Clusters and Puffs Dot Border

Skill Level: Intermediate

Finished Width: Approximately 2.5 inches wide (adjustable)

Best For: Adding a decorative edge to blankets, shawls, scarves, and cardigans

Materials

- **Yarn**: Scheepjes Stone Washed (DK weight), 78% Cotton / 22% Acrylic
- **Hook**: 3.5 mm crochet hook
- **Notions**: Scissors, yarn needle, stitch markers (optional)

Gauge (not critical for borders)

Approximately 18 stitches x 10 rows = 4" x 4" in double crochet using DK weight yarn and 3.5 mm hook.

Stitches and Abbreviations (US Terms)

- **ch** – chain
- **sl st** – slip stitch
- **sc** – single crochet
- **dc** – double crochet
- **tr** – treble crochet
- **cl** – cluster: (yo, insert hook, yo, pull up loop, yo, pull through 2) repeat 3 times in same stitch, yo, pull through all loops
- **puff** – puff stitch: (yo, insert hook, yo, pull up loop) 4 times in same stitch, yo, pull through all loops
- **st(s)** – stitch(es)
- **RS/WS** – Right Side/Wrong Side

Yarn Requirements

- For edging a standard baby blanket (~36" x 36"), you'll need about **120-150 yards**.
- For a throw or afghan (~50" x 60"), plan for **250-350 yards** depending on border width and yarn thickness.

Pattern Notes

- Work the border **in rounds** if going around a project.
- This pattern creates a gentle wave effect with puff "dots" and textured clusters in between.
- You can modify the stitch counts to make the border narrower or wider.

Pattern Instructions

Foundation Round (optional)

If your base fabric doesn't have a border yet: Join yarn with sl st in any corner. **Ch 1, sc evenly around the edge**, working (sc, ch 2, sc) in each corner. Join with sl st to first sc.

Round 1 – Setup

Ch 1, sc in each st around, working (sc, ch 2, sc) in each corner. Join with sl st to first sc.

Round 2 – Cluster and Puff Base

Ch 3 (counts as dc), skip 1 st, cl in next st, ch 1, skip 1 st, dc in next st. Repeat from * around. Adjust stitch spacing at corners to maintain a flat edge. Join with sl st to top of ch-3.

Round 3 – Puff Row

Sl st into next ch-1 space. Ch 2 (does not count as st), puff in ch-1 space, ch 2, dc in top of next cluster, ch 2. Repeat from * around. Join with sl st to top of first puff.

Round 4 – Finishing Scallops

Sl st into next ch-2 space, ch 1, (sc, hdc, dc, hdc, sc) in ch-2 space (forms small scallop), sl st in top of puff, sl st in next dc). Repeat from * around. Join with sl st to first sc. Fasten off.

Finishing

- Weave in all loose ends with a yarn needle.
- Steam block or lightly wet block your finished piece to smooth and shape the border.
- For garments or wearable items, test drape before attaching.