

Ladder-Loops Block

Using Jacob's Ladder Technique



Materials

1/9-5.5mm hook - or size needed to match gauge
#4 worsted weight yarn - I used Red Heart Super Saver
Yarn needle for weaving ends

Skill Level

Advanced Beginner

Gauge

3dc/tr = 1"

Abbreviations

US Terms

| | | |
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| ch(s): chain(s) | = | ch(s): chain(s) |
| dc: double crochet | = | tr: treble crochet |
| hdc: half double crochet | = | htr: half treble crochet |
| rnd: round | = | rnd: round |
| rpt: repeat | = | rpt: repeat |
| sc: single crochet | = | dc: double crochet |
| sl st: slip stitch | = | sl st: slip stitch |
| st(s): stitch(es) | = | st(s): stitch(es) |
| (#sts): indicates the number of sts you should have at the end of that row or round | | |

UK Terms



Measurements/ Sizing

- As written, creates a 12" block; simply add or delete rounds for a different size.

Pattern Notes

- The ch3/ch2 at the beginning of every round counts as a stitch
- You can use as many colors as you choose, Color A, Color B, etc, changing as often as you like, or at the end of every round.
- Remember the **US terms** come first; the **UK terms** come second.

Special Stitches

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You'll have several "Free Loops", all in a line, one from every round completed. Slip Free Loop from Rnd 2 through Free Loop from Rnd 1. Then slip Free Loop from Rnd 3 through Free Loop from Rnd 2. Continue in this manner until you have "Ladder'd" all Free Loops from all previous Rnds, and your Free Loops are now "locked together".

(See Image 1 for photo tutorial.)



Ch6 and join with a sl st to form a ring

Rnd 1: working into the ring: ch3; dc/tr; *ch9, 2dc/tr, ch2, 2dc/tr*; rpt from * to * 2 more times; ch9; 2dc/tr; ch2; join with sl st to top of beginning ch3; fasten off, weave in ends.
(16dc/tr; 4 loops; 4 ch2-sps)

Rnd 2: join with a sl st in any ch2-corner-sp; ch3, (dc/tr, ch2, 2dc/tr) in ch2-sp; *1dc/tr in each of next 2 dc/tr; ch9; 1dc/tr in each of next 2 dc/tr; (2dc/tr, ch2, 2dc/tr) in ch2-sp*; rpt from * to * 2 more times; 1dc/tr in each of next 2 dc/tr; ch9; 1dc/tr in each of next 2 dc/tr; join with sl st to top of beginning ch3; fasten off, weave in ends.

(32dc/tr; 4 loops; 4 ch2-sps)

Rnd 3: join with a sl st in any ch2-corner-sp; ch3, (dc/tr, ch2, 2dc/tr) in ch2-sp; *1dc/tr in each of next 4 dc/tr; ch9; 1dc/tr in each of next 4 dc/tr; (2dc/tr, ch2, 2dc/tr) in ch2-sp*; rpt from * to * 2 more times; 1dc/tr in each of next 4 dc/tr; ch9; 1dc/tr in each of next 4 dc/tr; join with sl st to top of beginning ch3; fasten off, weave in ends.

(48dc/tr; 4 loops; 4 ch2-sps)

Rnd 4: join with a sl st in any ch2-corner-sp; ch3, (dc/tr, ch2, 2dc/tr) in ch2-sp; *1dc/tr in each of next 6 dc/tr; ch9; 1dc/tr in each of next 6 dc/tr; (2dc/tr, ch2, 2dc/tr) in ch2-sp*; rpt from * to * 2 more times; 1dc/tr in each of next 6 dc/tr; ch9; 1dc/tr in each of next 6 dc/tr; join with sl st to top of beginning ch3; fasten off, weave in ends.

