Perforated Pin Stripes Crochet Stitch

(US Crochet Terminology)

A crochet stitch pattern by Merrian Holland

Although the "perforations are created horizontally, when turned 90 degrees, the stitch pattern gives a pinstripe effect. I have used this stitch pattern to make a top which I worked sideways.

You can use many different thicknesses of yarn and corresponding hook sizes. Some suggestions are on the next page.
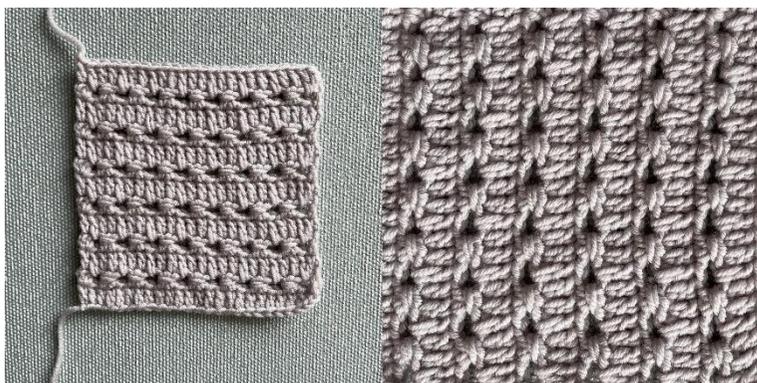
4ply/Fingering

For the 4ply swatch, I've used a 2.5mm hook for the starting chain and a 2.75mm hook for the main stitch pattern.

The gauge is : 24sts and 13 rows to 10cm (4").

Yarn details : Posh Yarn Undyed Dorothy Sock (50% Superwash Merino, 50% Silk)

DK (double knit or heavy Sport weight)

For the double knit swatch, I've used a 3mm hook for the starting chain and a 3.5 mm hook for the main stitch pattern.

The gauge is : 22sts and 12 rows to 10cm (4").

Yarn details : MillaMia Naturally Soft Merino in Putty Grey (121)

Aran / Worsted

For the Aran swatch, I've used a 4mm hook for the starting chain and 4.5mm hook for the main stitch pattern.

The gauge is : 18sts and 9 rows to 10cm (4").

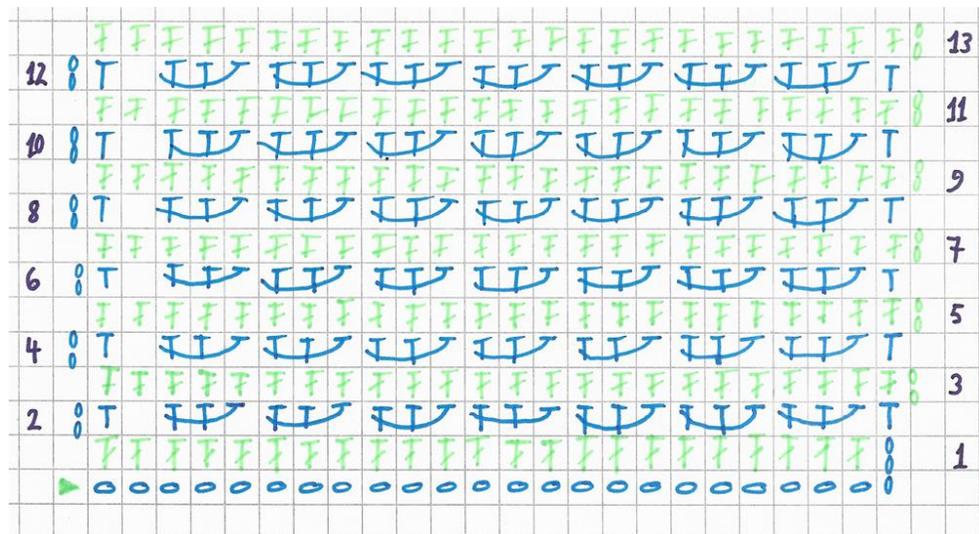Yarn details : Rico Essentials Soft Merino Aran in Cream (61)

Perforated Pin Stripe Crochet Stitch – Instructions

You can find video instructions here which includes lots of additional tips: https://youtu.be/7p0eUKP_rv0

Tools & Materials : You can use any yarn weight and corresponding hook size but for these instructions, I am using a 4ply/sock weight yarn with 2.5mm hook for the starting chain and switching to a 2.75mm hook for the main stitch pattern.

Stitch pattern repeat : 3 – to make a larger piece of fabric, increase your starting chain in increments of 3.

TIP : Try to keep the chains true to hook size, i.e. when you crochet, keep the loop exactly the same size as the diameter of the hook, rather than extending the loop. For this particular pattern, it keeps the stitches really neat, minimises the gaps between the tall stitches and enhances the effect of the "perforations".

Start with the smaller hook, ch 26.

Row 1 (RS): Working into the back ridge of the chain, dc into the 4th ch from the hook, 1dc into each ch. *(24sts, counting the turning ch)*

Row 2 (WS): ch2, don't sk any stitches; 1hdc; *sk1st 1hdc in each of the next 2sts, 1hdc around 2hdc just made*; repeat from *to* until 2sts rem; sk1st, 1hdc in last st (which was the ch3 turning ch of Row 1). *(7 sets of wrapped hdcs, 8 perforations)*

Note: from now on, at the start of every round, there's going to be a ch2 turning chain. This chain is never worked into, nor is it ever counted as a stitch.

Row 3 (RS): ch2, 1dc into 1st st; *1dc in sp; 1dc into each of 2 wrapped hdcs*; repeat from *to* until 2sts rem; 1dc in last sp; 1dc in last st. *(24sts)*

Row 4 (WS): ch2, don't sk any stitches; 1hdc; *sk1st 1hdc in each of the next 2sts, 1hdc around 2hdc just made*; repeat from *to* until 2sts rem; sk1st, 1hdc in last st. *(7 sets of wrapped hdcs, 8 perforations)*

Repeat rows 3-4 as desired, ending with a Row 3 for symmetry.

If you are swatching, make a total of 13 rows.

Hand wash your swatch in luke warm water with a mild detergent. I like to use a gentle shampoo. Do not wring. Squeeze out the excess water between two layers of a clean towel. Lay flat on a towel, gently pulling into shape to open up the stitches. You can pin it square with some stainless steel (rust free) pins if you like. Allow to dry naturally.

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