

Learn To Crochet Stitch By Stitch With Modern Stashbuster Projects

Crochet is a versatile and rewarding craft that can be used to create beautiful and functional items for your home, wardrobe, and more. With so many different stitches and patterns available, it can be overwhelming to know where to start. This article will provide a comprehensive guide to the basic crochet stitches, along with step-by-step instructions for some modern stashbuster projects that will help you practice your new skills.

Basic Crochet Stitches

The following are the most basic crochet stitches:



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- **Single crochet (sc):** The single crochet stitch is the most basic crochet stitch and is used to create a dense, fabric-like texture. To make a single crochet stitch, insert your hook into the next stitch, yarn

over, and pull up a loop. Yarn over again and pull through both loops on your hook.

- **Double crochet (dc):** The double crochet stitch is taller and lacier than the single crochet stitch and is used to create a more open, airy texture. To make a double crochet stitch, yarn over, insert your hook into the next stitch, yarn over, and pull up a loop. Yarn over again and pull through two loops on your hook. Yarn over again and pull through the remaining two loops on your hook.
- **Half double crochet (hdc):** The half double crochet stitch is a hybrid between the single crochet and double crochet stitches and is used to create a texture that is denser than the double crochet stitch but lacier than the single crochet stitch. To make a half double crochet stitch, yarn over, insert your hook into the next stitch, yarn over, and pull up a loop. Yarn over again and pull through all three loops on your hook.
- **Slip stitch (sl st):** The slip stitch is used to join pieces of crochet together or to create a decorative edge. To make a slip stitch, insert your hook into the next stitch, yarn over, and pull up a loop. Yarn over again and pull through both loops on your hook.

Modern Stashbuster Projects

Now that you know the basic crochet stitches, you can start practicing your skills with some modern stashbuster projects. Stashbuster projects are a great way to use up leftover yarn and create beautiful and useful items at the same time.

Granny Square Blanket

A granny square blanket is a classic crochet project that is perfect for beginners. It is made up of individual granny squares that are joined together to create a larger blanket. Granny squares can be made in any color or combination of colors, and they can be embellished with different stitches or motifs to create a unique look.

To make a granny square blanket, start by making a foundation chain of four stitches. Join the ends of the chain to form a ring. Then, work the following rounds into the ring:

- **Round 1:** Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in ring, ch 2, *3 dc in ring, ch 2; repeat from * 3 more times, join with sl st to top of first dc.
- **Round 2:** Ch 3, *[3 dc, ch 2] in corner space, 3 dc in next space; repeat from * 3 more times, join with sl st to top of first dc.
- **Round 3:** Ch 3, *[3 dc, ch 2] in corner space, 3 dc in next 2 spaces; repeat from * 3 more times, join with sl st to top of first dc.
- **Repeat Round 3** until the blanket is the desired size.

Market Bag

A market bag is a great way to use up leftover yarn and create a useful item that you can take with you when you go shopping. Market bags can be made in any size or shape, and they can be embellished with different stitches or motifs to create a unique look.

To make a market bag, start by making a foundation chain of 100 stitches. Join the ends of the chain to form a ring. Then, work the following rounds into the ring:

- **Round 1:** Sc in each st around, join with sl st to top of first sc.
- **Round 2:** Ch 1, *sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st; repeat from * around, join with sl st to top of first sc.
- **Round 3:** Ch 1, *sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts; repeat from * around, join with sl st to top of first sc.
- **Repeat Round 3** until the bag is the desired height.
- **To finish,** work one round of sc around the top of the bag, join with sl st to top of first sc, and fasten off.

Scarf

A scarf is a great way to use up leftover yarn and create a warm and stylish accessory. Scarves can be made in any length or width, and they can be embellished with different stitches or motifs to create a unique look.

To make a scarf, start by making a foundation chain of 100 stitches. Row 1: Sc in each st across, turn. Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn. Repeat row 2 until the scarf is the desired length, fasten off.

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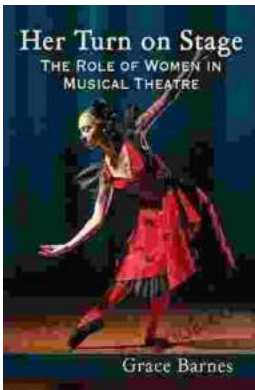
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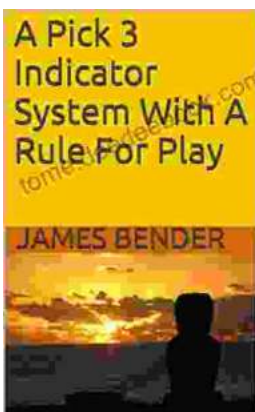
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