

# Teardrops



I've tried a lot of "puff" stitches over my many years of crochet. I love how puffy they make a pet blanket. I thought this stitch would be similar, but it's not. I really like it though and it may even be my favorite! The stitch is large but it lies perfectly flat. I personally found it a lot easier to manage on the hook, than a typical puff stitch.

**Getting Started!** I suggest using 4-ply yarn and a "K" sized hook for best results.

**To begin** - CH 52

**Row 1** – SC in second CH from hook, \* CH 1, skip next CH, SC in next CH, repeat from \* across to end.

**Row 2** – CH 3, work "teardrop" in next CH 1 space (teardrop= YO, insert hook into CH 1 space and pull up a loop, YO and draw through 2 loops on hook. Do this three times, then YO and draw through all 4 loops on hook to create a "teardrop"). \* CH 1, work "group" in next CH 1 space, repeat from \* across to the end, DC in last SC.

**Row 3** – CH 1, \* SC in next CH 1 space (between the "groups"), CH 1, repeat from \* across to the end, putting a final SC into the top of the last CH.

**Row 4 + all subsequent rows** – Repeat rows 2 and 3 to make the pattern until piece is roughly square.

**Border** – I just loved the range of yellows in this blanket, and I kept picturing a jet black cat on it. So I trimmed it with a single row of HDC, putting 3 HDC into each corner.

**Key:**

SS – Slip stitch

YO – Yarn over

CH – Chain

TD – tear drop (YO, insert hook into CH 1 space and pull up a loop, YO and draw through 2 loops on hook. Do this three times, then YO and draw through all 4 loops on hook)

SC – Single crochet

DC – Double crochet

HDC – Half double crochet

