

Single increases

How to increase

Learn to increase and you won't have to stick to simple shapes for your creations!



At start of row

When the turning chain counts as a stitch, skip the first stitch as usual and work 2 sts into the 2nd st, or work 1st into the first st that you usually skip, as illustrated here.



At the end of a row

Work 2 sts into the last st. This will be the turning chain, if it counts as a stitch.



Across a row

Pattern instructions usually tell you where to position each increase, but if not, spread them evenly across the row. Work 2 sts into the one below at each position.

Multiple increases



At the start of a row

Add the number of increases needed to the number of turning chains being used. For example, if you are working treble crochet (tr), which needs 3 ch, and want to add 3 sts, then you will need to work 6 ch. Skip 3 ch (counts as 1 tr) and work 1tr into each of the remaining 2 new ch, making 3 new sts, including the t-ch.



At the end of a row

To make the first additional increase stitch, insert the hook through the lower part of the last stitch made, picking up the single, vertical thread on its left-hand side. Continue inserting the hook into the base of the stitch just completed to work the required number of additional stitches.

