

Front Bottom Half Loop Double Crochet Border



Skill Level: Intermediate (You should be comfortable with identifying front and back loops, as well as basic border techniques.)

Materials Needed:

- **Yarn:** Scheepjes Stone Washed (DK weight; 130m/50g per skein)
- **Yarn Requirements (Approximate):**
 - **Small project (e.g., baby blanket 30x30"):** 1 skein
 - **Medium project (e.g., throw 45x60"):** 2–3 skeins
 - **Large blanket/afghan (e.g., 60x72"):** 4 skeins
- **Hook:** 3.5 mm crochet hook
- **Scissors**
- **Tapestry needle** for weaving in ends
- **Stitch markers** (optional, to mark corners)

Measurements:

- This border adds approximately **0.75 inches** to each edge.
- Gauge is not crucial, but estimated at **18 dc x 10 rows = 4"** (10cm) using specified yarn and hook.

Stitches & Abbreviations (US Terms):

- **ch** - chain
- **sl st** - slip stitch
- **sc** - single crochet
- **dc** - double crochet
- **fbl** - front loop only
- **fbl-b** - front **bottom** half loop only (see special stitch)

Special Stitch: Front Bottom Half Loop (fbl-b)

To locate the front bottom half loop: When looking at the top of a stitch, you'll usually see a "V" shape this is the front and back top loops. Beneath that "V," right under the front loop, there's a subtle horizontal strand.

That's the **front bottom half loop**. It sits slightly below and in front of the normal front loop.

To work a double crochet in fbl-b: Yarn over, insert hook under that front bottom loop only, yarn over, pull up a loop, complete as normal dc.

Pattern Instructions:

Note: This border is worked around your finished project. Make sure the last row of your project ends cleanly. If needed, work a single crochet round first as a foundation edge.

Round 1: (Optional Foundation)



- Join yarn with a slip stitch in any corner.
- Ch 1, sc evenly around the entire edge of the project, placing **3 sc in each corner**.
- Join with sl st to first sc. Do not fasten off.

Round 2: FBL-B DC Border



- Ch 2 (counts as first dc),
- dc in **front bottom half loop only** of each stitch around,
- Place **(dc, ch 2, dc)** in each corner stitch to maintain shape,
- Join with sl st to top of beginning ch-2.

Round 3 (Optional for thickness): Repeat Round 2



- If you'd like a thicker border, repeat Round 2 once or twice more.
- Always work into the fbl-b of the previous round's stitches.
- Remember to keep corners shaped with (dc, ch 2, dc) in each corner space.

Finishing Instructions:



- Fasten off yarn.
- Weave in all ends using a tapestry needle.
- Gently block your project to smooth out the border and emphasize the subtle horizontal ribbing created by the front bottom half loop technique.