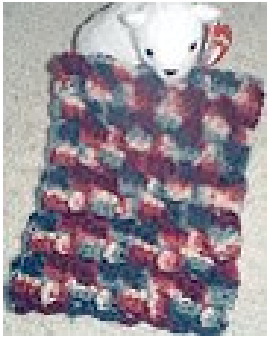


Corner Start Tutorial in Plain English (also called Diagonal Crochet)



Sample created with Red Heart Holly & Ivy variegated Worsted Weight.

I know this stitch can be difficult to envision! Because of that I have created a more indepth tutorial. This pattern begins in the corner, and increases out - in effect, making a triangular shape, until desired width is reached. By increasing and decreasing every other row - you can increase in length, while maintaining the same width, thereby making a rectangular piece. When you reach the desired length, you will work a decrease on every row, to "close up" the rectangle.

Corner Start Sampler in Plain English

(also called Diagonal Crochet Stitch)

Makes a nice Beanie Baby Blanket! ;)

Materials for Sampler:

Small Amount Worsted Weight Yarn

Size H Crochet Hook

Beanie Baby ;)

ROW 1: Chain 6. Skip first 3 Chains. Double Crochet in 4th, 5th, and 6th Chain from hook. (First Square made.)

ROW 2: Chain 6. Double Crochet in 4th, 5th, and 6th Chain from hook. Now look at the FIRST SQUARE. Do you see those skipped 3 Chains? You will flip up the square so those 3 Chains are pointing toward the ceiling. Skip the next 3 Double Crochets (of that first square) and Slip Stitch around the Post of that Chain 3. Chain 3, 3 Double Crochet down same Post. LOOK! You've made a little square V shape!

ROW 3 (INCREASE ROW): Now turn the work and Chain 6. Double Crochet in 4th, 5th, & 6th Chain from hook. See - you made another square! This is an INCREASE SQUARE, which makes Row 3 an INCREASE ROW. Skip next 3 Double Crochets. Slip Stitch around the Chain 3 Post of next square. **Chain 3, 3 Double Crochet down same Post. Skip next 3 Double Crochets. Slip Stitch around the Chain 3 Post of next square. ** Repeat from ** to ** across, until last square of that row.

ROW 4 - 8: (or until desired width for your afghan) Work Increase Row (Row 3). This whole time you've been making a big triangle. Once the work is as wide as desired, you'll want to keep increasing in LENGTH, while maintaining the width the whole way up. (There by making a rectangle.) You must therefore do a decrease row.

TO MEASURE THE WIDTH:

Place work on flat surface with starting yarn tail to the bottom LEFT.

Measure from tail across bottom of work to decide width.

This Beanie Baby Blanket, should measure around 8 inches wide.

A good width for a baby blanket is 24 inches wide.

ROW 9 (DECREASE ROW): Chain 3, turn work. Skip next 3 Double Crochets. ** Slip Stitch around post of Chain 3 of next square. Chain 3, 3 Double Crochets down same post. Skip next 3 Double Crochets. ** Repeat from ** to ** across row.

ROW 10-12: Work Increase Row on even rows, and decrease row on odd rows.

For an Afghan: Continue progressing, alternating between an INCREASE ROW and a DECREASE ROW, until the work is as LONG as you want it. A good baby blanket length is 36 inches.

ROW 13-18: Work Decrease Row each row, to "close up" the rectangle. Upon making the last square, Chain 3, turn. Skip next 3 Double Crochets and Slip Stitch down post of next Chain 3. (This evens up the end of the afghan.)

~Don't forget - if you get confused you can look at the tutorial below.

Corner Start Stitch Photo Tutorial - for use with written pattern

(also called Diagonal Crochet Stitch)

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Row 1 (square 1) - CH 6:

DC in each
of these stitches



Skip first three chains, DC in 4th, 5th, & 6th chain from hook:



This completes the first square, and the first row! ;)

Row 2 - Ch 6:

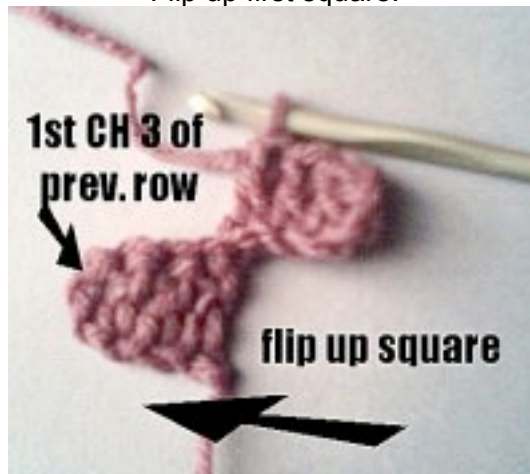
DC in
each of
these stitches



Skip first three chains, DC in 4th, 5th, & 6th CH from hook (INCREASE MADE):



Flip up first square:



Skip three DCs of first square. SL ST around the CH 3 post of the 1st SQ:

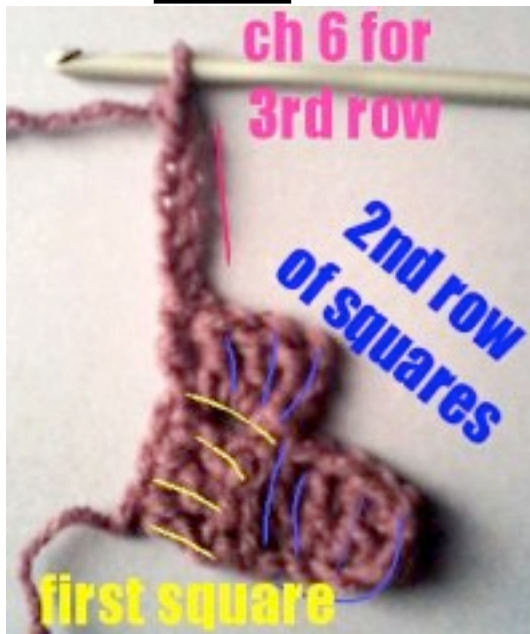


CH 3, 3 DC down same post:



(That completes the 2nd Row)

Row 3 - CH 6:



DC into 4th, 5th, & 6th CH from hook, turn work:



NOTE: do you notice how the *CH 6, DC in 4th, 5th, 6th, CH from HK* series creates an *Increase Square* on that row? This is considered an *Increase Row* because you are increasing one square at the beginning of each row! ;)

Skip next three DCs. SL ST around CH 3 post of next square.
**CH 3, 3 DC down same post. Skip next three DCs.
SL ST around CH 3 post of next square:**



Repeat ** to ** of above square, across each row:

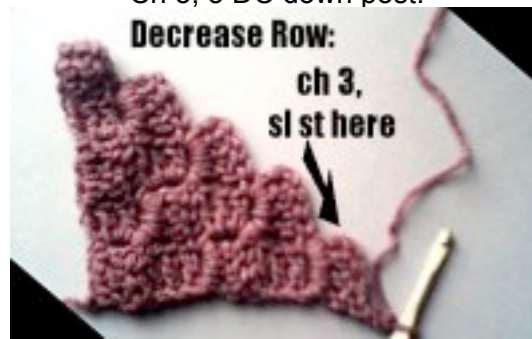


Row 4-? - repeat Row 3 (Increase Row) until work is as wide as required:



To continue working in *length* while maintaining the same width - you need to do a Decrease Row!
(Called that because you are NOT increasing one square at the beginning of each row! ;)

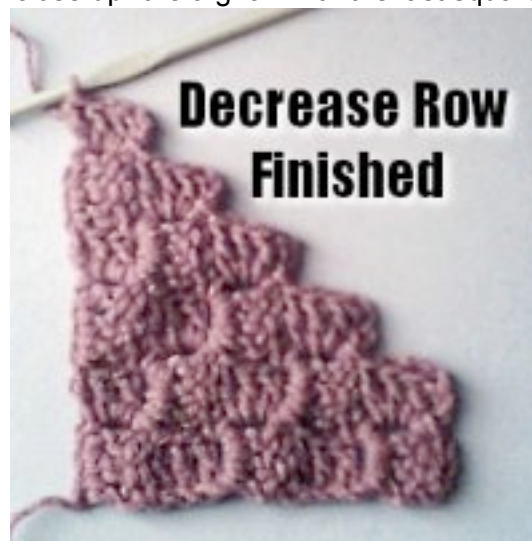
Decrease Row - CH 3, Sk next 3 DCs. SL ST around the CH 3 post of previous row's first square, Ch 3, 3 DC down post:



Skip next three DCs. SL ST around CH 3 post of next square.
**CH 3, 3 DC down same post. Skip next three DCs.
SL ST around CH 3 post of next square:**



ROW ? - finish - Continue by
ALTERNATING BETWEEN
Increase Rows (to make the rectangle
taller, but now wider) and
Decrease Rows (which will maintain the width)
until you
"close up" the afghan with the last square.

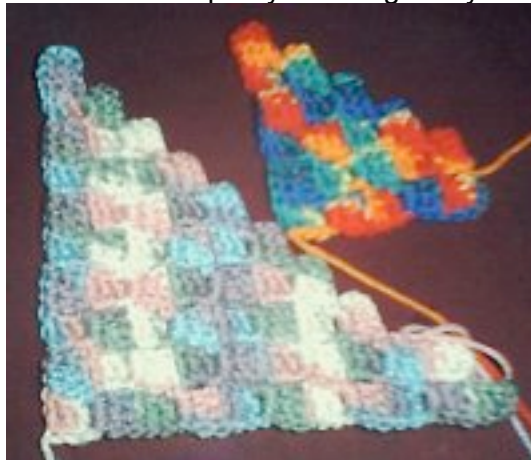


After Finishing last square - CH 3, turn, and SL ST
around CH 3 post of previous row.
This will even out the sides of the afghan:



(sample)

This stitch looks so pretty in variegated yarns too:



I hope this little "tutorial" has been of some help.
However, I can't anticipate every problem you may personally
encounter with this stitch.
I had the good fortune of having a live person teach me the stitch -
and I know how difficult it can be to crochet from a
written pattern.