

Count stitches

To count short stitches such as double crochet, look at the tops. Count the upright stems for taller stitches each is counted as a single stitch.



Make straight edges

To keep your edges straight and keep the number of stitches the same, work the turning chains in one of two ways. The first is the most common, but the

second is used with very short stitches, or to avoid the gap created by using the turning chain as a stitch, although this can create uneven edges.

Turning chain counts as first stitch



1 Skip the first stitch of the previous row at the base of the t-ch.



2 When you reach the end of the row, work a stitch into the top of the t-ch of the previous row.

Turning chain does not count as stitch



1 Work your next st into the first stitch that lies at the base of the t-ch.



2 When you reach the end of the row, do not work a stitch into the top of the t-ch on the previous row. Just turn and carry on.