

Squashy little stitches of my own

Squashy Little Stitches of my Own is a large triangular wrap with a solid center section worked in linked double crochets and a lacey border worked in double crochets and chains. The border is worked as you work the solid section so the number of ends is reduced a bit. I designed this wrap before I designed Before the Moths Come, which is based on only the border section of this wrap. Unlike Before the Moths Come, which is flat at the end, this has a playful little flip up at the wide end of the triangle. It is named for my linked double crochets, which, apparently, I do not do correctly but really like the look of.



Hook size: 4.5 mm

Yarn: 3 hanks fingering weight (roughly 1300 yards); example done in Tosh Mo Light Wildflower

Gauge: solid section - 23 st x 9 rows in linked double crochet

lace border - 5 shells x 8 rows

Finished size: 67" x 42"

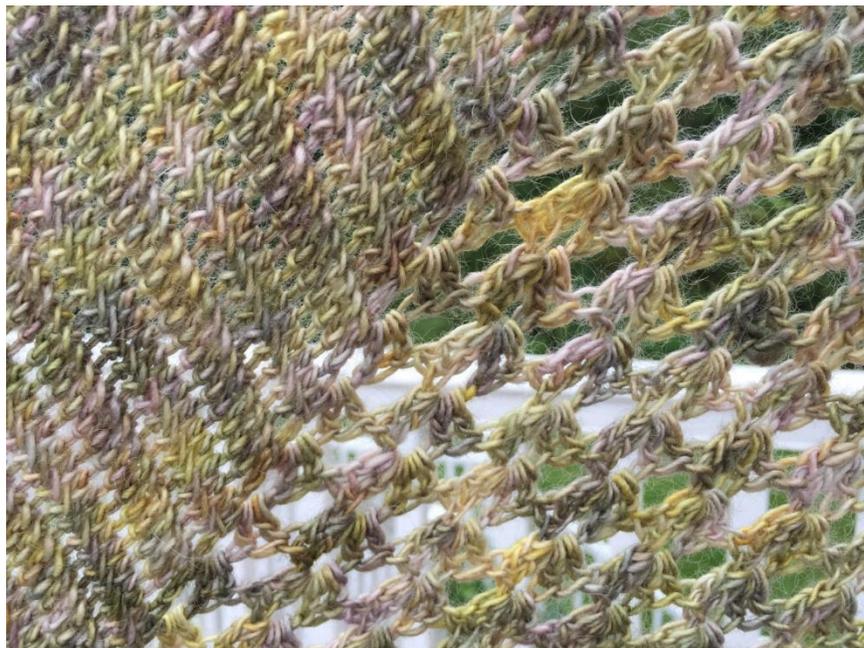
Stitches used:

Shell: 2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc

Increase shell: ch 5, 2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc

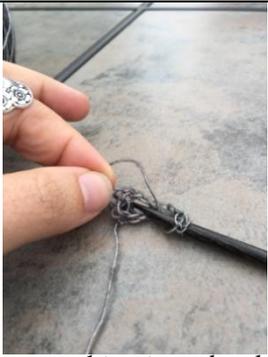
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1dc - linked double crochet



The pattern	The pattern all written out	What's going on	Pictures!
<p>Row 1: ch 4, dc in 4th ch from hook, ch 2, dc. One ch 2 sp</p>	<p>Chain 4. This is the starting chain and the first stitch. The next double crochet and the last double crochet all work into the very first chain you made.</p> <p>So, chain 4, yarn over, put the hook back into the 4th chain from your hook, and make a double crochet.</p> <p>Chain 2 and then do another double crochet into the same chain you made your first double crochet into.</p>	<p>One side of this shell is flat, so to speak with only one double crochet on that side. This is because there will be a flat edge to the one of the wrap.</p>	

