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## Crocodile Stitch Car Seat Cover

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## Materials:

- 5 skeins of [Bonita Yarns Dream Baby](#) in Summer Flowers colorway (Baby weight, #3, 100% acrylic), 331m/362 yds per skein. You can purchase this yarn at [www.bonitapatterns.com](http://www.bonitapatterns.com)
- Yardage: approximately 1500 yds/1400 m
- US size H (5.00 mm) hook
- 2 One inch (25 mm) buttons
- Stitch markers
- Yarn needle
- Scissors

## Stitch Abreviations:

Beginning (beg)  
Chain (ch)  
Double Crochet (dc)  
Repeat (rep)  
Right Side (RS)  
Single Crochet (sc)  
Slip Stitch (sl st)  
Space (sp)  
Stitch (st)  
Wrong Side (WS)  
Yarn Over (yo)

### Special Stitches Used:

**Front Post Double Crochet (fpdc)** – Yo and insert hook from the front to the back around the post of the dc of previous row. Complete as for a regular dc stitch.

**V-Stitch (V-st)** – Work (dc 1, ch1, dc 1) in st indicated.

## Gauge:

With H crochet hook in V-st pattern: 3 V-sts and 4 rows = 2"

## Finished Measurements:

25.5 ins [23 cm] wide x 36 ins [33 cm] long.

## Directions:

### Ch 100

**Rnd 1 (WS):** V-st in 7th ch from hook, \*skip next 2 ch, V-st in next ch, rep from \* across to last 3 ch, skip next 2 ch, dc in last ch; turn. – (31 V-sts)

**Row 2 (RS):** Ch 3 (count as a dc), working from **top** to **bottom** around post of first dc of **first** V-st, work 4 fpdc (see pic 1), ch 1, *turn work so V-st is sideways and post of second dc of V-st is upside down* (V point of V-st will be facing right; see pic 2), working from **bottom** to **top** around post of second dc of V-st, work 5 fpdc (see pic 3) \* skip next V-st, working from **top** to **bottom** around post of first dc of next V-st, work 5 fpdc, ch 1, *turn work so V-st is sideways*, working from **bottom** to **top** around post of second dc of V-st, work 5 fpdc, rep from \* across (see pic 4); turn. – (16 scales)

**Row 3 (WS):** Ch 3 (count as a dc), work a V-st in next ch-1 sp, \* yo, insert hook **in both** next ch-1 space and in space between scales directly behind ch-1 sp (see pic 5) and complete a V-st, work a V-st in next ch-1 sp, rep from \* across to last dc, dc in in top of last st (see pic 6); turn. – (31 V-sts)

**Row 4 (RS):** Sl st in first 2 sts, sl st in next ch-1 sp, working from **top** to **bottom** around post of first dc of **next** V-st, work 5 fpdc, ch 1, *turn work so V-st is sideways and post of second dc of V-st is upside down*, working from **bottom** to **top** around post of second dc of V-st, work 5 fpdc, \* skip next V-st, working from **top** to **bottom** around post of first dc of next V-st, work 5 fpdc, ch 1, *turn work so V-st is sideways*, working from **bottom** to **top** around post of second dc of V-st, work 5 fpdc, rep from \* across to last V-st, sl st in next ch-1 sp, sl st in next 2 sts (see pic 7); turn. – (15 scales)

**Row 5 (WS):** Ch 3, work a V-st in ch-1 sp of first V-st, \* V-st in next ch-1 sp, yo, insert hook **in both** next ch-1 sp and in space between scales directly behind ch-1 sp and complete a V-st, V-st in next ch-1 sp, repeat from \* across to last ch-1 sp, V-st in last ch-1 sp, dc in last st; turn. – (31 V-sts)

**Row 6 (RS):** Ch 1, working from **top** to **bottom** around post of first dc of **first** V-st, work 5 fpdc, ch 1, *turn work so V-st is sideways and post of second dc of V-st is upside down*, working from **bottom** to **top** around post of second dc of V-st, work 5 fpdc \* skip next V-st, working from **top** to **bottom** around post of first dc of **next** V-st, work 5 fpdc, ch 1, *turn work so V-st is sideways*, working from **bottom** to **top** around post of second dc of V-st, work 5 fpdc, rep from \* across to last dc, sl st in last dc; turn. – (16 scales)

**Row 7 – Row 82:** Repeat Rows 3 through 6, **ending on a row 6**. There will be **41 rows of scales**.

**Row 83:** Ch 1 (doesn't count as sc), sc in first st, \* sc in next 2 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next 2 sts, insert hook in next ch-1 sp and in sp between scales directly behind ch-1 st and complete a sc, rep from \* across to last 4 sts, sc in each of the last 4 sts; turn. – (97 sc)

### Edging (optional):

**Note:** You may skip the edging, by finishing off your project on Row 83 and just adding the handle straps to attach car seat cover to car seat handle (see below).

