



Tip of the Month

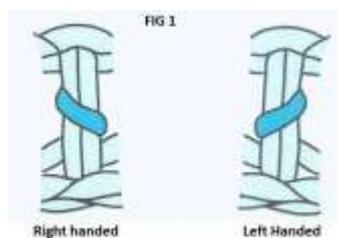


Taking the gap out of treble stitches

Do you love to create clothing but worry about the gaps that come between the treble stitches (and for that matter double treble and triple trebles)? Try substituting a linked stitch for the normal treble where you don't want the gaps. It will give a different appearance to your project but also achieves a more closed fabric as shown in this picture.

To create a linked treble stitch (Ltr), the first stitch in the row is done as a normal stitch. From then, each stitch is varied as follows:

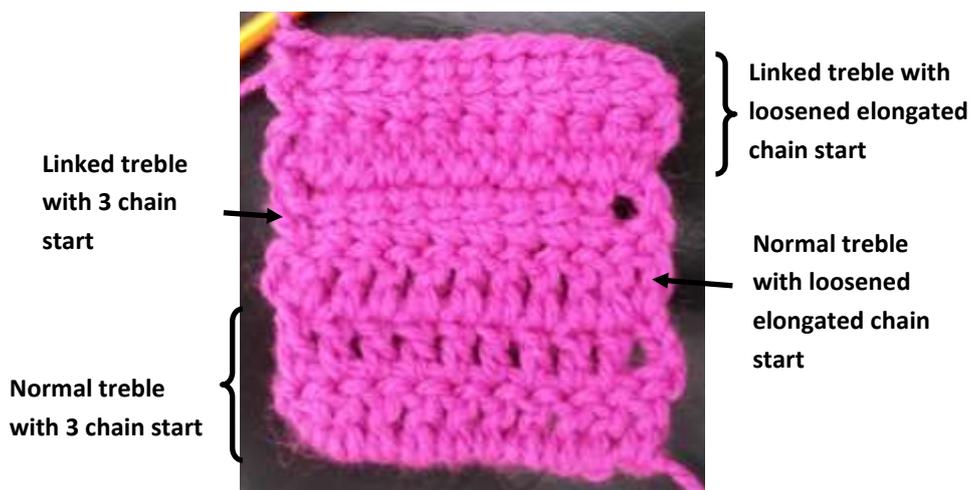
Instead of performing a YO, loop your hook through the loop of the treble just made (dark shaded loop on figure 1) YO and draw up a loop on your hook. Then insert hook in the next chain as normal, YO and draw up a loop. Finish the treble as normal.



To create a double treble and triple treble, apply the same concept.



The above however doesn't get rid of the gap at the beginning of the row. To get rid of that gap try the following. Instead of beginning the row with three chain (which constitutes the first stitch), use a 'loosened elongated chain' which gets your hook and yarn to the right height, but doesn't constitute a stitch. To make an elongated chain, loosen the loop already on the hook from the previous row to the length of the and work a loose chain, then treble in that first stitch. It will give a slightly thicker edge to your row, but not as much as having a two trebles in the stitch. This method works whether you are doing normal treble or the linked treble, as illustrated in the diagram below.



Other methods to remove the gap at the beginning of a row include:

- A) Make a double crochet then 1 chain instead of 3 chain at the beginning of the row.
- B) Make 2ch rather than three at the beginning of the row.