



How to Crochet the Bead Stitch



Summary:

The bead stitch is a beautifully textured stitch that may look a bit complicated, but really isn't! It only takes a few simple stitches worked in a specific way to create these little tornado-like stitches. So fun and easy to do!



Materials:

- Medium #4 worsted weight yarn
- ~ In this tutorial I used Caron Simply Soft color [Pistachio](#)(for the cover photo also colors [White](#) and [Persimmon](#)) - affiliate links.

NOTE:Caron Simply Soft is absolutely one of my favorite yarns. For a full review please see [Product Review: Caron Simply Soft](#).

- Crochet Hook size H-5.00mm (I personally love using [light up hooks](#))-affiliate link.

NOTE: The wooden hook in the photo above is a wonderful ergonomic crochet hook by Nelsonwood. If you have arthritis or limited hand strength, I highly recommend them. You can see [5 Reason to Love Nelsonwood Crochet Hooks!](#) for my full review.

- Scissors
- Tapestry needle

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NOTE: You can use thinner or thicker yarn, just be sure to use a hook size that is appropriate for your yarn weight.

Abbreviations:

Tutorial is written in US terms.

[Chain stitch \(ch/chs\)](#)

[Single crochet \(sc\)](#)

[Double crochet \(dc\)](#)

Slip-stitch (slp-st)

Stitch/es (st/sts)

Bead stitch (bst) – *yarn over, insert the hook behind the previous double crochet from front to back, yarn over and pull up a loop* Repeat from * to * 2 more times (3 times total = 7 loops on the hook). Yarn over and pull through 6 loops, yarn over and pull through remaining loops on the hook.

Instructions:

Create foundation chain.

Make a foundation chain to the length of your choice as long as the number of chains is even.

NOTE: For this tutorial I have chained 20.



Work the first row.

Row 1: Ch 1, sc in the 1st ch and in each ch across. (20 sts)



Start the second row.

Step 1: Ch 3 for the turning chain.



Step 2: Skip the 1st sc and work one dc in the next sc.



Make a bead stitch (bst).

Step 1: Yarn over.



Step 2: Insert the hook behind the previous double crochet from front to back.



Step 3: Yarn over and pull up a loop.



You should now have 3 loops on your hook.

Step 4: Repeat steps 1-3 two more times.

~You will have done steps 1-3 three times total and should have 7 loops on your hook.



Step 5: Yarn over.



Step 6: Pull through 6 loops.



You should have 2 loops left on your hook.

Step 7: Yarn over.



Step 8: Pull through remaining loops on the hook.



Finish the second row.

Repeat steps 1-2 of the “start the second row” section and steps 1-8 of the “make a bead stitch” section all the way to the last stitch.



NOTE: from here on out step 1 of the “start the second row” section now becomes skip the next sc instead of skip the 1st sc.



- Skip the last stitch and work 1 dc in the top of the ch 3 turning chain.



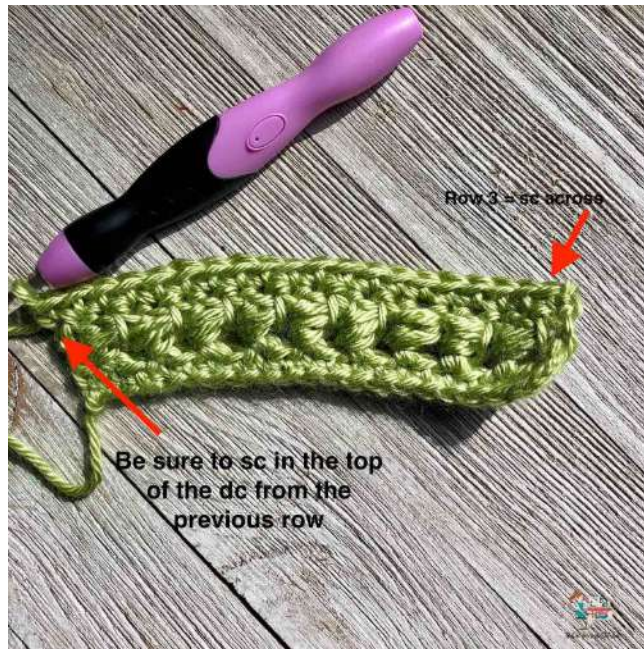
NOTE: You should have 9 bead stitches (bst).

Additional Rows.

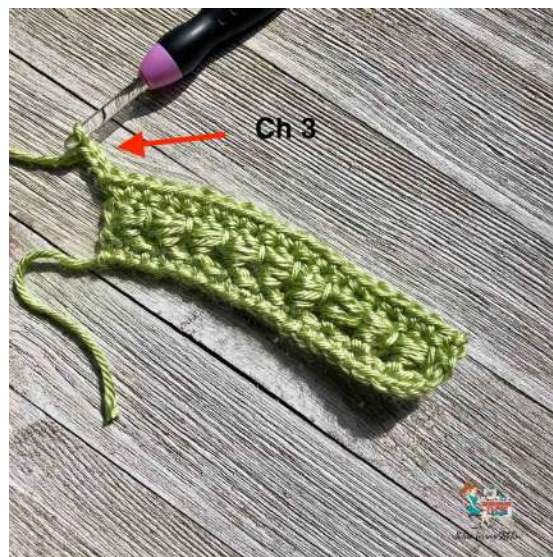
For additional rows, simply repeat all steps of rows 1 and 2 until the fabric is to your liking.

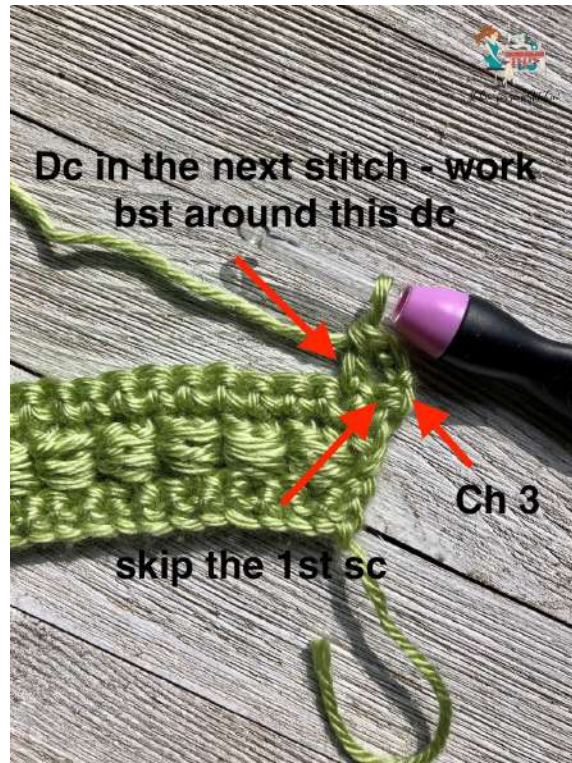
You should be alternating rows of sc and rows of bst stitches.

NOTE: From this point on, the row of single crochets (row 1 above) will be worked in each stitch of the bead stitch row (row 2 above).



****When working the sc across rows, be sure to sc into the top of the ending dc from the previous row (bead stitch row). Otherwise, you will end up reducing your stitch count by one.**





Final photo above shows the start of the second bead stitch row. Continue as outlined above to finish the row. Then continue on to make the fabric as long as you like.