Bobble Stitch Crochet Swatch

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Bobble stitch crochet gives you small round bumps that stand out from a flat background. Each bobble is 5 double crochet worked into the same stitch and closed together at the top. You make them on wrong-side rows, so they pop out on the right side.

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Materials

Finished size	About 5.25 x 1.9 in (estimated)
Yarn	Worsted weight (#4): about 13 yd cream and 11 yd coral (estimated, with a 30 % margin)
Hook	US H-8 (5 mm)
Gauge	Suggested only: about 4 sc and 5 rows = 1 in (estimated); 21 sts about 5.25 in wide
Rows	Foundation ch 22, then 9 rows: 4 bobble rows and 5 sc rows, in 2 color bands
Time	About 50 to 65 minutes, with 1 color change and 4 ends to weave in (estimated, not timed)
Skills	ch, sc, a 5-dc bobble, working on the wrong side, changing color in the last sc

- Color A: cream, about 13 yd (estimated)
- Color B: coral, about 11 yd (estimated)
- Yarn needle and scissors.

Stitch counts checked row by row by our simulator. This swatch has not been crocheted and swatched by a person: size, yarn and time are estimates.

Before you start

- US crochet terms. ch = chain, sc = single crochet, st(s) = stitch(es), rep = repeat, yo = yarn over. Bobble = 5 unfinished double crochet closed together in the same stitch: (yo, insert the hook in the stitch, yo and pull up a loop, yo and pull through 2 loops) 5 times in that same stitch, so 6 loops are on the hook, then yo and pull through all 6 loops. A bobble counts as one stitch. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch and is never worked into.
- Row 1 is the right side. The odd rows (Rows 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, all sc) are worked with the right side facing you; the even rows (Rows 2, 4, 6, 8, the bobble rows) with the wrong side facing you. A bobble pushes out at the back of the row you are working, so the bobbles stand out on the right side, the side facing away from you while you make them. You turn at the end of Rows 1 to 8.
- Bobble rows (Rows 2, 4, 6 and 8): 2 sc, then (bobble, 3 sc) 4 times, bobble, 2 sc = 21 sts (5 bobbles and 16 sc). Sc rows: 21 sc. The sc row after a bobble row goes into each sc and into the top of each bobble.
- Gauge: about 4 sc and 5 rows = 1 in (estimated). The swatch is 21 sts wide, about 5.25 in.
- Wider or longer: chain 4 times the number of bobbles, plus 2 (5 bobbles: 4 x 5 + 2 = 22 ch). On every bobble row, work the repeat from * (number of bobbles minus 2) more times instead of 3: 6 more times for 8 bobbles, 14 more times for 16 bobbles, 28 more times for 30 bobbles. Every sc row then has 4 x the number of bobbles + 1 sc (33, 65, 121). Repeat Rows 2 and 3 for length (estimates: your yarn and tension decide).
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Bobble stitch swatch

Flat, in rows. Row 1 is the right side; the bobble rows (Rows 2, 4, 6 and 8) are worked with the wrong side facing you. Colors from the bottom up: Rows 1-5 cream, Rows 6-9 coral. The count after each row is the number of stitches you work in that row (the ch 1 at the start of a row is not a stitch).

Chain With cream, ch 22.

Row 1 Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook (the skipped ch does not count as a stitch) and in each ch across. This row is the right side. Turn. (21 sc.)

Row 2 Wrong side facing. Ch 1. Sc in the first 2 sc. *Bobble in the next sc, sc in the next 3 sc; rep from * 3 more times. Bobble in the next sc, sc in the last 2 sc (not in the ch 1). Turn. (5 bobbles and 16 sc.)

Row 3 Ch 1. Sc in each sc and in the top of each bobble across, not in the ch 1. Turn. (21 sc.)

Row 4 Wrong side facing. Ch 1. Sc in the first 2 sc. *Bobble in the next sc, sc in the next 3 sc; rep from * 3 more times. Bobble in the next sc, sc in the last 2 sc (not in the ch 1). Turn. (5 bobbles and 16 sc.)

Row 5 Ch 1. Sc in each sc and in the top of each bobble across, not in the ch 1, changing to coral in this last sc: work it in cream until 2 loops are left on the hook, then pull coral through them. Fasten off cream, leaving a 6-inch tail. Turn. (21 sc.)

