

Basket Weave Stitch

Up's and Down's

Crocheting Key

Ch - chain

Sl st - slip stitch

Sc = single crochet

Wflp = Weft loops that lie vertically as you work right to left. If you turn your work vertically you will see they look like weft threads on a loom.

BWP = basket weave post

WT = working thread



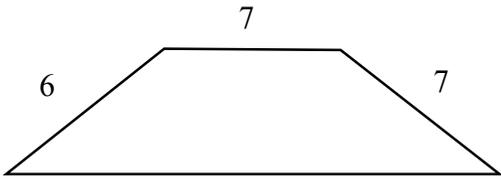
Weft Loops

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The Rise

There are two ways to increase the height of this stitch. One way is adding to the top edge, and the other is adding to the bottom.



Adding weft loops to the top.

Working on the establish swatch, begin with ch 2. Pull up loop from 2nd ch from hook. Work dc in next st.

1. Ch 1.

2. Reaching back and to the left with hook, pull up loop from just finished st.

You now have 2 loops on hook.

3. Now pull up WfL through next loop(loop) est by previous BWP.





Next , insert hook in base of next st at base, pick up working thread and pull through 2 loops on hook, repeat this process to top.

***You now have 3 Wflp's including one on hook.**

Ch 1.

**** Proceed by tuning your work vertically, this makes it much easier to see the wft loops.**



Repeat steps 1-3. You will be adding one Wflp for each completed BWP. Work until you have 7 loops on hook.

Stop. Work even on 7 loops 7 times, or until **6 sts** remain in previous row.

Now we are going to work down the other side.

Descending Rise

Ch 1.

Slip st into first Wflp of previous BWP.

Next, pick up loops through the remaining 5 WL's in previous post. Insert H into base as before, Pick up WT and pull through 2 to top.

Repeat process, decreasing 1 Wflp each row. Finish with sc in last st.



Your results show look like the photo at left.

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Adding and Subtracting from the Bottom

Adding Loops at Bottom

To begin, ch 2, pick up 1 in 2nd chain from hook. Insert H in next st,(back lp only), complete Dc. \

Next, pick up lp thru first Wflp; next, pick up lp through base of BWP just made. You now have 3 loops on hook. Insert hook into next st, pick up WT and pull through 2 lps, 3 times to top.

Repeat this process until you have 7 Wflp's on hook. Work across row, until 6 sts left of row below.

To Decrease Loops

1. Pick up loops through the 7 Wflp's in previous BWP. Insert hook into base, pick up working thread and pull through 3 lps. This move decrease your weft loops by one. When you finish this BWP, you should have 6 Wflp on hook.

2 Work the BWP as before. Repeat this process, decreasing one loop each post.

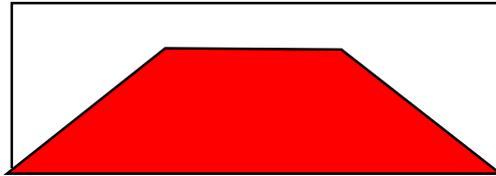
Finish row with SC in last st.

Using reverse sl st, return to beginning of row.





Once you have finished your reverse slip st to the beginning of the row, you are now ready to “square things up.”



We begin by chaining 8 . Pick up 7 lps in chain. Insert hook into next ascending st (back loops), Pick up WT, pull through 3. Next pick up WT and pull through 2. Repeat to top of BWP.

Continue in this manner until you reach top. Here you will be working a tr crochet BWP across.



** Note the 2 Wflp's visible across the entire flat section.*

When you finish the top section, you will increase the BWP loop count by adding the loop at the bottom, as you did before on the previous page of this tutorial.



When you are finished, reverse slip st across

to beginning of the row.

** This sets you up to learn the different beginning and ending vein shapes which we will be learning in the next tutorial.*