

Double Crochet Drop Cluster Stitch

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Sample was crocheted using two colors of Caron Simply Soft worsted weight yarn. I am sure that this stitch could be done using a single color, but my personal preference is using at least 2 colors to obtain the effect wanted by the drop cluster stitch.



NOTES:

The best video that I found on you tube is here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dka8Ulwh5GM>

Pattern:

Multiple of 8 +12

Double crochet drop cluster stitch -

Key:

dc - double crochet

sc - single crochet

ch - chain

sk - skip

sp - space

dcdds - double crochet drop cluster stitch - in chain space yarn over (like doing a double crochet) draw up a loop 2x (5 loops on hook), in the chain space below the one just worked (2 rows down) yarn over draw up a loop 2x (9 loops on hook), in the chain space below the one just worked (3 rows down - space all by itself) yarn over draw up a loop 3x (14 loops on hook), in the next chain space above the chain space just worked (up to the left) yarn over draw up a loop 2x (18 loops on hook), in the next chain above the space just worked (up to the left) yarn over draw up a loop 2x (22 loops on hook) yarn over and pull through all 22 stitches on hook, ch1 to close cluster.

Materials needed:

Color 1 worsted weight yarn approx. 45 yards

Color 2 worsted weight yarn approx. 45 yards

Size H/8/5.0 mm crochet hook

Tapestry needle

Test Strip Size: 11.5"/12" wide x 8" tall"

Stitch count for different sizes:

12" wide: 32 + 12

24" wide: 64 + 12

36" wide: 96 + 12

48" wide: 128 + 12

60" wide: 160 + 12

Instructions for 12" wide strip:

Chain 44 stitches (multiple of 8 (32) + 12 = 44)

Border:

Sc in 2nd chain from hook and across, ch1, turn. (43 stitches)

Sc in each stitch across ch 1, turn (43 stitches) Repeat once more.

Pattern:

Row 1: dc in 1st 5 sc, ch1, sk1sc, dc in each of the next 7 sc, *ch1, sk1sc, dc in each of the next 7 sc, *repeat across to last 6 sc, ch1, sk1sc, dc in each of next 5 sc, ch1, turn.

Row 2: dc in 1st 3 dc, ch1, sk1dc, dc in next dc, ch1, skchsp, dc in next dc, ch1, sk1dc, dc in each of next 3 dc, *ch1, sk1dc, dc in next dc, ch1, skchsp, dc in next dc, ch1, sk1dc, dc in each of next 3dc, *repeat across, (last dc is worked in the ch1 of the prev. row it looks like there is not enough room, but there is) ch5, turn

Row 3: sk1dc (it is the center dc of the 3dc of the prev. row), dc in next dc, ch1, dc in next dc, *ch1, dc in next st, *repeat across. Break yarn, tie/finish off. (you will be skipping the chsp and the center dc in the 3dc of the prev. row)

Change color, attach with a slip stitch at the other end (so you won't have a knot on a knot) in the 3rd chain of the chain 5 stitch.

Row 4: ch1, dc in the 3rd ch of the ch5 st (this is the same st where you just did the ch1), dc in the chsp, dc in the next dc, ch1, **dc dcs**, *ch1, dc in next dc, dc in ch1 sp, dc in next dc, **dc dcs**, *rep across ending with dc in next dc which is the last dc of the previous row, ch1, turn.

Row 5: dc in 1st 3 dc, dc 2x in ch1 sp, ch1, sk cluster, dc 2x in ch1 sp, dc in next 3 dc, *dc 2x in ch1 sp, ch1, sk cluster, dc 2x in ch1 sp, dc in next 3 dc, *rep across, ch1, turn.

