



## How to crochet around hemstitched wipes & wraps.

A Lola J Tutorial

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## You will need:

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- Hemstitched muslin wipe or wrap
- 1.75mm steel crochet hook
- Crochet thread in size 8, 10 or 20  
(The higher the number, the thinner the thread)
- Snips or scissors
- Large eye needle

## Before you begin:

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In this tutorial, we will show you how easy it is to crochet your own edging around a hemstitched face wipe or swaddle wrap.

You can order a [complete kit](http://www.lolaj.co.nz) at [www.lolaj.co.nz](http://www.lolaj.co.nz) Or, if you already have a hook and crochet thread, grab just the [hemstitched wipes or wraps](#) in your choice of 5 sizes.

The first row covers the overlocked hem of your wipe. I will show you 2 methods; first a DC stitch, then a Half Treble stitch. You can choose which one you use.

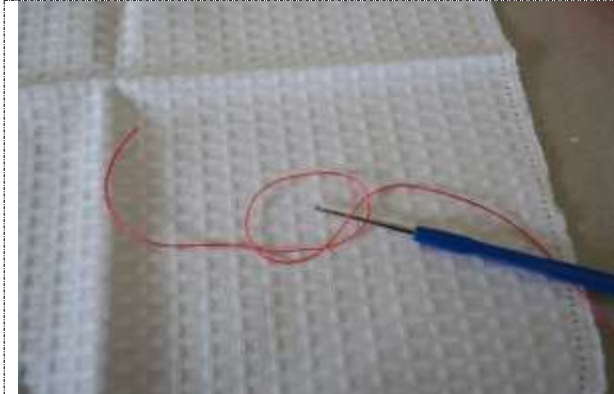


## Lets start crocheting:

The first row, using a DC (Double Crochet) stitch, covers the overlocked hem.



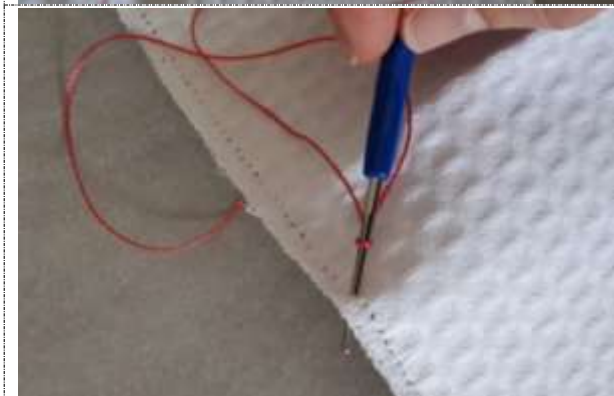
First, make a slip knot. Hold the end of the thread in your left hand, then loop the thread with your right hand over.



Use your crochet hook to pull the ball (long) end through from underneath the loop you have made.

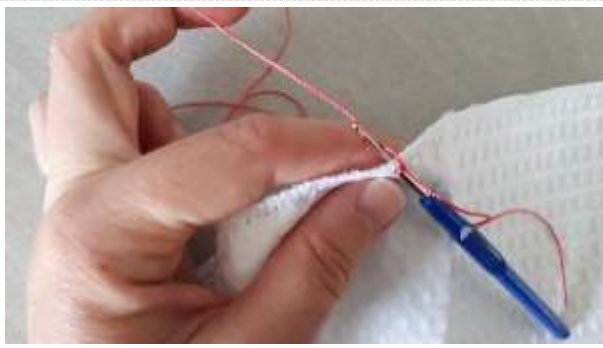


Tug gently on the ball end of the thread to make the knot snug against your hook.



Now. You have one loop on your hook. To make your first double crochet stitch, insert your hook through a hole on your wipe, from front to back.





Loop the thread around your hook and pull a loop through.



You now have 2 loops on your hook.



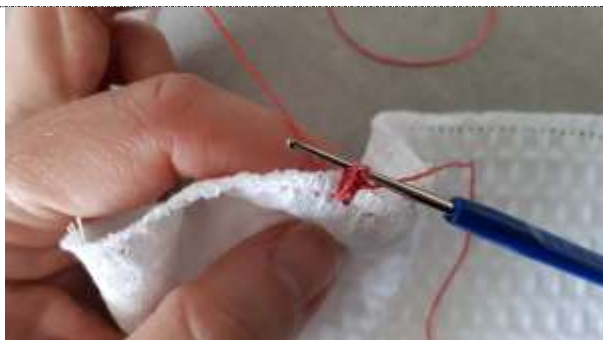
Loop the thread around your hook again and pull through the 2 loops on your hook.



