

Moss Stitch Washcloth Pattern



The Moss Stitch Dishcloth pattern is a simple, beginner-friendly crochet project that creates a textured, absorbent, and attractive washcloth.

Using basic stitches and minimal materials, this pattern is perfect for practicing crochet technique or making quick, practical gifts. The moss stitch creates a woven, sturdy fabric ideal for everyday use.

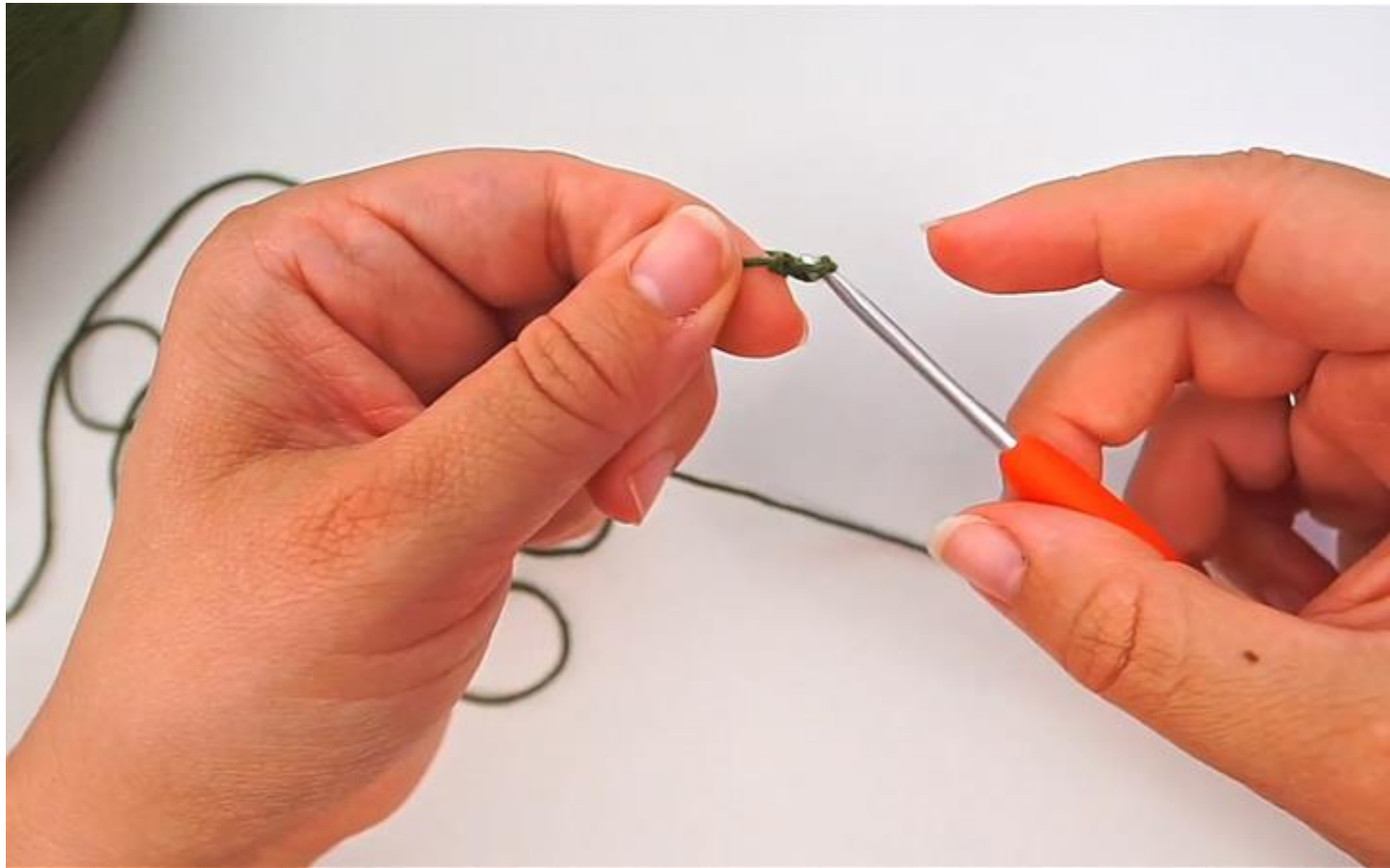
Materials Needed & Measurements:

