



Materials:

- Yarn – 9 skeins of Worsted Weight: Afghan, Aran Yarn (207 yd each)
- 1 skein contrasting color for border
- Crochet hook: H or 5 mm"
- Tapestry Needle (to weave and hide yarn ends)
- Scissor

Abbreviations:

ch = chain
 hdc= half double crochet
 dc=double crochet
 FPdc=Front Post double crochet
 BPdc=Back Post double crochet
 sc=single crochet
 st = stitch
 slst = slip stitch
 sk=skip
 fo = fasten off

Pattern:

Starting Row: ch 154, turn.

Row 1 : sk 3 ch, dc in the 4th ch from hook, dc in each ch till end, ch2, turn. (150 dc on the 1st row)

Row 2 & 3 : *FPdc10, BPdc10* repeat until last st, ch2 (first st for the following row), turn.

Row 4 & 5 : *BPdc10, FPdc10* repeat until last st, ch2, turn.

Repeat row 2 to 5 until row 85 or until the blanket measure about 30", ending with either row 3 or row 5 pattern minus the ch2 st.

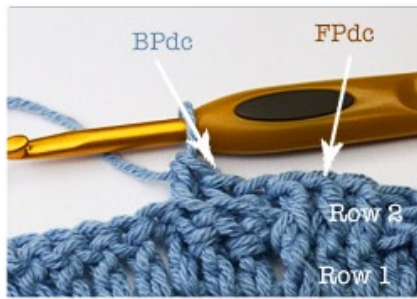
Border:

Determine which side you want as the front of the blanket to crochet the border. There is no turning on the border, all stitches are done on the front.

Round 1 : Ch1, 3 sc in the same corner. sc1 on every st around the entire blanket, with 3 sc in each corner. slst to the beginning ch. fo. Don't turn.

Rounds 2 – 6 : Ch1, sc on back loops only around entire blanket, with 3 sc in each corner. slst to the beginning ch, don't turn. fo after finish row 6.

Weave and hide all yarn ends.



This picture shows that after you have done the first row of double crochet and working on the row 2 for the FPdc and BPdc stitches. Notice the horizontal line created by the BPdc? Keep in mind that when ever a BPdc is done, a horizontal line will be formed by the previous row stitch's loop.

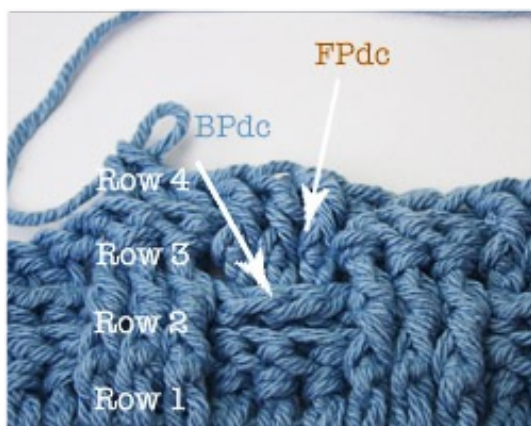
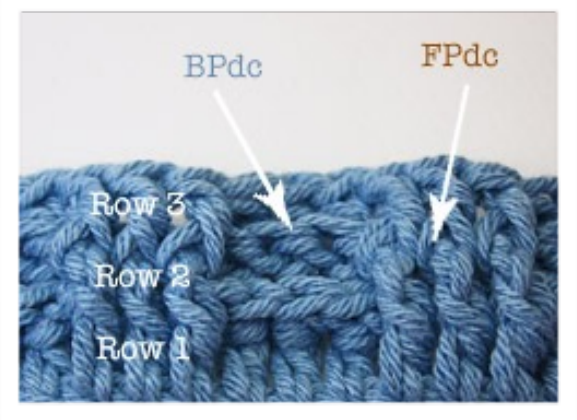
And, for FPdc, vertical lines will be formed.

By doing FPdc and BPdc follow the pattern creates the basket weave effects. Also, note that, when turning the crochet piece for the next row, the previous row's BPdc will look like FPdc.

When you crochet the odd number row (row 3, 5, 7, 9,... etc), crochet FPdc when you see FPdc, and vice versa.

After completing Row 3, you will have 2 horizontal lines and this is a set of basket weave row.

To begin the next weave row (even number row, i.e. row 2, 4,6,... etc), all you need to do is reverse what you see on the previous row, i.e. crochet FPdc when you see a BPdc stitch, vice versa.



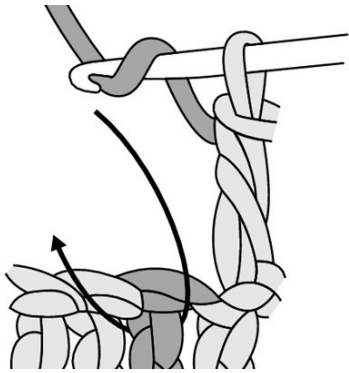
Upon completing row 4, where you reverse the FPdc and BPdc, the weave effect is more obvious. The BPdc stitches are horizontal and sunken in, while the FPdc stitches are vertical and bulging up. This gives an illusion of basket weave appearance.

Continue the basket weave for the entire blanket until your reach row 85 or about 30" length or until your last balls of yarn is close to finish.

FPdc- Front Post Double Crochet

Front post stitches are raised crochet stitches on the surface of the fabric facing you. You can create a front-post double-crochet (abbreviated FP dc) stitch with these steps and some practice.

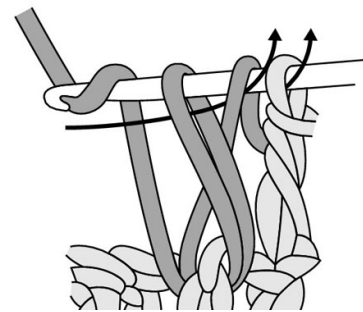
1. Work a row of normal double crochet (dc) for the first row and turn.
2. Chain (ch) 2 for your first double crochet.



3. Yarn over (yo) and insert your hook from front to back between the posts of the first and second double crochet of the row below, and then from back to front again between the posts of the second and third stitches. The hook should now be positioned horizontally behind the double crochet that you're working around.

4. Yarn over and draw the yarn around the post of the stitch. You now have 3 loops on the hook.

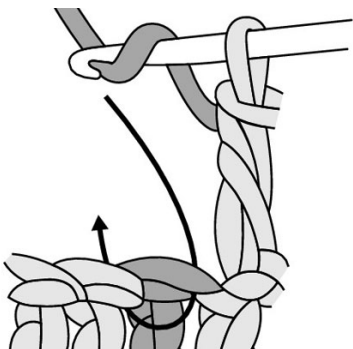
5. Yarn over and draw the yarn through the 2 loops on the hook, twice.



BPdc - Back Post Double Crochet

Back post stitches appear to recede on the side of the crocheted fabric that's facing you. You can create a back-post double-crochet (abbreviated BPdc) stitch with these steps and some practice.

1. Work a row of normal double crochet (dc) for the first row and turn.



2. Chain (ch) 2 for your first double crochet. Because a post stitch is shorter than a normal stitch, you make the turning chain with one chain stitch less than the normal turning chain requires with a dc.

3. Yarn over (yo) and insert your hook from back to front between the posts of the first and second double crochet in the row below, and then from front to back again between the posts of the second and third stitches.

4. Yarn over and draw the yarn around the post of the stitch. You now have 3 loops on the hook.

5. Yarn over and draw the yarn through the 2 loops on the hook, twice.