**Row 84:** Ch 2 (count as hdc), \* hdc in next 2 sc, 2 hdc in next sc, rep from \* across to last 3 sc, hdc in last 3 hdc; turn. – (128 hdc)

**Row 85 – Row 86:** Ch 2 (count as hdc), hdc in each hdc across; turn. – (128 hdc)

**Rnd 87:** Ch 2 (count as hdc), hdc in next 2 hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc, \* hdc in next 3 hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc, rep from \* across; turn. – (160 hdc)

**Row 88 – Row 89:** Ch 2 (count as hdc), hdc in each hdc across; turn. Fasten off. – (160 hdc)

**Row 90:** With wrong side of work facing you, turn car seat cover upside down and join yarn to first st (this is where is your foundation chain). Ch 1 (doesn't count as sc), sc in each st across; turn. – (97 sc)

**Row 91:** Ch 2 (count as hdc), \* hdc in next 2 sc, 2 hdc in next sc, rep from \* across to last 3 sc, hdc in last 3 hdc; turn. – (128 hdc)

**Row 92 – Row 93:** Ch 2 (count as hdc), hdc in each hdc across; turn. – (128 hdc)

**Rnd 94:** Ch 2 (count as hdc), hdc in next 2 hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc, \* hdc in next 3 hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc, rep from \* across; turn. – (160 hdc)

### **Handle Straps (make two using the same directions)**

#### **Ch 9**

**Row 1:** Sc in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook, sc in next 7 ch; turn. – (8 sc)

**Row 2 – Row 20:** Ch 1 (doesn't count as sc here and throughout) sc in first sc, sc in each sc across; turn. – (8 sc)

**Row 21 (buttonhole):** Ch 1, sc in first sc, sc in next 2 sc, ch 2, skip next 2 sc, sc in next 3 sc; turn. – (6 sc + ch 2 = 8 sts)

**Row 22:** Ch 1, sc in first sc, sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 3 sc; turn. – (8 sc)

**Row 23:** Ch 1, sc in first sc, sc in each sc across; turn. **Fasten off.** – (8 sc)

For a traditional car seat, mark where to sew on handle straps as follows:

- Find the 21<sup>st</sup> of scales. Counting from left to right, find the 7<sup>th</sup> scale, place marker. Still counting from left to right from the 7<sup>th</sup> scale of row 21<sup>st</sup>, count 3 more scales, place marker on 10<sup>th</sup> scale of the row (see picture below).
- Sew first rows of each strap on 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> scales of row 21<sup>st</sup> as you marked above.
- Sew on buttons on first row of each strap opposite of buttonhole.



Counting from left to right, find the 7<sup>th</sup> scale, place marker. Still counting from left to right from the 7<sup>th</sup> scale of row 21<sup>st</sup>, count 3 scales, place marker the 10<sup>th</sup> scale of the row. Sew handle straps over 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> scales as shown on red arrows below.



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## Photo Tutorial:

Note: Yarn weight and hook were changed for better visualization on photos.



**(Picture 1)** Ch 3 (count as a dc), working from **top to bottom** around post of first dc of **first** V-st, work 4 fpdc (see pic A)



**(Picture 2)** Ch 3 and 4 fpdc completed, **turn work so V-st is sideways** and post of **second** dc of V-st is upside down (V point of V-st will be facing right)



**(Picture 3)** Working from **bottom to top** around post of second dc of V-st, work 5 fpdc



**(Picture 4)** Row 2 completed.

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**(Picture 5)** Yo, insert hook **in both** next ch-1 space and in space between scales directly behind ch-1 sp (see pic E), and complete a V-st



**(Picture 6)** Row 3 completed. This shows the wrong side of the work where all V-sts line up on top of each other.



**(Picture 7)** Rows 1 through 4 completed.

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