

# Pike Stitch Tutorial

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In this pdf you will learn how work the pike stitch in rows and in rounds to create a flat circle.

The pike stitch is made with an extended single crochet and a chain one worked into the previous extended single crochet stitch. All chains are skipped for the pike stitch.

For those who may not know what an extended single crochet (esc) is, I put together a step-by-step tutorial showing how to work the pike stitch in rows.

Following the step-by-step, is a short tutorial showing how mark your increase points for mindless crocheting.

## Abbreviations

Ch/Chs = Chain/Chains

Esc = Extended Single Crochet

Lp/Lps = Loop/Loops

Rep = Repeat

Sc = Single Crochet

Sl St = Slip Stitch

Sp/Sps = Space/Spaces

St/Sts = Stitch/Stitches

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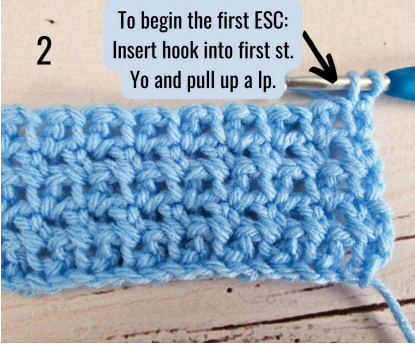
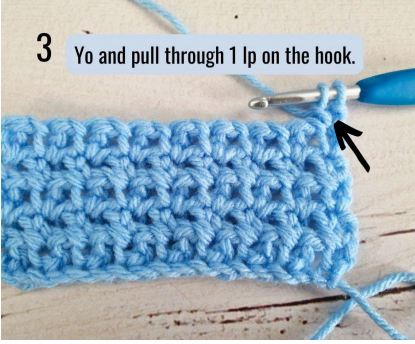
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## Pike Stitch - Step-by-Step - Straight Rows

**Extended Single Crochet (ESC):** Insert hook in stitch indicated, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through one loop, yarn over and pull through both loops on hook.

	<p>To begin your row: Ch 1.</p> <p>The chain does not count as a stitch.</p>
	<p>Insert hook in stitch indicated. Wrap the yarn over the hook and pull up a loop. Two loops on the hook.</p>
	<p>Wrap the yarn over again, and pull through one loop on hook. Still two loops left on the hook.</p>

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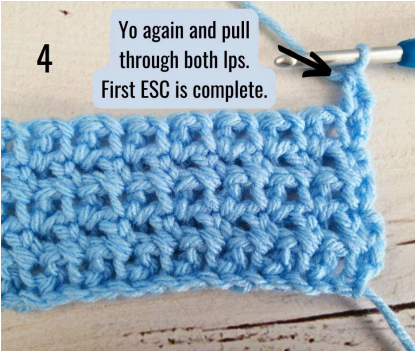
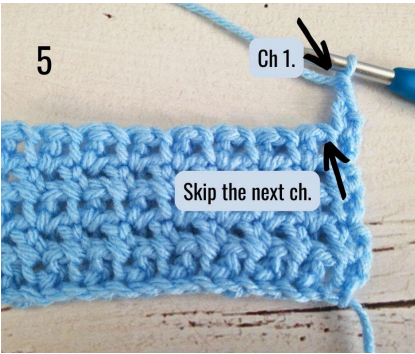

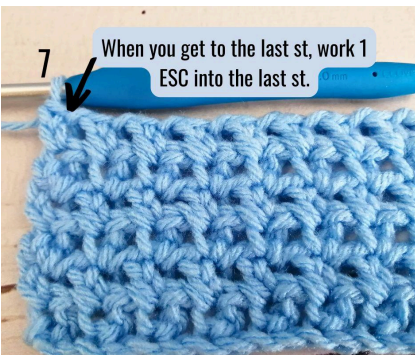
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	<p>Wrap the yarn over again and pull through the last two loops on the hook.</p> <p>The first extended single crochet (esc) is now complete.</p>
	<p>Chain 1.</p> <p>Skip the next chain.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> When working with the pike stitch, all chains are skipped.</p>
	<p>*(Esc, ch 1) in the next st, sk next ch; rep from * across.</p>
	<p>When you get to the last st, work 1 esc into the last st.</p> <p>Turn your work. Repeat.</p>

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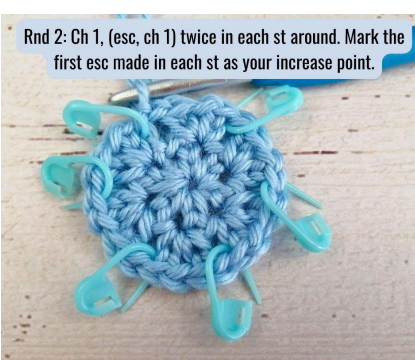
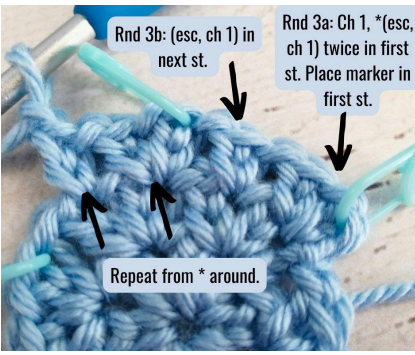
## Increasing in the Round - A Flat Circle

**Variation:** In this tutorial, all increases are made on top of the previous increases. This creates a 6-sided shape. If you want to make a perfect circle, you can stagger the increases over the rounds.

To work this stitch in the round, I made 6 increases in each round to keep it laying flat. Or somewhat flat. I found the work began to ruffle, but I was able to block the ruffles out.

An increase is made by working an (esc, ch 1) twice in one stitch. I chose to work my increases into the first esc made in each increase. This causes the seam to spiral, but adds a nice touch for the floor mat and baby blanket.

Place a marker into the first stitch of each increase point to mark the point for the next increase. This allows for mindless crochet.

 <p>Rnd 2: Ch 1, (esc, ch 1) twice in each st around. Mark the first esc made in each st as your increase point.</p>	<p><b>Rnd 1:</b> (Esc, ch 1) 6 times into a magic circle; join with sl st in first st. [6 esc and 6 ch-1 sps]</p> <p><b>Rnd 2:</b> Ch 1, (esc, ch 1) twice in same st as join and into each st around; join with sl st in first st. [12 esc and 12 ch-1 sps]</p>
 <p>Rnd 3b: (esc, ch 1) in next st.</p> <p>Repeat from * around.</p> <p>Rnd 3a: Ch 1, *(esc, ch 1) twice in first st. Place marker in first st.</p>	<p><b>Rnd 3:</b> Ch 1, (esc, ch 1) twice in same st as join, (esc, ch 1) in next st, *(esc, ch 1) twice in next st, (esc, ch 1) in next st; rep from * around; join with sl st in first st. [18 esc and 18 ch-1 sps]</p>

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<p>Rnd 4b: (esc, ch 1) in next st and into each st up to increase point.</p> <p>Rnd 4a: Ch 1, *(esc, ch 1) twice in first st. Place marker in first st.</p> <p>Repeat from * around.</p>	<p>Rnd 4: Ch 1, (esc, ch 1) twice in same st as join, (esc, ch 1) in next st and into each st up to next increase point, *(esc, ch 1) twice in next st, (esc, ch 1) in next st and into each st up to next increase point; rep from * around; join with sl st in first st. [24 esc and 24 ch-1 sps]</p> <p>Rep Rnd 4 until you reach a desired size.</p>
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