

Granny Spike Stitch: A Crochet Classic



We know that in the world of crochet, there are countless stitches that give life to textures that become beautiful projects when they are ready. One such classic, the Granny Spike Stitch, has stood the test of time, captivating the hearts of crafters for generations.

This beautiful and versatile stitch combines the beloved granny square technique with a modern twist, resulting in an attractive and complex pattern. In this article, we'll delve into the charm of

the Granny Spike Stitch, exploring its history, technique, and creative ways to incorporate it into your crochet projects.

The Granny Spike Stitch combines groups of double crochet stitches with spike stitches, where the needle is inserted into an underrow, creating a visually appealing texture.

Creative Applications of Granny Spike Stitch

The Granny Spike Stitch can be used in various crochet projects, allowing crafters to add depth and texture to their creations. Here are some creative ideas to consider:

- *Blankets and Afghans:* Craft cozy blankets or afghans by repeating the Granny Spike Stitch pattern. Experiment with different color combinations to create visually stunning designs.
- *Scarves and Shawls:* Create stylish scarves and shawls using the Granny Spike Stitch. The unique texture adds warmth and elegance to these accessories.
- *Home Decor:* Incorporate the Granny Spike Stitch into home decor items such as throw pillow covers, table runners, or placemats. These textured pieces can instantly transform the ambiance of a room.
- *Fashion Items:* Design trendy fashion items like ponchos, vests, or even crop tops using this stitch. Its versatility allows for the creation of lightweight yet visually appealing garments.
- *Bags and Totes:* Craft durable and chic bags or tote bags with the Granny Spike Stitch. Lined with fabric, these bags become both stylish and practical for everyday use.

Tutorial:

Abbreviations:

Ch: Chain
SC: Single Crochet
DC: Double Crochet
DC Spike: Double Crochet Spike
Ch sp: Chain Space
Rep: Repeat
YO: Yarn Over
St: Stitch

Special Stitches:

Double Crochet Spike Stitch: Begin with a Yarn Over, then insert the hook into the chain space two rows below. Yarn Over again and complete the Double Crochet as usual, creating a stunning spike effect.

Foundation Row: Start by chaining multiples of 4 until you reach the desired width, adding 1

extra chain for turning.

Row 1: Commencing in the fifth chain from the hook, work 3 Double Crochets. Repeat 3 DC, ch 1, skip 3 stitches, 3 DC across. When only 4 stitches remain, chain 1, skip 3 stitches, and work 2 DC in the last chain.

Row 2: Chain 2 and turn. Within each chain space across, create 1 DC, 1 DC Spike into the center stitch of the row below, 1 DC, ch 1. Complete the row by working 2 DC in the initial chain-2 space from the previous row.

