

Spike stitches are made with what are essentially elongated single crochets. When you create a regular single crochet, you work into the stitch directly below the new row (so 1 row below). A spike stitch is worked either 2, 3 or 4 rows below the new row you are working. Different lengths of this stitch can be combined in a variety of ways to make fun, geometric designs.



Crocheted spike stitch tutorial

Abbreviations:

- sc: single crochet
- ch: chain
- C1: color 1 (brown)
- C2: color 2 (blue)
- SP-2: spike stitch 2 rows below
- SP-3: spike stitch 3 rows below
- SP-4: spike stitch 4 rows below

Pattern:

Chain 12.

Work 4 rows even of sc.



Join C2, ch1, then turn to begin new row.



Spike Row: SP-2 (work a sc into the 2nd row below hook)





SP-3 (work sc into the 3rd row below hook)





SP-4 (work sc into the 4th row below hook)



Continue (SP-2, SP-3, SP-4) to the end of the row.



Work 4 more rows of sc before joining C1 and working another spike stitch row.



Keep in mind, the spike stitch creates a very stiff and non-stretchy fabric, so it's probably not a good idea to use it for an item that you'd like to have a lot of drape or stretch.

<http://www.craftsy.com/blog/2013/10/crochet-spike-stitch-tutorial/>