

## Fsc and Fpdc tutorial with basic potholder pattern



Here is a photo tutorial of how to make a Foundation single crochet (Fsc) stitch. This is an alternative for starting projects with a long starting chain. Essentially this stitch makes up the starting chain and sc stitches worked into it for the first row all at once.

I also included a few photos of how to make a Front Post double crochet (Fpdc) stitch. This stitch is very valuable in adding texture to projects and fun to learn!

I added a pattern that builds on this tutorial at the end, so please read through and see if you want to make it to practice these stitches as I refer to the number of stitches made for the potholder, if not, ignore the babble about the potholder stitches.

Abbreviation	Stitches
Ch	Chain
YO	Yarn over
Fsc	Foundation single crochet
DC	Double crochet
Fpdc	Front post double crochet

### Fsc tutorial:

1. Ch 2



2. Insert hook into 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook.



3. YO and pull through one loop (this will give you 2 loops on your hook).



4. YO and pull through 2 loops on hook.



5. Insert hook into base of stitch you just made, this is the “chain” part of the stitch, the hook should be under both back and front loops that form the < shape. (if you look at the bottom you should see the two loops that make the < shape of a normal chain).



6. YO and pull through chain, leaving 2 loops on hook.



7. YO and pull through both loops on hook.

8. Repeat 5-7 until you have the length you want. (For the potholder I used 20 Fsc) *The following picture shows exactly what is referred to as “chain”*



This is a row of Fsc.



If you want to continue making potholder, you can work off the above Fsc made by following this pattern:

9. Turn your work, Ch 1, sc in each st, Turn. (19sc for potholder, ch1 counts as stitch)



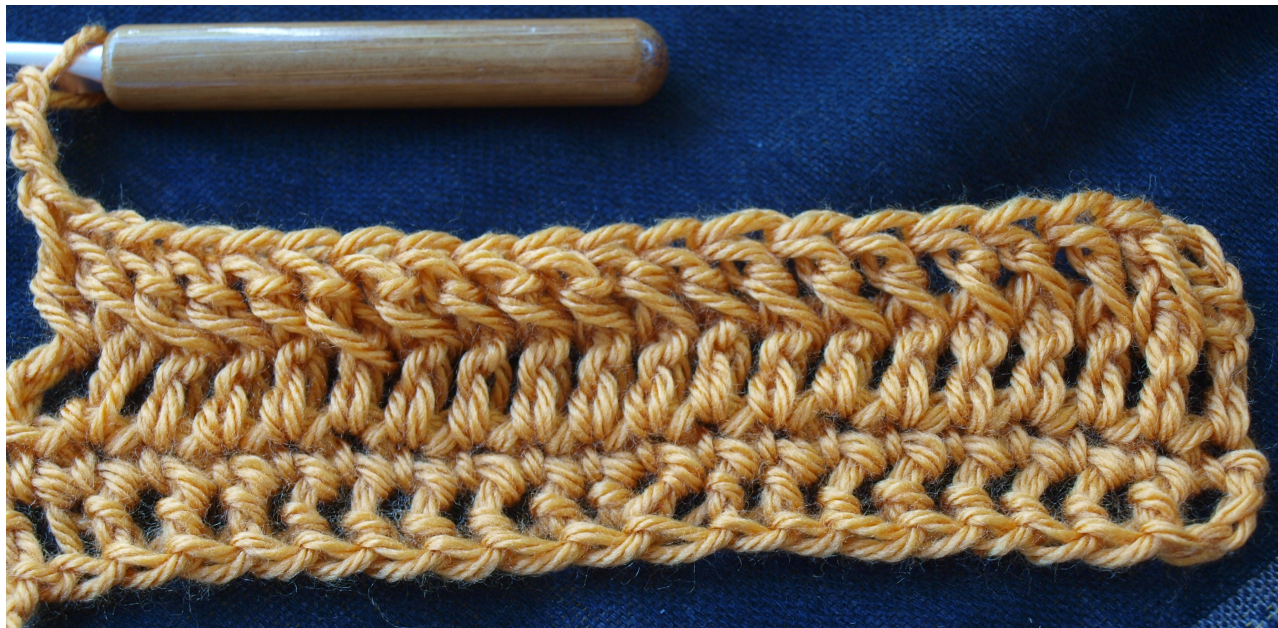
10. Ch3, DC into each sc, turn. (19dc, ch3 counts as stitch, be sure to work into this)



