Skill Level: Beginner

Border Type: Decorative edging, ideal for blankets, shawls, and garments.

Materials Needed & Measurements:

- **Yarn**: Scheepjes Stone Washed (DK weight; 78% Cotton, 22% Acrylic) – Approx. 50g (1 skein)
- **Hook**: 3.5mm (E/4) crochet hook
- **Gauge:** 4" = 18 stitches × 12 rows (in dc)
- **Notions**:
    - Scissors,
    - Yarn needle for weaving in ends

Measurements

- The border is approx. 1.25" (3 cm) wide when worked around a standard blanket or garment edge.
- Length: adjustable based on project size (pattern can be worked along any straight or curved edge).

Stitches & Abbreviations (US Terms)

- **ch** - chain
- **sl st** - slip stitch
- **sc** - single crochet
- **dc** - double crochet

Stitching Instructions for Making the Crochet Chain Border Pattern:

Foundation Round (optional for clean base):

- Join yarn at any corner with a slip stitch.
- Ch 1, sc evenly around the entire edge, placing (sc, ch 1, sc) in each corner to turn.
- Join with a sl st to the first sc.
- Fasten off if using a contrasting color for the chain border.

Chain Border Pattern

- **Round 1:**

- Join yarn with a sl st in any stitch along the edge.
- Ch 6, skip 2 stitches, sl st in the next stitch.
- Repeat from to around.
- Adjust as needed to end evenly at the corner.
- Fasten off and weave in ends.
- Optional: In corners, skip only 1 stitch instead of 2 for better shaping.

Finishing Options

- You can keep the simple chain loops, or for a more decorative finish:
- **Round 2 (Optional Picot Accent):**
  - Join yarn in the center of any chain loop.
  - (Sc, ch 3, sl st in 1st ch, sc) In each ch loop around.
  - Sl st to first sc and fasten off.

Care & Blocking

- Gently steam block the border to relax the loops and enhance the texture.
- Follow care instructions for your yarn, Scheepjes Stone Washed, is machine washable,e but air drying is recommended.

Tips

- For a fuller edge, increase the chain length (try ch 8 or ch 10).
- To add color, alternate yarn shades each round or chain in two colors held together.