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NEGATIVE STITCH TUTORIAL

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The negative stitch has many variations, but the basic principle is the same for all, the negative stitch is made whenever you need to **single crochet into the back loop of a double crochet in your working row.**

My preferred method is the extended double crochet negative stitch, I find this gives me the best result, without squashing my work. This is what the photo tutorial shows.

There are no right or wrong methods, always use the method that works for you and gives you the best results.

The negative stitch does give you a thicker, heavier project, and uses more yarn. But I do love the final result on a large piece.



Insert your hook into the back loop of the double crochet, grab your working yarn and pull up a loop.



Insert your hook into the unworked back loop of the stitch 2 rows below on the back of your work, grab your working yarn and pull up a loop.



Yarn over and pull through the first loop on your hook.



Yarn over and pull through 2 loops on your hook.



Yarn over and pull through the remaining 2 loops on your hook. Your stitch is now complete.



Continue working the negative stitch in all the double crochet stitches across your row.



The front will look like regular overlay and the back will have the image in reverse colours.