



Ch: chain  
Sc: single crochet  
Dc: double crochet  
Sk: skip  
Sl st: slip stitch  
2dctog: 2 double crochet together –  
a decreasing stitch turning 2dc sts  
into one stitch without leaving a  
hole

## GENTLE WAVES ROUND RIPPLE AFGHAN

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- Round 1: Leaving a 4" tail, ch 4  
11 dc in 4<sup>th</sup> ch from hook (ch 3 counts as 1<sup>st</sup> dc) for 12 total dc  
Sl stitch in top of ch 3 to join. Pull tail to close hole.
- Round 2: Ch 3, dc in same stitch. 2dc in each remaining chain around. Join with sl  
st in top of ch3 to join. (Join this way to end every row throughout  
afghan) (24 sts total)
- Round 3: Ch 4, dc in same stitch, \*sk 1, (dc, ch1, dc in next st)\*. Repeat \*to\*  
around. Join. Sl st over to ch 1 sp to start next round.
- Round 4: Ch 3, dc, ch2, 2dc in first ch 1 space. 2dc, ch2, 2dc in each ch 1 space  
around. Join.
- Round 5: Ch 3, 2dc, ch2, 2dc in ch2 space, dc in next st. \*Sk 2 st, dc in next st, 2dc,  
ch2, 2dc in next ch 2 space, dc in next st\*. Repeat from \*to\*. Sk 2 ch.  
Join. Sl st to next ch 2 space to get ready for next round.
- Round 6: Ch 3, 5dc in same ch2 space. Sk next st. 2dctog, 2dctog, sk next st, 6dc in  
next ch 2 space. Continue around. After last 2dctog, join to top of starting  
ch3.

**NOTE:** If changing colors every couple of rounds, I join to close the round  
and then slip stitch to the top of the peak. I start the new color here  
with a ch 3 to avoid an obvious seam line.

Round 7: Ch 3 (counts as 1<sup>st</sup> dc) in the 3<sup>rd</sup> of 6 dc. 2dc in same st, 3dc in next st, dc in next st, 2dctog, 2dctog, dc in next st. Continue in this manner around. Sl st over to 3<sup>rd</sup> dc to set up for next round.

The 2 sets of 3dc will form the “peak” and the 2 sets of 2dctog will form the “valley”. In every subsequent row there will be an increase in the number of stitches worked by a single dc between the peaks and valleys. This is how the pattern grows naturally.

**NOTE:** To keep your afghan lying flat, alternate between rounds of 3dc, 3dc in the peaks and rounds of 2dc, 2dc. Two rounds of the 3dc, 3dc to one round of 2dc, 2dc should be enough to do the trick. The decrease stitches or “valleys” will remain the same (2dctog, 2dctog).