Row 6 Wrong side facing. Ch 1. Sc in the first 2 sc. *Bobble in the next sc, sc in the next 3 sc; rep from * 3 more times. Bobble in the next sc, sc in the last 2 sc (not in the ch 1). Turn. (5 bobbles and 16 sc.)

Row 7 Ch 1. Sc in each sc and in the top of each bobble across, not in the ch 1. Turn. (21 sc.)

Row 8 Wrong side facing. Ch 1. Sc in the first 2 sc. *Bobble in the next sc, sc in the next 3 sc; rep from * 3 more times. Bobble in the next sc, sc in the last 2 sc (not in the ch 1). Turn. (5 bobbles and 16 sc.)

Row 9 Ch 1. Sc in each sc and in the top of each bobble across, not in the ch 1. (21 sc.) Fasten off and weave in the ends.

Bobble stitch crochet chart

Bobble stitch chart: foundation ch 22, Row 1 at the bottom (right side), bobble rows worked on the wrong side, the ch 1 at each row start
Taupe symbols on the cream band = cream yarn (drawn dark so they show); coral symbols on the coral band = coral yarn.



The stitch chart, drawn from the pattern. Read it from the bottom, right side facing you: the ovals along the bottom are the 22 foundation ch, an x is a sc, a tall oval with 5 strands is a 5-dc bobble, and the oval at the end of a row is the ch 1 where that row starts (it is not a stitch). The cream rows are drawn in dark taupe so they show on paper; the coral rows are drawn in coral. The background bands are the yarn colors: Rows 1-5 cream, Rows 6-9 coral.

How the bobble stitch works

1. One bobble = 5 dc closed together: In one stitch, work (yo, insert the hook, yo and pull up a loop, yo and pull through 2 loops) 5 times. You have 6 loops on the hook: yo and pull through all 6.
2. Bobbles go on wrong-side rows: Rows 2, 4, 6 and 8 are worked with the wrong side facing you. The bobble pushes out at the back, so it stands out on the right side of the swatch.
3. A row of sc holds them in place: On the next row, work 1 sc in each sc and 1 sc in the top of each bobble: 21 sc. The bobbles of the next bobble row land in the same columns.
4. Change color in the last sc of Row 5: Work that last sc in cream until 2 loops are left, pull coral through, then fasten off cream with a 6-inch tail.

Finishing

Weave each of the 4 ends through the stitches of its own color, then pin the swatch flat, mist it and let it dry. Leave the bobbles round: do not press them flat.

Use it for

- A dishcloth. Chain 34 for 8 bobbles across, about 8.25 in wide (estimated), and repeat Rows 2 and 3 until it is square.
- A pillow cover front. Chain 66 for 16 bobbles, about 16.25 in across (estimated), then repeat Rows 2 and 3 to the height of your pillow.
- A blanket in rows. Chain 122 for 30 bobbles, about 30.25 in wide (estimated), and change colors in the last sc of a sc row whenever you want a new band.



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Tips

- Count your chain first. For any width, chain 4 times the number of bobbles, plus 2. The swatch uses 5 bobbles, so 4 x 5 + 2 = 22 ch.
- Pull each loop up to the same height. When the 5 loops of a bobble match, the bobble comes out round and even.
- Pull the next sc snug. The sc right after a bobble closes it and keeps it standing out.
- Find the top of each bobble on the sc row. It can hide behind the bobble: look for the 2 loops just above it, and check that the row ends with 21 sc.

Common mistakes

- Making the bobbles on a right-side row. They push out at the back, so they end up on the wrong side. Work them on Rows 2, 4, 6 and 8, with the wrong side facing you.
- Skipping the top of a bobble on the sc row. You lose a stitch and the next bobbles shift over. Check the count: 21 sc on every sc row.
- Working into the ch 1 at the start of a row. It does not count as a stitch: work into the sc next to it, or you add a stitch at the edge.

Make it your own

- Swap the colors. Keep the color change in the last sc of a sc row, so the bobble rows stay in one color each and the counts stay exactly the same.
- Add more bobble rows. Repeat Rows 2 and 3, keep one row of sc between two bobble rows, and end with a row of sc. Plan for more yarn than the swatch amounts.

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