- **Yarn:** 100% cotton yarn for durability and absorbency.
- **Yarn Weight:** Worsted weight (medium, category 4).
- **Recommended Brands:** Lily Sugar'n Cream, Peaches & Creme, I Love This Cotton.
- **Hook Size:** H/5.0 mm crochet hook.
- **Notions:** Scissors, tapestry needle, optional stitch marker.
- **Finished Size:** Approx. 9" x 9" (adjustable with chain count and row number).

Stitches & Abbreviations Used:

This pattern uses very basic crochet stitches, making it accessible for beginners.

Below are the stitches and abbreviations:



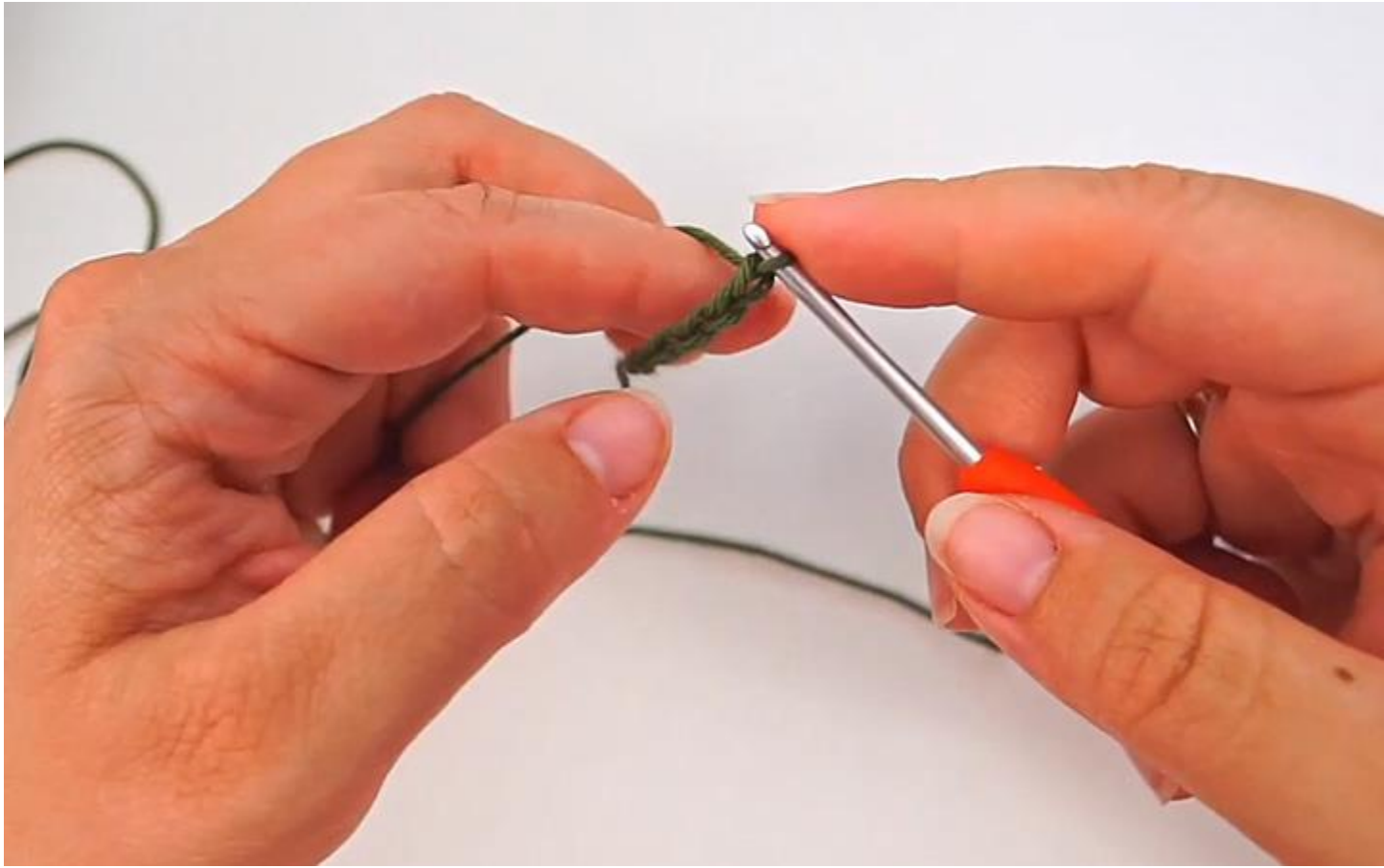
- **ch** - chain
- **sc** - single crochet
- **st** - stitch
- **sl st** - slip stitch (used for finishing, not in the main body)
- **sk** - skip
- **Moss Stitch** - alternating sc and ch across a row, worked into the chain spaces of the previous row