11. Ch3, Fpdc into each dc, turn. (19 Fpdc, ch3 counts as stitch.)



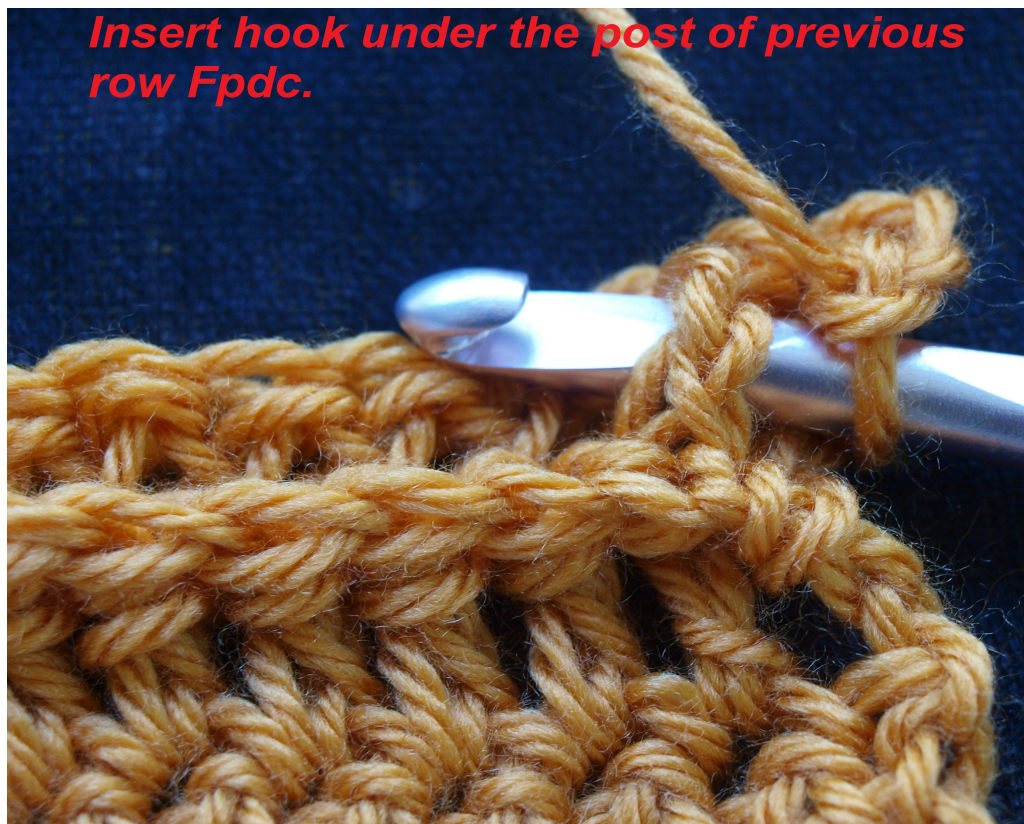
This is a completed row of Fpdc before turning.



When you turn your work, you will see a ridge.



12. Ch3, Fpdc across, turn. (19 Fpdc, ch3 counts as stitch)



13. Repeat 12 until you have as many rows of Fpdc as you want. (For potholder I made 3)
14. Ch3, Dc into each Fpdc, turn. (19Dc, ch3 counts as stitch)
15. Ch1, sc across, fasten yarn. (19sc, ch1 counts as stitch)

