

Your first 10 stitches

An original five-row counting exercise. US single crochet = UK double crochet.

1 Prepare

Choose smooth yarn, a suitable hook, two stitch markers, scissors and a yarn needle. This sample has no promised finished size.

2 Make the foundation and first row

Chain 11. Skip the chain nearest the hook. Make one US sc / UK dc in the second chain, then once in each remaining chain: 10 stitches.

3 Repeat for five rows in total

Chain 1 and turn before each new row. The ch-1 does not count here. Work once in every actual stitch, including both edges: 10 stitches each row.

Tick only after making and counting the row:

☐ Row 1

☐ Row 2

☐ Row 3

☐ Row 4

☐ Row 5

4 Finish and look at your sample

After row 5, leave a tail of about 15 cm / 6 in, pull the cut end through the final loop and weave in both tails. Check 10 stitches across and five rows high.

Yarn and hook used

What changed between my first and last row?

One thing to try in my next sample

Instructional exercise; not a physically tested or sized baby item. The online lesson includes movement references and counting checks.