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	<p>You should have one chain 2 space.</p>		
<p>Row 2: ch 5 and turn, 2 dc into ch 2 sp, ch 2, 2 dc into ch 2 sp. Two ch 2 sps</p>	<p>You are working on the flat side of the wrap to start, so we chain 5 and that stands as a double crochet and 2 chains.</p> <p>Then, working into the chain 2 space, you work 2 double crochets, 2 more chains, and 2 more double crochets.</p> <p>You should have 2 chain two spaces. Thus you have made your first increase.</p>	<p>This is an increase row. Increase rows always happen on the rows that start with 5 chains and they always occur in that first chain 2 space. You end up with an end shell (1 double crochet, 2 chains (the five chains count as 1 double and 2 chains), 2 double crochets) and an extra bit (2 chains, and 2 more double crochets). In the next pass, the extra bit will be home to a whole shell (2 double crochets, 2 chains, 2 double crochets), and so you make the increase. This will be the pattern for the rest of the shawl. One increase row, one row with normal shells.</p> <p>You are creating each row of shells around the chains of the chain two spaces from the row before. Put your hook into the chain 2 space and work around the chains, not through them. Put all of the double crochets for the shell into that space. In successive rows, when there are more chain two spaces to work with, you will have to skip over four double crochets from</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p data-bbox="1036 625 1417 688">You are working into the chain 2 space you made in the first row.</p>  <p data-bbox="1027 1056 1425 1234">This is what it should look like with two chain 2 spaces. The first between the chain and double, the second between the 2 groups of doubles.</p> </div>

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		<p>the last row to get to the next chain two space to work a shell. Just skip those stitches. Each shell is worked around the chain two spaces only.</p>	
<p>Row 3: turn, sl st into each dc and into ch 2 sp, ch 3, 1 dc, ch 2, 2 dc, work shell (2 dc, 2 ch, 2 dc) in each ch 2 sp to last ch 2 sp, 2dc, ch 2, 1 dc in last ch 2 sp. Two ch 2 sps.</p>	<p>Turn your work and slip stitch into the top of the first two double crochets from the last row and then into the chain 2 space. This gets the yarn and hook to where you want it without having to cut it.</p> <p>Chain 3 and work a dc into the chain 2 space.</p> <p>Chain 2 and put 2 more double crochets into the same chain 2 space.</p> <p>In the next chain 2 space, work 2 double crochets, chain 2, and work 1 double crochet.</p> <p>You should have 2 chain 2 spaces</p>	<p>Just keep remembering that on the flat side of the wrap, your final shell will always have just one double crochet on the edge.</p>	<div data-bbox="1062 453 1333 806" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>This is what it should look like after working a shell into the first chain 2 space and a part shell into the last chain 2 space created by the chain 5 from the last row.</p>
<p>Row 4: Inc shell in 1st ch 2 sp, shell in each ch 2 sp to end.</p>	<p>Chain 5, 2 double crochets, 2 chains, and 2 double crochets in first chain 2 space.</p> <p>Then shell (2 double crochets, 2 chains, 2 double crochets) in each of the chain 2 spaces from each</p>	<p>A shell is always 2 double crochets, 2 chains, and 2 double crochets. This row is an increase row so the first group has an extra chain 2, 2 double crochets sequence (an increase shell). All of the even rows are increase rows.</p>	<div data-bbox="1062 1507 1328 1852" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>The hook is pointing to where you</p>

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	<p>shell in the previous row.</p> <p>You should have 3 chain 2 spaces after the fourth row. This number will go up by one with each even numbered row worked after this.</p>		<p>work your next shell. To get into each chain 2 space, you need to skip over the last two double crochets from the shell you just worked, as well as the first two double crochets of the next shell.</p>
<p>Row 5: Turn, sl st. to ch 2 sp, ch 3, dc, ch2, 2 dc in first ch 2 space, shell in each ch 2 space to last ch 2 sp, 2 dc, ch 2, 1 dc in last sp. 3 ch 2 sps</p>	<p>Slip stitch in the first 2 double crochets and once into the first chain 2 space.</p> <p>Chain 3, double crochet, chain 2, 2 double crochet in the first chain 2 space.</p> <p>Move to the next chain 2 space and shell.</p> <p>Keep moving to the next chain 2 space and putting in a shell (2 double crochets, chain 2, 2 double crochets) until you reach the last chain 2 space.</p> <p>In that space, you do 2 double crochets, chain 2, and do 1 double crochet.</p> <p>You should have 3 chain 2 spaces.</p>	<p>In this row, you just work shells into the chain 2 spaces. Since you added the extra bit in one shell last time, this time there will be an extra whole shell in the row. The uneven rows only get normal shells with no extra bits and the weird last shell with only one double crochet.</p>	 <p>The hook is pointing to the chain 2 space made by the chain 5 from the last row. Work a part shell into that (2 double crochets, chain 2, 1 double crochet.)</p>
<p>Row 6 - 17: repeat rows 4 and 5</p>	<p>Repeat rows 4 and 5 to form the border up to the start of the solid section</p>		
<p>The pattern</p>	<p>The pattern all written out</p>	<p>What's going on</p>	
<p>Row 18: Ch. 3, 2</p>	<p>Chain 3, make 2</p>	<p>You are starting the solid section here. It starts with an</p>	

