

Edgings

Tips for working evenly across / around:

- 1) You can calculate the number of stitches needed to work across an edge, using your stitch gauge. For example, a 20 inch edge, at 4 stitches per inch, needs 80 stitches across it.

$$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ inches} * \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ stitches/inch} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ stitches}$$

(Length of edge) (Gauge)

- 2) Use a string to measure more complex edges – lay the string along the edge and cut it so the string is now the same length as the edge, then measure the string.



- 3) Divide up long edges into smaller sections with stitch markers, so you can work one section at a time. For example, an 80 stitch edge can be worked in four 20 stitch sections.
- 4) Add extra stitches when working around a corner. Adding a chain space as well will make it more square:



- 5) Skip a stitch or decrease when working across the inside of a sharp corner, like a V-neck:

Slip Stitch, Chain 1: Simple and elastic – good for ribbing. Decorative zig-zag on right side, plain on wrong side.



Crab stitch: SC stitches worked backwards. Ch 1, sc in first st, sc in next st to the right.



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Twisted Single Crochet: Looks similar to crab stitch, but worked forward. Draw up a loop like you normally would for single crochet. Now twist your hook all the way around one time, so the two loops twist around each other. Then finish the stitch as normal.



Jacob's Ladder Edging: Sl st in first corner. Ch 6 (counts as first st). Double treble (dtr) in each st around, with 3 dtr in each corner. When you get back to the first corner, work 1 more dtr in that corner, then ch 6 and fasten off. Pinch starting chain together to form a loop, and secure with stitch marker.



Now pull the next loop through the first one. Do not twist any of the loops. Continue around until you have only the ending chain 6 left. We're going to use that to create a "seamless" join.



Pull the chain up through the active loop, from bottom to top – pull all the way through. Then place your hook under both legs of the first loop, and pull chain through from back to front. Finally, pull chain back through the last loop, from top to bottom.



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