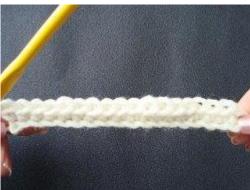


How to Crochet a Cable Stitch

This is a great crochet tutorial for you to follow. Learn how to make a cable stitch in only eight steps. Four stitches are needed for the cable stitch.

1. In order to make a crocheted cable you will need 4 stitches. Therefore chain in multiples of 4, plus add 3. For example, 4 cables would be 16 stitches, plus 3, equals 17, therefore chain 17 stitches. Single crochet in the 2nd stitch from the hook, and in each stitch of the chain.





2. Chain 3 and turn.



3. Skip the next stitch, double crochet in each of the next 3 stitches.





5. Insert the hook, from front to back, into the first stitch skipped.



6. Draw up a loop, loosely, bring it to the top of the last double crochet worked, and finish the double crochet with yarn over, and through the loops.



- 7. Repeat steps 3, 4, and 5 across the row. End the row with a double crochet in the last stitch.
- 8. Chain 1 and turn, single crochet in each stitch across the row.



9. Repeat the steps, starting at step 2.

10. Photo shows 3 rows of cable stitch completed.



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How to Crochet the Magic Circle

There are several ways to start a round. One of those ways is the magic circle. The magic circle allows you to pull the hole closed. Follow this tutorial to learn this stitch.

When crocheting in the round, there are several ways to start.

You may chain 4, slip stitch to join and form a ring.

You may chain 3, and make double crochet stitches in the 3rd stitch from the hook

Or

You may begin with the magic circle.

The first two methods will leave a hole in the center of your work.

The 'Magic Circle' will allow you to pull the hole closed.

To make the magic circle, first begin in the same manner as usual in crochet.

Make a loop.



Pick up the yarn.



Pull through the first loop.



Pick up the yarn again, to make a chain stitch.



Pull through the loop. (Chain stitch completed.)



Pick up the yarn again to begin a single crochet stitch.



Pull through the loop.



Pick up the yarn again, and finish the single crochet stitch.



Continue to make single crochet stitches in the main loop.



At the end of the round of single crochet stitches, pull on the yarn end to gather the hole closed, and continue with your pattern.



Photo below shows the magic circle finished, with the hole gathered closed.