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<p>1dc in 1st dc from last row, ch 2, 2 dc in ch 2 sp, shell in each ch 2 sp to end. (1 ch, 2 ldc)</p>	<p>linked double crochets in the first double crochet from the last row.</p> <p>Chain 2, 2 double crochets in the chain 2 space.</p> <p>Continue making shells to the end of the row.</p> <p>This should give you one turning chain that counts as a stitch and 2 linked double crochets at the end of your row.</p>	<p>increase in the first group of stitches. From here on out, this is where you will be making your increases. You will no longer be using increase shells.</p> <p>I learned something important after I made this wrap. Apparently, I make linked double crochets incorrectly. What you are supposed to do is insert the hook into the first chain from the turning chain, pull up a loop, put the hook into the top of the stitch you want to work in and finish like a normal double crochet. For the next stitch, you have one loop on the hook, you go through the cross bar on the last stitch and pull up a loop, go back into the stitch you are increasing in and finish like a normal double crochet.</p> <p>In a move that surprises no one, I don't like the look of that as much, and so I do all of my linking into the loop on the side of the last double crochet instead of the cross bar. It's still a stitch, even if it isn't done just as the powers that be say it should be. If you wish to execute your stitches that way, please do. If you have another way that works for you/video you are learning the stitch from, please follow it. If linked double crochets are really just not something you want to fiddle with, use regular double crochets. This is your project. You need to be happy with the fabric you make. You owe answers to no one else.</p>
<p>Row 19: Turn, sl st. to ch 2 sp, ch 3, dc, ch2, 2 dc in first ch 2 space, shell in each ch 2 space to last ch 2 sp, 2 dc, ch 2, 1 dc in last ch sp., 1 ldc in each ldc from last row and tc (1 dc, 3ldc)</p>	<p>Turn, slip stitch in the first 2 double crochets and once into the first chain 2 space.</p> <p>Chain 3, double crochet, chain 2, 2 double crochet in the first chain 2 space.</p> <p>Move to the next chain 2 space and shell.</p> <p>Keep moving to the next chain 2 space and putting in a shell (2 double crochets, chain 2, 2 double crochets) until you reach the last chain 2 space.</p>	

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	<p>In that space, you do 2 double crochets, chain 2, and do 1 double crochet. Link the next double crochet to that last double crochet and place one linked double crochet in each stitch to the end of the row, working a linked double into the turning chain from the last round.</p>		
<p>Row 20: Ch. 3, 1dc in each st to ch 2, 1 ldc in ch 2 sp, ch 2, 2 dc on ch 2 sp, shell in each ch 2 sp to end. (1 ch, 4 ldc)</p>	<p>Chain 3, linked double crochet in each stitch up to the chain 2 space, place 1 linked double crochet into the chain 2 space.</p> <p>Chain 2, 2 double crochets in the chain 2 space.</p> <p>Continue making shells to the end of the row.</p>	<p>So here's something that maybe helps. Sometimes it's hard to tell just where to put your hook in the first stitch after a chain space. Count your stitches and make sure each row goes up by one stitch. Once you have this increase, keep doing it the same way. So long as you are consistent, then it is fine. You have made a style choice for your fabric creation that is right and makes sense for you. In this pattern, it doesn't matter so long as your stitch count goes up by one each row.</p>	
<p>Rows 21 - 120: Repeat rows 19 and 20 to length</p> <p>You should have 104 linked doubles on the last row.</p>	<p>Row 19: Turn, slip stitch in the first 2 double crochets and once into the first chain 2 space.</p> <p>Chain 3, double crochet, chain 2, 2 double crochet in the first chain 2 space.</p> <p>Move to the next chain 2 space and shell.</p> <p>Keep moving to the next chain 2 space and putting in a shell</p>	<p>Row 20: Chain 3, linked double crochet in each stitch up to the chain 2 space, place 1 linked double crochet into the chain 2 space.</p> <p>Chain 2, 2 double crochets in the chain 2 space.</p> <p>Continue making shells to the end of the row.</p>	<p>And this is the pattern to the end of the solid section. You increase by one double crochet each row. The border section will start to slide away just a bit and hang at a slight angle. This is to plan.</p> <p>I highly recommend writing out a chart to keep track of what rows you have finished.</p>