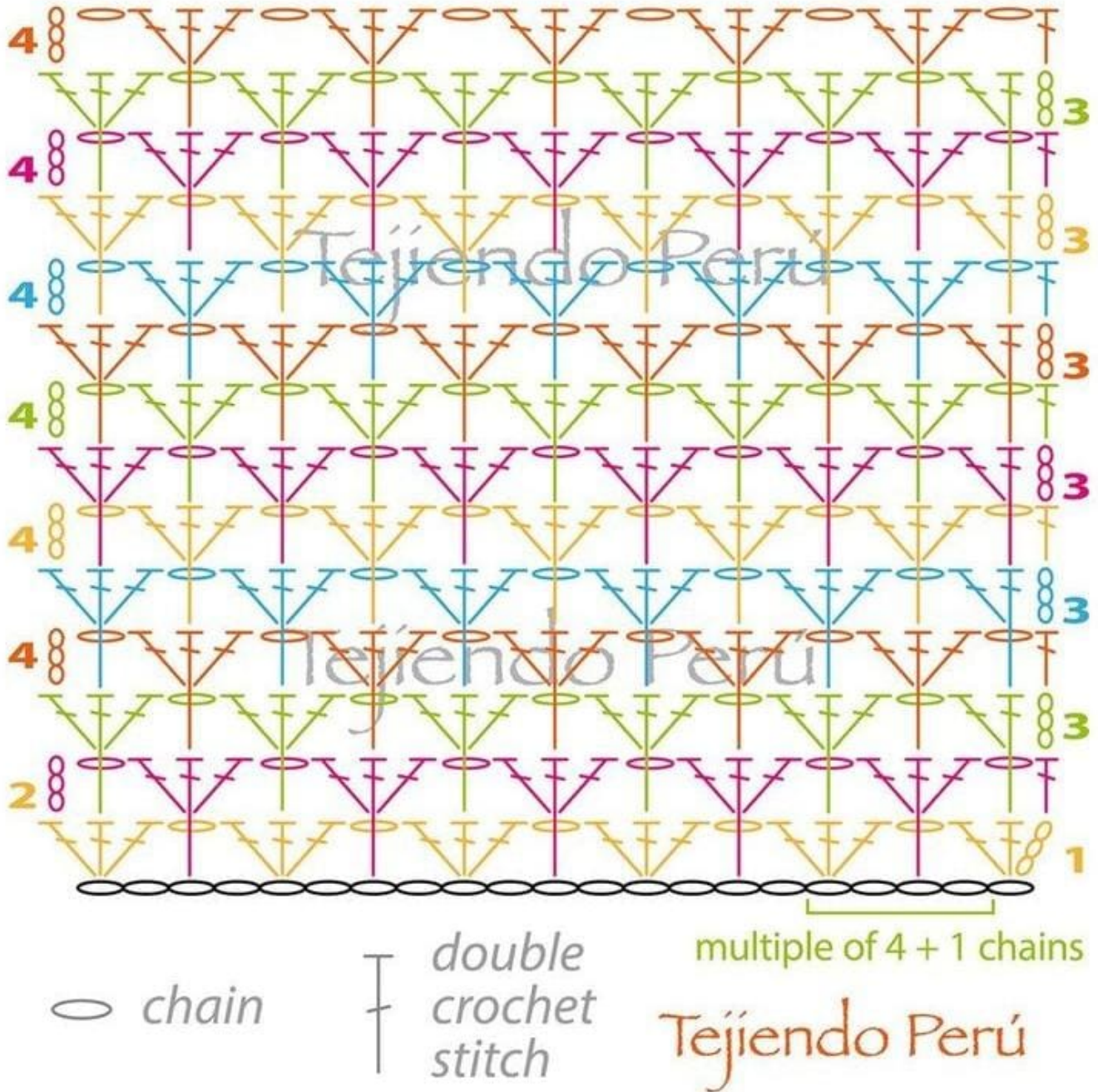
Row 3: Chain 2 and turn. In each chain space across, make 1 DC, 1 DC Spike into the center stitch of the row below, 1 DC, ch 1. Finish the row by working 2 DC in the initial chain-2 space from the previous row.

Rows 4-Onward: Repeat Row 3 for as long as you wish your project to be, reveling in the rhythm of your stitches.

Final Row of Your Project: Instead of the usual double crochets on either side of the spike, opt for a pattern of single crochet, double crochet spike stitch, and single crochet, creating a unique and eye-catching border that adds a touch of finesse to your finished piece.

Stitch Diagram:

Granny spike stitch crochet



Granny Spike Stitch diagram

Video Tutorial

For those who prefer to learn through videos, I have an excellent suggestion. I recommend this comprehensive tutorial, especially created for visual learners who enjoy video content more than following written instructions. The video was made by Hooked by Robin channel. You can



find the video tutorial here.

The Granny Spike Stitch is a testament to the enduring appeal of traditional crochet techniques. Its combination of simplicity and complexity makes it a favorite among crafters, both novice and experienced alike. Whether you're creating blankets, scarves, home decor items, or fashionable accessories, the Granny Spike Stitch offers endless possibilities for creativity. So, pick up your crochet hook, choose your favorite yarn, and explore the timeless charm of the Granny Spike Stitch in your next crochet project. Happy crocheting!

The My Crafts Inspirations blog thanks each reader who dedicated a little of their time to learn this beautiful pattern. I wish you all a great week and see you on the next crochet pattern, see you next time!

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