

How to Crochet the Beautiful Tulip Stitch

A step-by-step tutorial for spring crochet projects, blankets, and shawls.

If you are looking for free crochet patterns that bring a vibrant, texture-rich look to your projects, learning how to crochet the tulip stitch is an absolute game-changer. This gorgeous floral pattern is highly popular for making spring blankets, decorative shawls, and festive table runners. In this comprehensive tutorial, we will break down a unique diagonal variant of the crochet tulip stitch pattern. By working corner-to-corner (C2C style) or in diagonal rows, you can create stunning triangular shawls or diamond-shaped blankets featuring realistic, popping tulip buds nestled in leafy green lattices. Let's grab your hooks and dive into this step-by-step crochet tutorial designed to boost your skills and elevate your handmade collection!

Materials Needed

- **Medium-weight yarn** (Worsted or DK weight) in four distinct colors: Sage Green (for the stems/lattice), and vibrant shades like Rose Pink, Sunset Yellow, Bright Red, and Lavender Purple for the tulip buds.
- **Crochet Hook:** Size H/8 (5.0 mm) or G/6 (4.0 mm) depending on your yarn choice.
- **Tapestry needle** for weaving in your loose ends.
- **Scissors.**

Crochet Abbreviations Used (US Terms)

ch	chain
sc	single crochet
dc	double crochet
st	stitch
sk	skip
puff st	puff stitch (used to create the tulip bulb effect)

Step-by-Step Tutorial: The Diagonal Tulip Stitch

Design Note: This pattern is worked by building a green mesh foundation grid first, then dropping back to populate the colorful flower rows using a sequence of clustered puff stitches.

Phase 1: The Green Lattice Foundation (Row 1)

Foundation: Using the Sage Green yarn, start with a slip knot and chain a multiple of 3 + 1 (if working straight) or begin your corner-to-corner increase. For a straight swatch, ch 22.

Row 1: Dc in the 4th ch from hook. *Ch 2, sk 2 chains, dc in next st.* Repeat from * to * until the end of the row. Turn. This creates your open square mesh grid where the tulips will "grow."

Phase 2: Growing the Tulip Buds (Row 2)

Switching Colors: Join your Pink, Yellow, or Purple yarn to the first ch-2 space of the green mesh.

Creating the Tulip Bulb (Puff Stitch): Ch 2, then work a 4-loop Puff Stitch inside the space: (Yarn over, insert hook into space, pull up a loop to the height of the ch-2) repeat 4 times in the same space. You will have 9 loops on your hook. Yarn over and pull through all 9 loops. Ch 1 to secure the puff.

Transition: Ch 2, sk the next green dc, and work another puff stitch in the following ch-2 space using a different flower color to create the multi-colored garden effect seen in the studio layout. Repeat this sequence across the row. Fasten off the flower colors.

Phase 3: The Leaf Lock Row (Row 3)

Rejoin the Sage Green yarn at the beginning of the row. Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc). Work 2 dc in the ch-2 space between the tulip bulbs, then 1 dc directly into the top lock-stitch of the puff stitch. This completely locks the flowers in place and prepares the next foundation grid for the upcoming rows.