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	<p>(2 double crochets, chain 2, 2 double crochets) until you reach the last chain 2 space.</p> <p>In that space, you do 2 double crochets, chain 2, and do 1 double crochet. Link the next double crochet to that last double crochet and place one linked double crochet in each stitch to the end of the row, working a linked double into the turning chain from the last round.</p> <p>You should have 104 linked doubles on the last row.</p>		
<p>Row 121: Turn, sl st. to ch 2 sp, ch 3, dc, ch2, 2 dc in first ch 2 space, shell in each ch 2 space. (place marker in last shell made) Sk 3 ldc, Shell into 4th ldc, *sk 3 ldc, shell into 4th ldc*, repeat ** to last ldc, 2 dc, ch 2, 1 dc in last st.</p>	<p>Turn, slip stitch in the first 2 double crochets and once into the first chain 2 space.</p> <p>Chain 3, double crochet, chain 2, 2 double crochet in the first chain 2 space.</p> <p>Move to the next chain 2 space and shell. Place a marker in the chain 2 space of the last shell you make before you start making shells in the linked double crochet area.</p> <p>Skip first three linked double</p>	<p>This is the start of the other side of the border. We are back to just making shells. If you want your wrap to be longer, please add rows of linked double crochets in sets of four to make counting for the border easier.</p>	

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	<p>crochet, shell (2 double crochets, chain 2, 2 double crochets) into fourth linked double crochet. Skip three more linked double crochets and shell into the fourth linked double from the last shell. Continue this pattern across the row.</p> <p>At the very last linked double crochet, place 2 double crochets, 2 chains, and 1 double crochet.</p>	
<p>Row 122: Ch 5, 2 dc in first ch 2 sp., shell in each ch 2 space to marked shell, 2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc in marked st. (mark 2nd ch 2 sp), shell in remained ch 2 spaces.</p>	<p>Chain 5, 2 double crochet in first chain 2 space.</p> <p>Shell in each chain 2 space to marked shell.</p> <p>2 double crochets, 2 chains, 2 double crochets, 2 chains, 2 double crochets in marked stitch and place the marker in the second chain 2 space.</p> <p>Make normal shells to the end of the row.</p>	
<p>Row 123: Turn, sl st. to ch 2 sp, ch 3, dc, ch2, 2 dc in first ch 2 space, shell in each ch 2 sp to marked st, shell in marked</p>	<p>Slip stitch in the first 2 double crochets and once into the first chain 2 space.</p> <p>Chain 3, double crochet, chain 2, 2</p>	

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<p>shell, place marker in new shell, shell to end of row, 2 dc, 2 ch, 1 dc.</p>	<p>double crochet in the first chain 2 space.</p> <p>Move to the next chain 2 space and shell. Continue to marked stitch.</p> <p>At marked stitch, place a shell and then put the marker into that new shell.</p> <p>Continue to shell to end of row, 2 double crochets, 2 chains, 1 double crochet in last shell.</p>		
<p>Row 124 - 142: Repeat rows 122 and 123 to length</p>	<p>Row 122: Chain 5, 2 double crochet in first chain 2 space.</p> <p>Shell in each chain 2 space to marked shell.</p> <p>2 double crochets, 2 chains, 2 double crochets, 2 chains, 2 double crochets in marked stitch and place the marker in the second chain 2 space.</p> <p>Make normal shells to the end of the row.</p>	<p>Row 123: Slip stitch in the first 2 double crochets and once into the first chain 2 space.</p> <p>Chain 3, double crochet, chain 2, 2 double crochet in the first chain 2 space.</p> <p>Move to the next chain 2 space and shell. Continue to marked stitch.</p> <p>At marked stitch, place a shell and then put the marker into that new shell.</p> <p>Continue to shell to end of row, 2 double crochets, 2 chains, 1 double crochet in last shell.</p>	<p>This is the pattern to the end of the wrap. Even rows have an increase shell with two chain spaces. Odd rows have full normal shells.</p> <p>Keep moving the marker up and you will know where to place the increases each row.</p>
<p>To finish: sc along flat edge.</p>	<p>Single crochet along the flat edge of the work. Space your single crochets as</p>		

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	<p>evenly as possible. A sort of pattern will appear that will show you where you need to place the single crochets to make a neat and even edge. If it doesn't look right, rip it out and try again spacing them closer if the edge was puckering, and farther apart if the edge was rippling.</p>	
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