

## Shell Stitch 6 inch block



Material: Approximately 1 oz worsted weight yarn, size G hook

Chain 23 for the foundation chain.

Row 1: In the second chain from the hook, sc to the end. Chain 3, turn.

Row 2: Work 3 double crochets in the 1<sup>st</sup> single crochet. \*Skip 2 chains. Single crochet in the next st. Skip 2 sts, then work 5 double crochets in the next (3<sup>rd</sup>) st.\* (You've created your first shell.) Repeat the sequence of stitches between the asterisks (\*) across the row, ending with skipping 2 sts. and 1 single crochet in the last st. Chain 3 and turn.

Row 3: Work 3 double crochets in the 1st single crochet. \*Work 1 single crochet in the center double crochet of the next shell, (it will be the third double crochet from the row below.) Work 5 double crochets in the next single crochet, (from the row below)\* Repeat the sequence of stitches between the asterisks (\*). End with 1 single crochet on top of the turning chain. (This will be the last stitch on the row.) Chain 3 and turn your work.

Repeat Row 2 until piece measures 6".

Fasten off.

Note: At the end of each row you can chain 2 or 3. With the first stitch being a double crochet, either number will work.