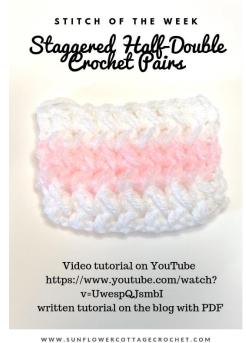
STITCH OF THE WEEK: Staggered Half-Double Crochet Pairs



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Multiple:

Any even number of stitches plus 1

Notes:

This stitch creates a nice, squishy, puffy fabric that I feel is suitable for baby blankets, especially in blanket yarn!

This stitch is worked in a decrease pattern and the repeat isn't established until row 2

Yarn and Hook:

I used Red Heart Super Saver yarn and a 5mm H8 hook to create the swatch (sample). You can use any yarn and any hook but I recommend using the hook that the yarn label recommends.

Abbreviations:

YO—yarn over

Ch(s)—chain

St(s)—stitch(es)

HDC—Half-Double crochet

SHDCP—Staggered Half-Double Crochet

Pairs

HDC2TOG—half-double crochet two together

INSTRUCTIONS:

To complete the practice sample—

Ch11, hdc2tog over 3rd and 4th chs from hook, ch1.

Row1: HDC2Tog over next two sts, ch1. Repeat this process to the last st, finishing with the last hdc2tog under the turning chain, ch1, hdc in top of turning chain.

Row 2: Ch2, turn, insert hook into the first ch1 space and hdc2tog over first ch1 sp and next ch1 sp, ch1, *Yo, insert hook into same st just worked and pull up a loop, hold, yo, insert hook into next ch1 sp and pull up a loop, yo and pull thru all 5 loops on the hook, ch1*, repeat to the end, going under the turning chain to complete last hdc2tog and ch1, hdc on top of turning chain.

Row 2 is the repeat for the entire fabric. Keep practicing this stitch and you will find that it works up pretty fast.

YouTube Video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UwespQJsmbI&t
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