



# Crocodile Stitch (Crochet)

with YouTube Help Video

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The crochet crocodile stitch, also known as dragon scales, is used in designs like a mermaid blanket, clothing, edgings, and handbags. Check out the how-to video on the Naztazia Facebook page here: <https://facebook.com/nasztazia> or the Naztazia YouTube channel here: <https://youtube.com/nasztazia> And feel free to Pin photos or check out other info at: <https://nasztazia.com>

## Terminology:

CH = Chain	DC = Double Crochet	SLST = Slip Stitch
SP = Space	ST = Stitch	RPT = Repeat

## Instructions:

CH 28 (mult 6+4)

ROW 1, forward pass: DC in 4<sup>th</sup> CH from hook. RPT [CH 1. Skip 2 CHs. DC in next CH. CH 1. Skip 2 CHs. 2 DC in next CH] across. Do not turn, instead pivot the work so the last DC is on its side, facing upwards.

ROW 1, return pass: CH 3. 4 DC along side of last DC. CH 1. Pivot work. 5 DC along side of next DC. SLST to DC from previous ROW. Going forward, for all 2-DCs: 5 DC along first DC, CH 1, 5 DC along second DC. SLST to DC from previous ROW. At the end, make the last crocodile stitch, but do not SLST.

ROW 2 NOTES: At this point the same color can be used or another color can be added. If the same color is used, SLST along the side of the DC into the center of the first crocodile stitch. If a new color is used, fasten off the first color and connect the new color into the center of the first crocodile stitch.

ROW 2, forward pass: CH 3 (counts as 1 DC). RPT [CH 1. In previous 1 DC/SLST, make 2 DC. CH 1. In center of crocodile stitch, 1 DC]. Do not turn, instead pivot the work so the last DC is on its side, facing upwards.

ROW 2, return pass: (do not CH 3). Going forward, for all 2-DC: Make 5 DC along the side of the first DC from the previous 2-DC. CH 1. Make 5 DC along the side of the second DC from the previous 2-DC. SLST to the previous row's DC. At the end, the SLST will be made at the top of the previous row's CH-3.

ROW 3 NOTES: As before the same color can be used or a new color can be connected to the top of the last 5-DC from ROW 2.

ROW 3, forward pass: CH 3, DC in same space (counts as 2-DC). CH 1. In center of crocodile stitch, 1 DC. CH 1. In previous 1 DC/SLST, make 2 DC. CH 1. Continue in pattern across row. After the last 1 DC is made in the crocodile stitch, CH 1. Make 2 DC in the last ST of the previous 5-DC. Do not turn, instead pivot the work so the last DC is on its side, facing upwards.

ROW 3, return pass: CH 3. 4 DC along side of last DC. CH 1. Pivot work. 5 DC along side of next DC. SLST to DC from previous ROW. Going forward, for all 2-DCs: 5 DC along first DC, CH 1, 5 DC along second DC. SLST to DC from previous ROW. At the end, make the last crocodile stitch, but do not SLST.

RPT ROWs 2 & 3 for desired height.