Stitching Instructions for Making the Moss Stitch Washcloth Pattern

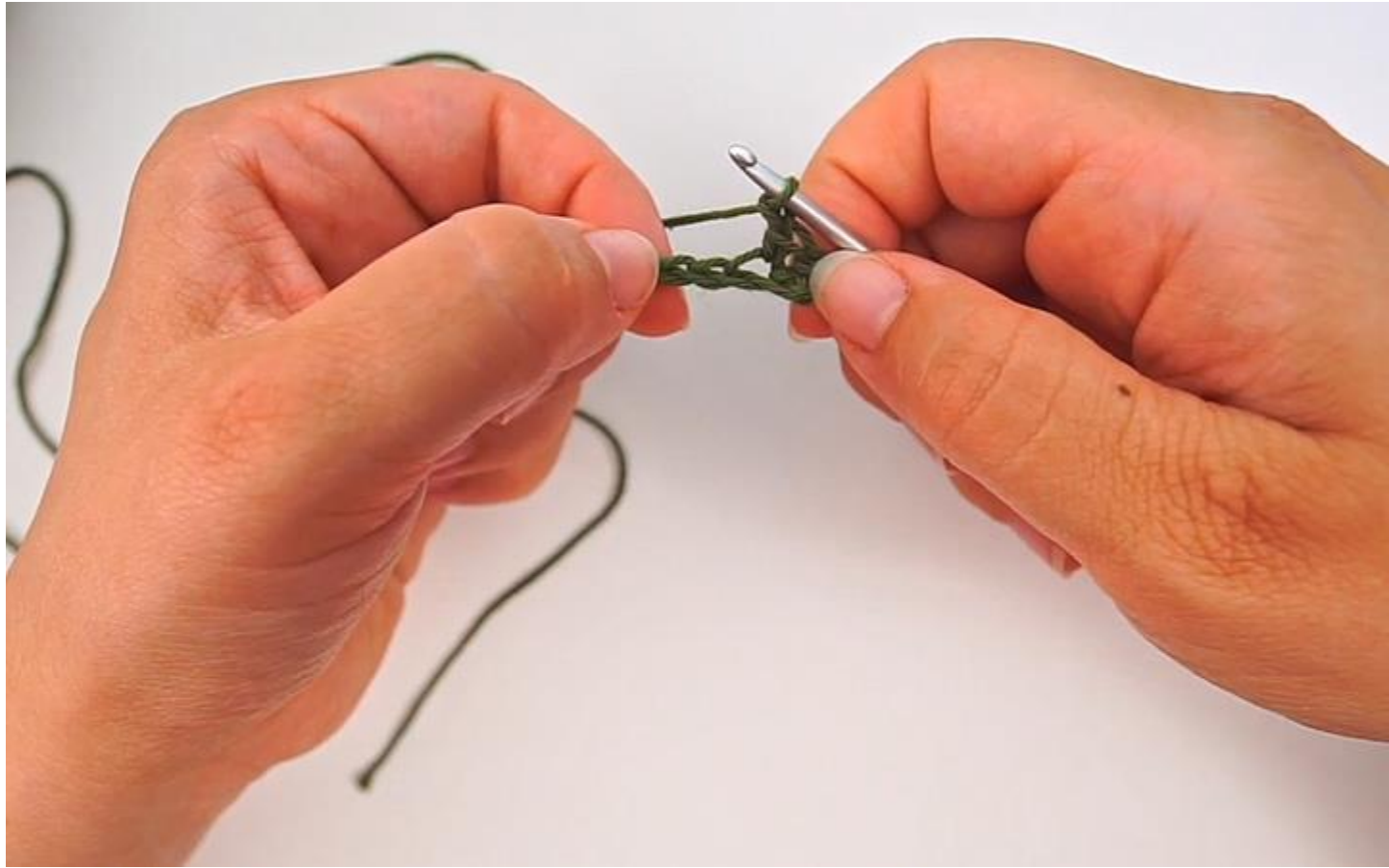
Now let's walk through the instructions for crocheting your very own moss stitch dishcloth. The pattern is beginner-friendly and repetitive, so once you master the first few rows, the rest will feel intuitive.

