

## STITCH OF THE WEEK: Staggered Half-Double Crochet Pairs




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### *Multiple:*

Any even number of stitches plus 1

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### *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

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### *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.

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### *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

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

To complete the practice sample—

Ch11, hdc2tog over 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**YouTube Video:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UwespQJsmbl&t=10s>

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