(64dc/tr; 4 loops; 4 ch2-sps)

Rnd 5: join with a sl st in any ch2-corner-sp; ch3, (dc/tr, ch2, 2dc/tr) in ch2-sp; *1dc/tr in each of next 8 dc/tr; ch9; 1dc/tr in each of next 8 dc/tr; (2dc/tr, ch2, 2dc/tr) in ch2-sp*; rpt from * to * 2 more times; 1dc/tr in each of next 8 dc/tr; ch9; 1dc/tr in each of next 8 dc/tr; join with sl st to top of beginning ch3; fasten off, weave in ends.

(80dc/tr; 4 loops; 4 ch2-sps)

Rnd 6: join with a sl st in any ch2-corner-sp; ch3, (dc/tr, ch2, 2dc/tr) in ch2-sp; *1dc/tr in each of next 10 dc/tr; ch9; 1dc/tr in each of next 10 dc/tr; (2dc/tr, ch2, 2dc/tr) in ch2-sp*; rpt from * to * 2 more times; 1dc/tr in each of next 10 dc/tr; ch9; 1dc/tr in each of next 10 dc/tr; join with sl st to top of beginning ch3; fasten off, weave in ends.

(96dc/tr; 4 loops; 4 ch2-sps)

Rnd 7: join with a sl st in any ch2-corner-sp; ch3, (dc/tr, ch2, 2dc/tr) in ch2-sp; *1dc/tr in each of next 12 dc/tr; ch9; 1dc/tr in each of next 12 dc/tr; (2dc/tr, ch2, 2dc/tr) in ch2-sp*; rpt from * to * 2 more times; 1dc/tr in each of next 12 dc/tr; ch9; 1dc/tr in each of next 12 dc/tr; join with sl st to top of beginning ch3; fasten off, weave in ends.

(112dc/tr; 4 loops; 4 ch2-sps)

Rnd 8: join with a sl st in any ch2-corner-sp; ch3, (dc/tr, ch2, 2dc/tr) in ch2-sp; *1dc/tr in each of next 14 dc/tr; ch9; 1dc/tr in each of next 14 dc/tr; (2dc/tr, ch2, 2dc/tr) in ch2-sp*; rpt from * to * 2 more times; 1dc/tr in each of next 14 dc/tr; ch9; 1dc/tr in each of next 14 dc/tr; join with sl st to top of beginning ch3; fasten off, weave in ends.

(128dc/tr; 4 loops; 4 ch2-sps)



As you will see from the photo at left, after Round 8, your block will be nothing close to a square. That's ok! Its the next step, and the last few rounds, which fix that and make your block look correct.

On next round, you will "Ladder" all the free ch9-loops from previous rounds. See "Special Stitches" section.

Rnd 9: join with a sl st in any ch2-corner-sp; ch3, (dc/tr, ch2, 2dc/tr) in ch2-sp; *1dc/tr in each of next 16 dc/tr; Ladder all ch9-loops; work 1sc/dc in ch9-loop from **Rnd 8**; 1dc/tr in each of next 16 dc/tr; (2dc/tr, ch2, 2dc/tr) in ch2-sp*; rpt from * to * 2 more times; 1dc/tr in each of next 16 dc/tr; Ladder all ch9-loops; work 1sc/dc in ch9-loop from **Rnd 8**; 1dc/tr in each of next 16 dc/tr; join with sl st to top of beginning ch3; fasten off, weave in ends

(148sts; 4 ch2-sps)

Rnd 10: join with a sl st in any ch2-corner-sp; ch 2, (hdc/htr, ch2, 2hdc/htr) in ch2-corner-sp; *1hdc/htr in each of next 18 dc/tr; hdc/htr in next sc/dc; 1hdc/htr in each of next 18 dc/tr; (2hdc/htr, ch3, 2hdc/htr) in ch2-corner-sp*; rpt from * to * 2 more times; 1hdc/htr in each of next 18 dc/tr; hdc/htr in next sc/dc; 1hdc/htr in each of next 18 dc/tr; join with sl st to top of beginning ch2; fasten off, weave in ends.
(164sts; 4 ch2-sps)



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