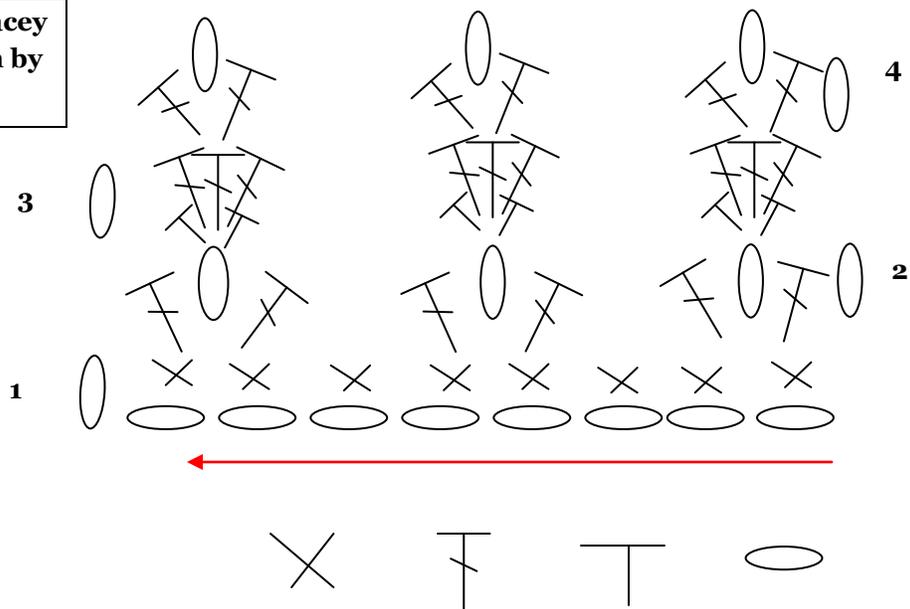# Crochet Charts

Working in crochet charts seems foreign to many of us, myself included. It`s quickly gaining in popularity since it takes less space to print (less paper) and it reduces the opportunity for mistakes. Once you understand how to read them, you will wonder why we haven't done this sooner?

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Reading Crochet Charts

Diagram of Lacey Bolero Pattern by Day Dreams

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The Yarn Council has created a standard symbols chart. The sample (above) has a simple key for reading the chart, just as a map would. Pg 2 is the chart from the Yarn Council.

Bolero
Ch 127 (Med) Ch 132 (Large)

Row 1: Sc in 2nd Ch from hook and in each stitch across to end. Ch 1, turn.
Row 2:* Dc in first Sc in row, Ch 1, Dc in next Sc.* Skip next Sc, and repeat from * across to end of row. Ch 3, turn.
Row 3: *Work the following in the first and each Ch sp between Dc of Row 2 (you are working in the top of the ch sp of row 2):* * Hdc, 3 Dc, Hdc. * repeat with next Ch sp between Dc across to end of row. Ch 1, turn.
Row 4: Starting in *3rd ch sp of cluster of row 3* work * Dc, ch 1, Dc in same ch sp * repeat from * to end of row.

Repeat alternately rows 3 & 4 until piece measures (28") for Medium and (32") for Large.

*** Actual Pattern is FREE HERE:**
http://www.daydreemz.net/sew--crochet-patterns.html

Pictured Below: *What the chart is making…part of the Lacey Bolero by Day Dreams*

Don't panic! Once you learn to read the symbols, reading a chart is easy. Read along with the pattern and refer to the chart on page 2 —see if it makes sense to you. You'll get the hang of it and the mystery surrounding it will be like reading a road map home in no time!

Crochet Chart Symbols

Stitch charts in crochet and knit patterns are being used more and more as an addition to or in place of words to describe a pattern stitch. Following are the standardized crochet symbols that have been adopted by members of the Craft Yarn Council and are considered to be the clearest and easiest to render and to read. For the most part each symbol represents a stitch as it looks on the right side of the work. Always refer to the pattern key for additional symbol definitions.

Standard Stitch Key

- = chain (ch)
- = slip stitch (sl st)

X or + = single crochet (sc)*

= half double crochet (hdc)

= double crochet (dc)

= treble crochet (tr)

= double treble crochet (dtr)

= sc2tog

= sc3tog

= dc2tog

= dc3tog

= 3-dc cluster

= 3-hdc cluster/puff st/bobble

= 5-dc popcorn

= 5-dc shell

= ch-3 picot

= front post dc (FPdc)

= back post dc (BPdc)

= worked in back loop only**
= worked in front loop only**

*Both symbols are commonly used for single crochet
**Symbol appears at base of stitch being worked