Foundation Chain:

- Begin by chaining **31 stitches**. This will give you a dishcloth that's roughly 9 inches wide. If you'd like a different size, use an **odd number** of chains to begin.
- **Row 1:**



- Work a **single crochet (sc)** into the **4th chain from the hook**.
- **Ch 1**, skip 1 chain, then **sc in the next ch**.
- Repeat the pattern of [**ch 1, sk 1, sc**] across the row until the last stitch.
- You should end with a single crochet in the last chain.
- Turn your work.
- **Row 2:**



- **Ch 2** (this counts as your first ch 1 and skip 1).
- Work a **sc into the first chain space** (the space created by the ch-1 in the previous row).
- **Ch 1**, skip the sc, and work a **sc into the next ch-1 space**.
- Repeat this pattern across the row.
- End with a **sc into the last ch-1 space**, then a **sc into the turning chain space** at the end of the row.
- Turn your work.
- **Repeat Row 2:**



- Continue repeating row 2 for a total of **32 rows**, or until the dishcloth is square (9 inches in height).
- You can easily adjust the height by stopping earlier or continuing further, depending on your desired dimensions.
- **Finishing:**



- Once you've reached your desired length, **fasten off** your yarn.
- Use a **tapestry needle** to weave in any loose ends for a clean finish.
- If you'd like a cleaner edge, you can single crochet evenly around the entire edge for a border, although this is optional.

Tips for Best Results

- **Maintain Even Tension:** Uneven stitches can cause your dishcloth to warp. Practice consistent tension or block the finished piece for a square shape.
- **Use Cotton Yarn Only:** Avoid acrylic yarns as they don't absorb water well and may melt under high heat (if used around hot dishes).
- **Color Play:** The moss stitch looks beautiful in both solid and variegated yarns. Feel free to experiment with stripes, alternating yarn colors every few rows, or even adding a contrasting border.
- **Quick Gifting Idea:** These dishcloths make excellent last-minute gifts. Pair them with a bar of handmade soap or tuck them into a kitchen-themed gift basket.

Why This Pattern is a Favorite

The Moss Stitch Dishcloth has become a favorite among crocheters for good reason:

- **Easy to Learn:** Perfect for beginners, the pattern uses basic stitches and a repetitive sequence.
- **Fast to Make:** Each dishcloth takes under an hour for most crocheters.
- **Practical & Durable:** The cotton yarn and moss stitch texture hold up well through repeated use and washing.
- **Great for Practice:** The stitch repetition is ideal for building confidence in stitch placement, especially for beginners.

Final Thoughts

Whether you're just starting your crochet journey or looking for a reliable, go-to pattern for practical items, the Moss Stitch Dishcloth from 5 Little Monsters is a fantastic option.

With minimal supplies and easy-to-follow instructions, you can make a whole stack in no time. Keep some for yourself, or wrap them up as thoughtful handmade gifts.

The versatility of the moss stitch means you can use the same technique for larger projects like scarves, table runners, or even baby blankets.