Stitch Marker Guide

What Are Stitch Markers?

- Small tools that help mark specific points in your crochet—like the beginning of a round, end of a row, or a key spot in your pattern.
- Available as locking plastic markers, safety pins, scrap yarn loops, or even bobby pins!

When to Use Them

- Mark the first or last stitch of every row to keep your edges straight
- Mark your turning chain so you don't accidentally crochet into it
- Mark the center stitch of a granny square, motif, or round
- Mark stitch increases or decreases in patterns
- Great for tracking rows or rounds in larger projects (e.g., every 5th row)

How to Use Them

- After making a stitch, simply insert the marker into the top two loops of that stitch
- For rounds, place the marker into the first stitch of the round before continuing
- Lock it in place if using a locking marker
- Move the marker up each time you begin a new row or round

Beginner Tips:

- Use different colors for different purposes
- Mark both ends of a row to double-check your stitch count
- If your marker falls out, don't worry—just recount and place it back!

Practice Prompt:

Try placing a stitch marker at the beginning and end of each row in your next swatch. Did it help your edges look straighter?