

TRANSCRIPT

Tutorial - Crochet Edging

The Cumberland Shawl features a crochet bind off, but you can use this bind off on anything that you want to jazz up just a little bit. I'm going to walk you through how that looks.

The only things you need to be able to work a crochet bind off are your instructions, just because they're helpful to have, a crochet hook that is appropriate to the yarn weight that you were using, and your knitted project, ready to work your bind off. To start, I like to insert my crochet hook, held in the right hand, into the stitches. The first two stitches that are on the left hand needle, just slide them over. And then we're going to work a yarn over with our yarn. Technically for knitters, this is kind of a backwards yarn over, but in crochet, the technical term is yarn over. You're going to come from behind your crochet hook over the top, back to front like this. That's a yarn over right there. And you're going to draw that through both of the stitches that you just pulled off. Just like this.

Now I'm going to yarn over again and we're going to pull that yarn right back through the hook five times. So yarn over pull. That's one. Yarn over pull. That's two. Yarn over pull through. That's three. Yarn over, pull through that's four. Yarn over pull through and that's five. Okay. Now we're going to insert our crochet hook. I am not a crocheter by the way, so knowing the hand movements for crochet hook is a little fiddly for me. So bear with me. Now, we're going to insert our crochet hook through the next three stitches on the knitting needle and pull them off. So one, two and three. Now we're going to take our yarn again. We're going to make another yarn over, remember that comes from over the top from back to front and you're going to pull it through all three of those stitches that you just slipped. So we still have that old stitch over here and this one new stitch here. Now we're going to yarn over again and pull it through both of these stitches. So now we're back, oops... Through both of them. So now we're back down to one stitch on the crochet hook, and we're going to repeat that yarn over, pull through that one loop five times. So, oops, don't split the yarn like I just did. So that's one, yarn over pull through, yarn over, pull through three, yarn over pull through four, yarn over pull through five. And now at this point, based on these instructions here, we're gonna repeat that from star to star here. So basically we're going to slip three stitches over work, a couple of yarn overs to get down to one stitch left on the hook, and then we'll create that five stitch loop.

It's important, well, it's not super important, it's nice to be able to keep a relatively even tension when you're holding the yarn in the left hand, when you're making the loops, you want to keep them rather consistent in size so that it's not too tight, not too loose, not too crazy, but overall, when we block it out, it's not gonna matter that much. So we've just finished that five yarn over loop section. Now we're going to slip three stitches over. Do a yarn over draw it through just the first three stitches that you just slipped. Okay? So it looks like this, yarn over, pull it through the two stitches and now we're back down to one. And now we're going to do our yarn over five one, two, three, four... We're going to keep repeating that all the way down.

Now, when you get to the very end, my particular swatch here was not the same multiple as what is found in the Cumberland shawl, which means that if you've noticed that you can change these ratios at any point, if you want longer loops than you'll work this yarn over pull through the loop eight times or seven times, you can work through two stitches at a time. I'm really, don't recommend four stitches at a time, unless you are prepared for a larger pull

right here with the multiple stitches into one. But now I'm here at the very end and it's just two stitches. So I'm literally just going to slide those two over, drop my needle and here I'm going to do the same thing. I'm going to come through. I'm going to come through and work that first yarn over through the first two. Now I'm going to do a yarn over and I'm going to pull through those last two stitches there. I'm going to then cut my yarn and pull my yarn through and voila. We have some pretty loops. Now, when you go to block this, you are just going to pin it out, just like this. Don't be afraid to stretch them, give them some movement here, pin them really, really well. If you are wet blocking, you're going to let them dry for a good 24 hours. If are steam blocking, you're going to pin them really well and hit them with the steam. And then let them sit for a good 10 or 15 minutes so that they dry. But either way, then you end with this one, fancy snazzy bind off!