

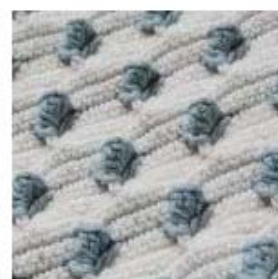


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## *Rosebud stitch crochet*

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Little rosebuds, a promise of love and an invitation to travel, from the Damascus gardens to our Western regions. A nice delicate stitch that will bring colors and smiles in your projects.



### General introduction

- The pattern is created with cables
- Each row with cables is followed by a row of single crochet: the pattern is not double sided
- The Rosebud is made on 3 rows of cables:
  - 1st row: to create the base of the rosebud
  - 2nd row: to create small leaves
  - 3rd row: the rosebud
- Each rosebud, from leaf to leaf, is separated from its neighbor by 3 stitches. You need an odd number of stitch so that the rosebuds of the following line can come harmoniously between 2 rosebuds of the preceding row
- I tested this pattern with 100% cotton and wool: the rendering works well. It might work less nicely with wool more vaporous like mohair
- I am using PHILDAR merinos 6 wool here with a size 4 hook

### Working with colors

To make the change of color, the last stitch needs to be finished with the next color.



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- To change color with a single crochet: insert the hook in the stitch, yarn over and pull through with color 1, then yarn over and pull through with color 2 to finish
- To change color with a double/treble crochet, long double/treble: the last yarn over and pull through will be done with the color 2 to finish the stitch
- **How to hold 2 colored threads:** It is not always easy to juggle with 2 colored threads. I use a technique that allows to have at disposal, with the right tension, 2 colored threads at the same time on my left hand (I am right-handed):
  - The main color thread is on my index, it passes under the middle finger and the ring finger and I wind it around the little finger 1 time
  - The secondary color thread is on the back of my left hand, in the middle, and I wind it around the little finger 1 time
  - When the tension is too loose, I pull on the threads wrapped around the little finger
- This way of positioning the 2 colors allows :
  - to be able to quickly switch from one color to another
  - when the secondary color is "taken" all along a row without having to work it, I flip with my thumb the thread down and it will goes naturally, without forcing, in the right place
- This technique requires a little practice but then, like me, you will not know how you could do before :-). This is more explicit in video >>> you have a demonstration in the video tutorial of the Rosebud stitch and also in another video tutorial specific to this technique >>> the links are at the bottom of the article (sorry the video are in French)

### **A bit of calculation**

Crochet needs also some calculation to build a project!

- The rosebud fits on 5 stitches and 7 rows:
  - 1: bottom border row
  - 2: row of patterns
  - 3: row of single crochet



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- 4: second row of patterns
- 5: row of single crochet
- 6: last row of patterns
- 7: upper border row
- The separation between 2 rosebuds, from leaf to leaf, needs to be an odd number: 3 stitches here
- For this tutorial, I am working with a total of 50 stitches

### Stitches

- CH: chain
- SC: single crochet
- Fp DB: front post double crochet (US)
- Long fp DC all: long front post double crochet (US)
- Fp Hdc: Front post half double crochet

### Tutorial

Prepare a foundation chain of 50 stitches:

- either by making a chain of 50 CH + 1, followed by a row in SC
- either by making a double crochet foundation chain

### Row 1

- 9 SC
- Fp DB in the next stitch of the previous row
- \* 7 SC
- Fp DB in the next stitch of the previous row \*
- repeat \*
- the row ends with 8 SC



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### Row 2

- chain 1 to turn and 50 SC, chain 1 to turn

### Row 3 : new color

At this row, we will create 3 cables that start in the cable created at row 1

- 7 SC, color change at the last stitch
- \* Long fp DC color 2 in the cable of the previous row, color change at the last stitch
- skip 1 stitch and SC color 1, color change at the last stitch
- Fp DB color 2 in the same cable, color change at the last stitch
- skip 1 stitch and SC color 1, change color at the last stitch
- Long fp DC color 2 in the same cable, change color at the last stitch
- skip 1 stitch and 3 SC color 1 \*
- repeat \*
- finish with 4 SC



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### **Row 4 : bring along the color 2**

- chain 1 to turn and 50 SC, chain 1 to turn

### **Row 5**

- 9 SC, color change at the last stitch
- \* in the same central cable of the previous row, make a group of:
- 1 fp Hdc
- 2 Fp DB
- 2 Long Fp DB, color change at the last stitch
- 7 SC, color change at the last stitch \*
- repeat \*
- finish with 8 SC

### **Row 6 : bring along color 2**

- chain 1 to turn and 50 SC, chain 1 to turn



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### **Rows 7 and 8 : color 2 can be ignored**

- chain 1 to turn and 50 SC, chain 1 to turn
- color 2 can be ignored, it will be at the right place to start the pattern again at row 9
- next pattern will start with 5 SC instead of 9 (row 1) so you will have the rosebuds nicely staggered as you can see in the picture



### ***Video tutorials – in French***

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_p3lftFB8eg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_p3lftFB8eg)

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Happy crocheting and do not hesitate to tag me with your pictures!

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