

Watson Waffle Crochet Socks Pattern



Materials You Need & Measurements:

- **Hook:** US E/9 (3.50mm)
- **Yarn:** Fine weight (size 2/sport)
- **Yarn Amount:** Approximately 103 yards for baby sizes to 652 yards for adult large
- **Gauge:** 11 stitches = 2 inches, 10 rounds = 2 inches
- **Finished Sizes:** Baby (6 months) to Adult Large (Women's size 10-12 or Men's size 9-11)

Abbreviations:

- **Ch:** Chain
- **Sc:** Single Crochet
- **Hdc:** Half Double Crochet
- **Dc:** Double Crochet
- **FPdc:** Front Post Double Crochet
- **BPdc:** Back Post Double Crochet

- **Sl St:** Slip Stitch

Stitching Rounds for Watson Waffle Crochet Socks Pattern:

Round 1: Foundation and Cuff



- **Foundation Chain:** Start with a **chain (ch)** that fits comfortably around your ankle or the size you're working on (typically, 48-56 ch for adult sizes, depending on foot size).
- Join with a **sl st** to form a loop, making sure the chain isn't twisted.
- **Round 1:** Work **sc** into each chain around. This will create a stretchy, snug cuff for the sock. Make sure to keep your stitches even and join the round with a **sl st** to the first **sc**.
 - **Tip:** If you need to make the cuff longer, work 4-6 more rounds of **sc** for a thicker cuff.

Round 2: Setting Up the Waffle Stitch



- **Turn the work:** After completing your cuff, turn your work to prepare for the waffle stitch.
- Start the **waffle stitch** pattern by chaining 2 (counts as the first **hdc** in the next round).
- **Round 2:** Work **hdc** into the next stitch.
- Then, work **FPdc** around the post of the next stitch in the round below (this is the front post double crochet).
- After that, work **BPdc** around the post of the next stitch in the round below (this is the back post double crochet).
- Continue this alternating pattern of **FPdc** and **BPdc** around the entire round.
 - **Tip:** Make sure the **FPdc** and **BPdc** are placed around the corresponding posts in the previous round to create the waffle texture.
- When you complete the round, **sl st** to join with the top of the first **hdc**. If necessary, adjust the stitch count to fit the size you're making (adjust the number of stitches if the round feels too tight or too loose).

Round 3: Building the Waffle Texture



- **Round 3:** Continue with the waffle stitch pattern. Start by chaining 2 (counts as the first **hdc**).
- Work **hdc** into the next stitch.
- Then, continue alternating between **FPdc** and **BPdc** around the entire round.
- Be sure to keep the **FPdc** around the front posts and the **BPdc** around the back posts from the previous round.
 - This creates the raised textured pattern on the socks.
- **Sl st** to join the round to the first **hdc**.
 - Repeat this round until you have a sufficiently long section of the waffle stitch pattern for the sock leg, which typically is 4-6 inches depending on your desired sock length.

Round 4: Repeat Waffle Stitch



- **Round 4:** Repeat the pattern established in Round 3. Chain 2 (counts as the first **hdc**).
- Work **hdc** into the next stitch, then alternate between **FPdc** and **BPdc** for the rest of the round.
 - Ensure that you maintain the **FPdc** and **BPdc** pattern from the previous round.
- Complete the round by **sl st** to join with the first **hdc**.
- Keep repeating rounds of **FPdc** and **BPdc** until the sock leg is the desired length.

Round 5: Shaping the Foot (Start of Toe)



- When you reach the length you want for the leg portion of the sock, begin shaping the foot.
- **Round 5:** To shape the toe, you will start decreasing. First, you can decrease in a way that maintains the waffle texture.
- Work **FPdc** and **BPdc** as usual for a few stitches, then decrease by skipping a stitch (working the last two stitches of a pair of **FPdc** and **BPdc** together).
- Alternatively, use **sc** for the toe to create a more gradual decrease.
 - **Tip:** To decrease, simply work **sc** (or **hdc**) into the next 2 stitches together (e.g., **sc2tog**).
- Continue decreasing in this manner until you have shaped the toe to your liking.
 - If you're unsure, you can do a few rounds of just **sc** to make the transition smoother.

Round 6: Finish the Toe



- **Round 6:** Once you've decreased enough to shape the toe, you can close off the sock.
- Continue decreasing in **sc** or **hdc**, making sure the stitches are tight to create a snug toe.
- At the end, you can finish off the toe by **sl st** and weaving in any loose ends.

Round 7: Sole and Heel Finishing



- **Final Rounds:** After the toe is finished, move on to the heel section. Depending on the pattern, you might have a few rounds of **sc** or **hdc** along the bottom (sole) of the foot.
- Work a few rounds to make sure the sock is snug but comfortable.
- Once you're happy with the fit, **sl st** to close the remaining gaps and finish the sock.

Final Tips:

- Always check the **gauge** and try on the sock as you go to ensure it fits properly.
- If the sock is too loose, consider tightening your stitches, especially for the cuff, or adjusting the stitch count in the foot area.
- Experiment with different yarns or crochet hooks if you want a different texture or fit for your socks.