

Half Double Crochet (hdc)

A soft, squishy stitch that's perfect for cozy projects!

What Is Half Double Crochet?

The half double crochet is taller than a single crochet but shorter than a double crochet. It creates a soft, flexible fabric and works up quickly—perfect for blankets, hats, and washcloths!

Abbreviation: hdc

Used in patterns like:

“hdc in each st across” or “2 hdc in next st”

What You'll Need:

- Worsted weight yarn
- 5.0 mm (H-8) crochet hook
- Yarn needle & scissors

Step-by-Step Instructions

- **Step 1:** Yarn Over (yo)

Wrap the yarn around your hook from back to front.

- **Step 2:** Insert Hook

Insert your hook into the next stitch.

- **Step 3:** Yarn Over Again

Wrap the yarn around the hook one more time.

- **Step 4:** Pull Up a Loop

Draw the yarn through the stitch.

You should now have 3 loops on your hook.

- **Step 5:** Yarn Over One More Time

Wrap the yarn again around your hook.

- **Step 6:** Pull Through All 3 Loops

Pull the yarn through all 3 loops on your hook.

 You've made a half double crochet stitch!

Keep Going!

Repeat Steps 1–6 in each stitch across your row.

Turning Chain Tip

When starting a new row of hdc:

- Ch 2 (this is your turning chain)
- Turn your work and begin the next row in the first stitch unless the pattern says otherwise

Pro Tips:

- Keep your yarn tension relaxed—this stitch glides best when you don't pull too tight.
- Practice on a swatch before starting a big project.
- Great stitch for beginners who want to add texture and height!

♥ You're Doing Great!

Every stitch you make is progress. Be proud of every loop and mistake—it's all part of the learning journey.