You now have 1 loop on your hook and your first stitch is complete.



To make the second stitch, insert your hook into the hole to the left of the one just worked.



Wrap your thread around your hook and pull a look through. You now have 2 loops on your hook.



Wrap the thread around your hook again and pull through the 2 loops, leaving 1 loop on your hook, ready for the next stitch.



Keep on in this manner, working right to left, until you have reached the last hole.



To finish the row, slip stitch into the first stitch you made: insert your hook into the first DC stitch



Wrap the thread around,



and pull straight through the hole as well as through the loop on your hook in the same movement.



## Or work a Half Treble stitch:

Alternatively, you can work HT (Half Treble) stitches instead of DC (Double Crochet) stitches on the first row. This creates a sturdier looking edge.



Make a slip knot as shown earlier in the tutorial, and wrap the thread around your hook before inserting into the first hole.



Wrap the thread again, and pull a loop through the hole.



You now have 3 loops on your hook.



Wrap the thread around your hook, and pull through the first 2 loops on your hook, leaving 2 loops left.



Wrap the thread again and pull through the remaining 2 loops on your hook, leaving 1 loop left.



Ready for the next stitch! Wrap the thread around your hook and insert into the hole to the left of the one just worked. Continue in this way until you reach the last hole.



To finish, work the last hole, then slip stitch: insert your hook under the first stitch



Wrap the thread around, then pull through the hole and also the loop on your hook, at the same time.



Don't cut your thread at this stage, you can now continue onto Row 2: the scallop.





## To work your scallop edging:

This is the fun part, where the pretty scallop or shell edging takes shape!

We work a 7-shell scallop edging. Once you have mastered this pattern, have a look at our free edging patterns at [www.lolaj.co.nz](http://www.lolaj.co.nz) and try another one!



To make your first treble, wrap the thread around your hook.



Insert your hook into the third stitch to the left of the stitch you just finished. So, skip 2 stitches and work into the next.



Wrap the thread around and pull through to make 3 loops on your hook.



Wrap the thread around your hook and pull through the first 2 stitches on your hook.





This will leave 2 stitches on your hook.



Wrap the thread again and pull through the remaining stitches on your hook.



Your first treble stitch is complete. To make your second treble, wrap the thread around your hook and insert into the same space as the first treble. Wrap the thread around your hook and pull through a loop, making 3 loops on your hook. Wrap thread and pull through the first 2 loops on your hook. Wrap again and pull through the remaining 2 loops on your hook, leaving 1 loop left.



Continue making treble stitches into the same hole until you have 7 of them.



Now, anchor your scallop with a double crochet stitch into the third hole to the left of your 7 trebles.

So, skip 2 stitches, and work into the next.

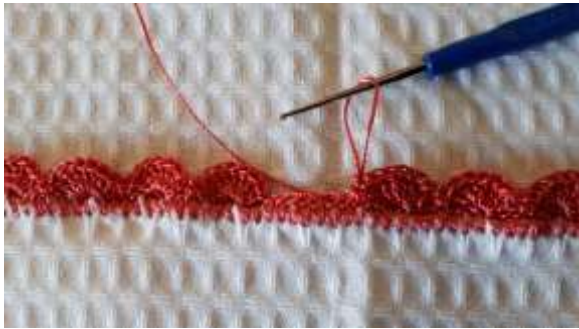


Insert hook, wrap thread and pull through a loop, making 2 loops on your hook. Wrap thread again and pull through these 2 loops.



To make your second scallop, skip the next 2 stitches, and make 7 trebles into the next stitch.

Skip the next 2 stitches, and DC to anchor.



Continue in this way until you get back to the start. You may not have exactly the right amount of stitches left for your last scallop, so have a look and you may need to skip 1 or 3 stitches between your 7-treble scallop and the DC anchor to make it fit.



Work the last 7-treble shell



To finish, make a slip stitch under the first stitch to secure:



Insert hook into the top of the first treble. Pull a loop through and slip stitch to secure.



Snip the thread and pull it through the loop on your hook. Tighten to secure the knot.



Use a needle to weave the thread ends invisibly under the first row.



Snip the thread tails to leave them tidy.



And that's it! You now have a little face wipe with your own hand made crochet edging.





We hope you enjoyed this tutorial.

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