that will be sturdy but not too far in. So I'll work here, whoops, want to make sure we don't tangle our yarn. And then here I am, now this side is a double crochet stitch but this side is a chain three, and the chain three section can be a little looser and trickier. You want to make sure you're really grabbing a stitch there. Now from time to time, you see my stitches here, from time to time you want to snug those up and make them disappear and make sure you're right on track working back and forth. So here I'm going to work, this time this is a chain three on this side of the swatch. And I've got a double crochet on this side. Yours may look a little bit different but the main thing is to keep looking at the right side of the fabric and making sure you're matching up your rows and not having too much of a thick seam on the back. You can see that's a pretty nice thin seam. You're trying to match the fabric so that the seam doesn't seem any thicker or more restrictive than the fabric on either side of it. So I'll work a few more stitches, working down and out on one side, and down and out on the other side. And once I've done that, I want to draw those stitches up 'til I come to the top of my fabric. And then I can weave those ends in, and I might want to do a stitch back and forth right here at the top to mimic what I have going on at the top of the Vs that I have going across the top here. And I need to weave both ends in. You have a nice flat seam. It's pretty flat on this side and you can see it's flexible but sturdy. I've shown you mattress stitch on double

crochet which is one of the trickiest times to do mattress stitch. You can also do it on single crochet pieces that are joined together side by side. There will be other seaming techniques you might want to use in other situations where you're not joining side by side but where you're joining top edges or bottom edges, but for side by side seaming, mattress stitch is usually going to be your best bet.