

# Puffy Spike Stitch Tutorial

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**This step-by-step tutorial is broken down into two parts:** The first part explains in detail how the stitch is worked, but only provides an overview of the loops being picked up, while the second part shows in more detail as each loop is picked up.

The puffy spike stitch is worked similarly to a puff stitch, where all the loops remain on the hook until the last step. However, each loop is picked up in a different stitch. It is worked over 7 stitches across and 4 rows down.

It gives you a beautiful leaf-like design, perfect for making Christmas and fall items extra festive.

Use this tutorial to make blankets, scarves, mats, pillows, dishcloths, and more! This tutorial shows you how to make this in rows. but you can use the same concept and work it in rounds as well, thus creating lovely hats, cowls, bags, and so much more.

You can incorporate this technique into almost any [single crochet pattern](#), and other patterns as well. Simply adjust the number of stitches worked in between the puffy spikes to accommodate your pattern. It is shown here in straight columns, but you can also stagger them for a different look.

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Chain any multiple of 11 + 1.

**Row 1:** Single crochet in 2nd chain from hook and into each chain across. Turn.

**Row 2:** Chain 1, single crochet in the first stitch and into each stitch across. Turn.

**Rows 3-6:** Repeat Row 2.

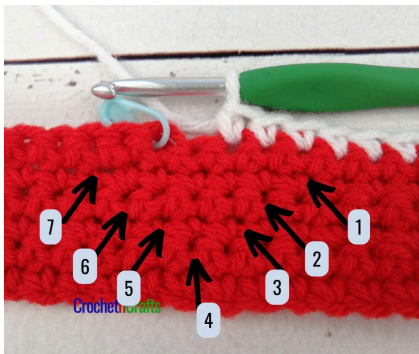


**Row 7:** With the next color, chain 1, single crochet in the first 5 stitches.

Skip a stitch and place a marker in the next stitch. The puffy spike stitch falls above the skipped stitch.

The marked stitch is where the next single crochet will go after you've completed the puffy spike stitch.

If I don't place a marker here, the puffy spike stitch encases the stitches, making it difficult to see where to work the first single crochet.



When picking up loops, count from the skipped stitch and insert your hook as follows:

**1st Loop:** 3 stitches to the right and 1 row down.

**2nd Loop:** 2 stitches to the right and 2 rows down.

**3rd Loop:** 1 stitch to the right and 3 rows down.

**4th Loop:** Directly below and 4 rows down.

**5th Loop:** 1 stitch to the left and 3 rows down.

**6th Loop:** 2 stitches to the left and 2 rows down.

**7th Loop:** 3 stitches to the left and 1 row down.



To pick up a loop: \*wrap the yarn over the hook. Insert your hook into the stitch as indicated. Wrap the yarn over the hook again and pull through, leaving all loops on the hook.\*

Repeat from \* to \* until all 7 stitches have been worked into. (15 loops on the hook.)

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Wrap the yarn over and pull through all 15 loops.



Then chain 1 to close the stitch. (This chain 1 does not count as a stitch. When you work the next row, make sure to skip this chain.)



As already mentioned, skip the stitch that falls directly behind the puffy spike stitch.

Single crochet into the next 10 stitches, working the first single crochet into the marked stitch.

Repeat across: make a puffy spike stitch, skip 1 stitch, single crochet in the next 10 stitches.

At the end of the row, you should have 5 single crochets following your last puffy spike stitch.



**Rows 8-12:** Repeat Row 2 using the same color as used for the last row.

Change to the next color and repeat from Row 7 until you get to the length that you want.

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## Step-by-Step Visuals for Picking Up the Loops

To pick up a loop: \*wrap the yarn over the hook. Insert your hook into the stitch as indicated. Wrap the yarn over the hook again and pull through, leaving all loops on the hook.\* Repeat from \* to \* until all 7 stitches have been worked into. (15 loops on the hook.)



**1st Loop:** 3 stitches to the right and 1 row down. (3 loops on hook.)



**2nd Loop:** 2 stitches to the right and 2 rows down. (5 loops on hook.)



**3rd Loop:** 1 stitch to the right and 3 rows down. (7 loops on hook.)



**4th Loop:** Directly below and 4 rows down. (9 loops on hook.)



**5th Loop:** 1 stitch to the left and 3 rows down. (11 loops on hook.)



**6th Loop:** 2 stitches to the left and 2 rows down. (13 loops on hook.)



**7th Loop:** 3 stitches to the left and 1 row down. (15 loops on hook.)



Wrap the yarn over again, and pull through all 15 loops on hook.



Chain 1 to close. This chain 1 does not count as a stitch.

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