Row 6: dc in 1st 3 dc, ch1, sk1dc, dc in next dc, ch1, skchsp, dc in next dc, ch1, sk1dc, dc in each of next 3 dc, *ch1, sk1dc, dc in next dc, ch1, skchsp, dc in next dc, ch1, sk1dc, dc in each of next 3dc, *repeat across, (last dc is worked in the ch1 of the prev. row it looks like there is not enough room, but there is) ch5, turn

Row 7: sk1dc (it is the center dc of the 3dc of the prev. row), dc in next dc, ch1, dc in next dc, *ch1, dc in next st, *repeat across. Break yarn, tie/finish off. (you will be skipping the chsp and the center dc in the 3dc of the prev. row)

Change color, attach with a slip stitch at the other end (so you won't have a knot on a knot) in the 3rd chain of the chain 5 stitch

Repeat rows 4 to 7 until you have the length wanted, changing colors after completing row 7

Border: join yarn using a slip stitch in top of beg chain, sc in each dc and ch1 stitch across. Ch 1, turn (43 sts)

Sc in each sc across, ch1, turn repeat once more

Finish off.

Weave in ends.

Scarf or 60" wide strip

Chain 172 stitches (multiple of 8 (160) +12)

Border:

Sc in 2nd chain from hook and across, ch1, turn. (171 stitches)

Sc in each stitch across ch 1, turn (171 stitches) Repeat once more.

Pattern:

Row 1: dc in 1st 5 sc, ch1, sk1sc, dc in each of the next 7 sc, *ch1, sk1sc, dc in each of the next 7 sc, *repeat across to last 6 sc, ch1, sk1sc, dc in each of next 5 sc, ch1, turn.

Row 2: dc in 1st 3 dc, ch1, sk1dc, dc in next dc, ch1, skchsp, dc in next dc, ch1, sk1dc, dc in each of next 3 dc, *ch1, sk1dc, dc in next dc, ch1, skchsp, dc in next dc, ch1, sk1dc, dc in each of next 3dc, *repeat across, (last dc is worked in the ch1 of the prev. row it looks like there is not enough room, but there is) ch5, turn

Row 3: sk1dc (it is the center dc of the 3dc of the prev. row), dc in next dc, ch1, dc in next dc, *ch1, dc in next st, *repeat across. Break yarn, tie/finish off. (you will be skipping the chsp and the center dc in the 3dc of the prev. row)

Change color, attach with a slip stitch at the other end (so you won't have a knot on a knot) in the 3rd chain of the chain 5 stitch.

Row 4: ch1, dc in the 3rd ch of the ch5 st (this is the same st where you just did the ch1), dc in the chsp, dc in the next dc, ch1, **dc dcs**, *ch1, dc in next dc, dc in ch1 sp, dc in next dc, **dc dcs**, *rep across ending with dc in next dc which is the last dc of the previous row, ch1, turn.

Row 5: dc in 1st 3 dc, dc 2x in ch1 sp, ch1, sk cluster, dc 2x in ch1 sp, dc in next 3 dc, *dc 2x in ch1 sp, ch1, sk cluster, dc 2x in ch1 sp, dc in next 3 dc, *rep across, ch1, turn.

Row 6: dc in 1st 3 dc, ch1, sk1dc , dc in next dc, ch1, skchsp, dc in next dc, ch1, sk1dc , dc in each of next 3 dc, *ch1, sk1dc , dc in next dc, ch1, skchsp, dc in next dc, ch1, sk1dc, dc in each of next 3dc, *repeat across, (last dc is worked in the ch1 of the prev. row it looks like there is not enough room, but there is) ch5, turn

Row 7: sk1dc (it is the center dc of the 3dc of the prev. row), dc in next dc, ch1, dc in next dc, *ch1, dc in next st, *repeat across. Break yarn, tie/finish off. (you will be skipping the chsp and the center dc in the 3dc of the prev. row)

Change color, attach with a slip stitch at the other end (so you won't have a knot on a knot) in the 3rd chain of the chain 5 stitch

Repeat rows 4 to 7 until you have the length wanted, changing colors after completing row 7

Border: join yarn using a slip stitch in top of beg chain, sc in each dc and ch1 stitch across. Ch 1, turn (171 sts)

Sc in each sc across, ch1,turn, repeat once more

Finish off.

Weave in ends.