

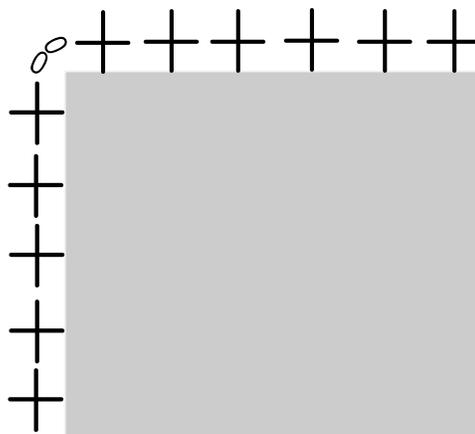
Crocheting a Simple Border Around a Knitted Piece

Foundation Round

- With the right side of the work facing you, join yarn by pulling up a loop at anywhere along the knitted piece. (A slip knot is not required.) Then chain 1.
- Make a single crochet stitch in the same place then continue working single crochet stitches evenly until you reach a corner.
- At each corner, chain 1 or 2, then continue working single crochet stitches across the next side.
- Once you reach the beginning of the round, slip stitch into the initial chain 1 to join, then chain 1.

Round 1

- Single crochet in first stitch and in each stitch until you reach a corner.
- At the corners work 3 single crochet stitches into the chain-1 (or 2) space. If desired, place a stitch marker in the central corner stitch so you can identify it later.
- Continue all the way around until you reach the beginning of the round, slip stitch into the initial chain-1 to join, then chain 1.



Place 1 or 2 chains in each corner on the foundation round.

Round 2 (Crab Stitch Round)

- Instead of working the first single crochet stitch to the left of the turning chain, you will work in the opposite direction. (Insert hook in first stitch on the right, then pull up a loop. Yarn over and pull through both loops on the hook.) Continue in this fashion until you reach a corner.
- At the corner, work 3 reverse single crochet stitches into the central corner stitch.
- Continue around the piece until you reach the initial chain-1, slip stitch to join, then fasten off.

Other Tips & Tricks for Crochet Borders

Getting started

- Using yarn the same weight as the knitted project will likely result in a border which feels "thicker" than the knitted work. Consider going down a notch or two in yarn weight if you think this will be a problem. For example, if the knitting was done with worsted weight yarn, you could do the border with sport weight yarn to get a closer match.
- Start with a hook around the same size as the needle used in the project, but you may have to adjust up or down.
- Begin working a row of single crochet around the knitted piece beginning on one side (not at a corner).

How many stitches?

- Make a gauge swatch in the desired crochet edging stitch, then calculate the number of stitches per inch. Measure the perimeter of the knitted piece. Multiply the perimeter by crochet stitch gauge.
- OR... Just wing it. Start crocheting, skipping a stitch or row every once in a while. Rip it out and start over if it doesn't look right. (Make fewer stitches if the work ripples. Make more stitches if the work draws in.)
- If you are using a pattern stitch, be sure your foundation row stitch count matches the stitch repeat. (Don't forget to account for the number of stitches to be worked in each corner as it might affect the pattern.)

How to turn corners

- On the first row after the foundation row, work an odd number of stitches into each chain space.
- On following rows, always work an odd number of stitches into each corner stitch.

Useful books and online resources:

- *Around the Corner Crochet Borders* by Edie Eckman
- *The Complete Book of Crochet Border Designs* by Linda Schapper
- *The Finer Edge: Crocheted Trims, Motifs and Borders* by Kristin Omdahl
- Annie's Attic Basic Crochet Stitches
<http://www.anniescatalog.com/pages/stitchguide/index.html?cid=3>
- Single Crochet Around a Knitting Project
<http://knitting.about.com/od/finishingtouches/ss/single-crochet.htm>
- KNITFreedom - How To Add A Crochet Border To Knitting - Single Crochet Edging
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SY6VZuAVeW8>