



Tapestry Crochet

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INTRODUCTION

Tapestry Crochet is a colourwork technique where two or more yarns are used in a row or round, with the non working yarn being carried within the stitches. This creates a sturdy fabric which is perfect for bags and homewares.

TIPS AND TECHNIQUES

- Non-working yarn - lay this on the top of the work and crochet as normal, enclosing the yarn within the new stitches. Keep it at an even tension - don't pull too tight as it will distort the piece.
- When working flat, at the end of each row bring the non working yarn up on the wrong side before crocheting around it again.
- Changing yarn colour - this involves the last step of the previous stitch, so you will always need to be aware of which colour comes next. Simply begin the stitch as normal by inserting the hook into the loop/back loop, yarn over and pull through (2 loops on the hook). Now switch yarns and use the new colour to yarn over and pull through both loops on the hook, finishing the dc. The stitch will look no different but the yarn on the hook will have changed.
- Eliminating tangles - Keep the yarn ball for A to the right and B to the left. When switching colours, pull A backward and B forward..
- Double crochet in the back loop - abbreviation DCBL. Looking at the top of a stitch, you will see what looks like a 'V'. Insert your hook from front to back through the middle of the V and under the back loop. Complete the stitch as normal.

CHARTS



An example of a chart and written instructions are shown below.

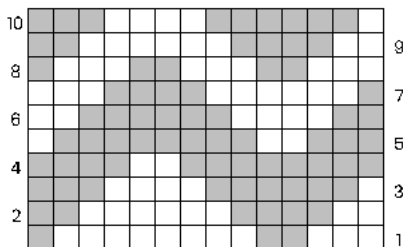
- Each square represents a single stitch and squares are shaded to represent the different yarns – e.g. A or B / dark or light etc.

Note that just because the cell in the chart is darker, doesn't mean that this has to be performed in the darker shade.

- When working in rows, follow the chart from right to left for right side rows and left to right on wrong side rows.
- When working in the round, read the chart from right to left only.
- Always check the key.

KEY



	DC - Yarn A
	DC - Yarn B

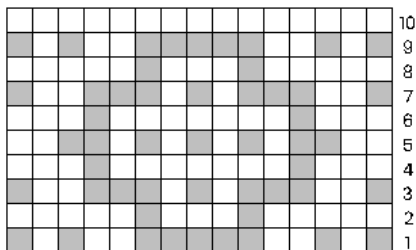


In the example above, working back and forth:

- A - Ch1, with yarn B held on top/to the back - dc3 (change to yarn B on last yo); B - dc2 (change to yarn A); A - dc8 (change to yarn B); B - dc. Turn. (14dc)
- With yarn A held to wrong side; B - Ch1, dc2 (encasing yarn A); A - dc6; B - dc4; A - dc2. Turn. (14dc)
- Hold B to wrong side; A - Ch1, dc; B - dc6 A - dc4 B - dc3. Turn.
- A to wrong side; B - Ch1, dc4, A - dc2, B - dc8. Turn. etc . . .

KEY

-  DCBL - Yarn A
 DCBL - Yarn B



The example above is worked in the round so begin at the right:

1. B - dcbl (change to yarn A); A - dcbl (change to yarn B etc ...);
B - dcbl; A - dcbl2; B - dcbl5; A - dcbl2; B - dcbl; A - dcbl; B - dcbl;
(the first stitch of round 2 is yarn A, change at the end of the round).
 2. A - dcbl5; B - dcbl; A - dcbl3; B - dcbl; A - dcbl5 (change to yarn B
at the end of the round).
 3. B - dcbl; A - dcbl2; B - dcbl3; A - dcbl; B - dcbl; A - dcbl; B - dcbl3;
A - dcbl2; B - dcbl
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- ... Continue to work each round in the same way ...
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We hope this guide has given you an insight into tapestry crochet but as always we're here to help should you need it. Just drop us an email at team@verde.uk.

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