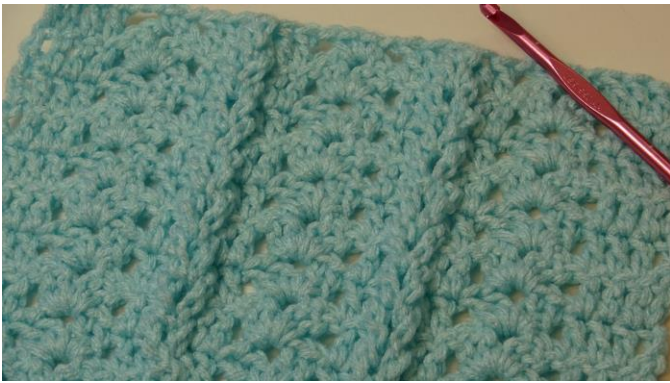




STITCH OF THE WEEK



4 Loops and Shells Stitch

Skill Level: Intermediate

Note: Use hook size recommended on yarn label of the yarn you will be using.

Stitch Multiple: Multiple of 9 plus 6.

Example: $9 \times 3 = 27 + 6 = 33$

To make a sample swatch, ch 33.

Row 1 (Right side): Dc in 4th ch from hook, dc in each of next 2 ch, *skip next 2 ch, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch, skip next 2 ch, dc in each of next 2 ch, ch 8, dc in each of next 2 ch *, rep from * to * across to last 9 ch, skip next 2 ch, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch, skip next 2 ch, dc in each of last 4 ch, turn.

Row 2: Ch 2 (counts as first dc), dc in each of next 3 dc, *skip next 2 dc, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, skip next 2 dc, dc in next 2 dc, ch 8, skip next ch-8 sp, dc in each of next 2 dc *, rep from * to * across to within last shell st, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in ch-2 sp of last shell, skip next 2 dc of shell, dc in each of last 4 sts, turn.

Repeat Row 2 to desired length, ending pattern on an odd numbered row. Finish pattern by weaving loops and then working the last Two Finishing Rows as follows:

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Weaving Loops

Starting in Row 1 in first column of loops and working up to last row, start with first loop, twist loop from right to left, then pull next loop above through loop below, pulling loop from back to front, continue working up column taking next loop above and pull through loop below from back to front.

Repeat to each column of loops across, then work last Two Finishing Rows.

Finishing Rows

First Finishing Row: Ch 2 (counts as first dc), dc in each of next 3 dc, * skip next 2 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, skip next 2 dc, dc in next 2 dc, skip next ch-8 sp, dc in each of next 2 dc *, rep from * to * across to last shell st, skip next 2 dc, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, skip next 2 dc, dc in each of last 4 sts, turn.

Last Finishing Row: Ch 3 (counts as first dc), dc in each of next 3 dc, ch 2, skip next 2 dc, sc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, skip next 2 dc, * dc in next dc, [dc through lp and into next dc] twice, dc in next dc, ch 2, skip next 2 dc, sc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, skip next 2 dc *, rep from * to * across to last 4 sts, dc in each of last 4 sts. Fasten off and weave in ends.