Corner Start Tutorial in Plain English (also called Diagonal Crochet)

I know this stitch can be difficult to envision! Because of that I have created a more indepth tutorial. This pattern begins in the corner, and increases out - in effect, making a triangular shape, until desired width is reached. By increasing and decreasing every other row - you can increase in length, while maintaining the same width, thereby making a rectangular piece. When you reach the desired length, you will work a decrease on every row, to "close up" the rectangle.

Corner Start Sampler in Plain English
(also called Diagonal Crochet Stitch)

Makes a nice Beanie Baby Blanket! ;)

Materials for Sampler:
Small Amount Worsted Weight Yarn

Size H Crochet Hook
Beanie Baby ;)

ROW 1: Chain 6. Skip first 3 Chains. Double Crochet in 4th, 5th, and 6th Chain from hook. (First Square made.)

ROW 2: Chain 6. Double Crochet in 4th, 5th, and 6th Chain from hook. Now look at the FIRST SQUARE. Do you see those skipped 3 Chains? You will flip up the square so those 3 Chains are pointing toward the ceiling. Skip the next 3 Double Crochets (of that first square) and Slip Stitch around the Post of that Chain 3. Chain 3, 3 Double Crochet down same Post. LOOK! You’ve made a little square V shape!

ROW 3 (INCREASE ROW): Now turn the work and Chain 6. Double Crochet in 4th, 5th, & 6th Chain from hook. See - you made another square! This is an INCREASE SQUARE, which makes Row 3 an INCREASE ROW. Skip next 3 Double Crochets. Slip Stitch around the Chain 3 Post of next square. **Chain 3, 3 Double Crochet down same Post. Skip next 3 Double Crochets. Slip Stitch around the Chain 3 Post of next square. ** Repeat from ** to ** across, until last square of that row.

ROW 4 - 8: (or until desired width for your afghan) Work Increase Row (Row 3). This whole time you’ve been making a big triangle. Once the work is as wide as desired, you’ll want to keep increasing in LENGTH, while maintaining the width the whole way up. (There by making a rectangle.) You must therefore do a decrease row.

TO MEASURE THE WIDTH:
Place work on flat surface with starting yarn tail to the bottom LEFT. Measure from tail across bottom of work to decide width. This Beanie Baby Blanket, should measure around 8 inches wide.

A good width for a baby blanket is 24 inches wide.

ROW 9 (DECREASE ROW): Chain 3, turn work. Skip next 3 Double Crochets. ** Slip Stitch around post of Chain 3 of next square. Chain 3, 3 Double Crochets down same post. Skip next 3 Double Crochets. ** Repeat from ** to ** across row.

ROW 10-12: Work Increase Row on even rows, and decrease row on odd rows.
For an Afghan: Continue progressing, alternating between an INCREASE ROW and a DECREASE ROW, until the work is as LONG as you want it. A good baby blanket length is 36 inches.

ROW 13-18: Work Decrease Row each row, to "close up" the rectangle. Upon making the last square, Chain 3, turn. Skip next 3 Double Crochets and Slip Stitch down post of next Chain 3. (This evens up the end of the afghan.)

~Don’t forget - if you get confused you can look at the tutorial below.

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**Row 1** (square 1) - CH 6:

DC in each of these stitches

Skip first three chains, DC in 4th, 5th, & 6th chain from hook:

This completes the first square, and the first row! ;)

**Row 2** - Ch 6:

DC in each of these stitches
Skip first three chains, DC in 4th, 5th, & 6th CH from hook (INCREASE MADE):

Flip up first square:

Skip three DCs of first square. SL ST around the CH 3 post of the 1st SQ:
CH 3, 3 DC down same post:

(That completes the 2nd Row)

**Row 3** - CH 6:

DC into 4th, 5th, & 6th CH from hook, turn work:

NOTE: do you notice how the *CH 6, DC in 4th, 5th, 6th, CH from HK* series creates an *Increase Square* on that row? This is considered an *Increase Row* because you are increasing one square at the beginning of each row! ;)
Skip next three DCs. SL ST around CH 3 post of next square.

**CH 3, 3 DC down same post. Skip next three DCs. SL ST around CH 3 post of next square:**

Repeat ** to ** of above square, across each row:

Row 4-? - repeat Row 3 (Increase Row) until work is as wide as required:

To continue working in *length* while maintaining the same width - you need to do a Decrease Row! (Called that because you are NOT increasing one square at the beginning of each row!) ;)

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**Decrease Row** - CH 3, Sk next 3 DCs. SL ST around the CH 3 post of previous row's first square, Ch 3, 3 DC down post:

Skip next three DCs. SL ST around CH 3 post of next square.

**CH 3, 3 DC down same post. Skip next three DCs. SL ST around CH 3 post of next square:**

**ROW ? - finish** - Continue by ALTERNATING BETWEEN

*Increase Rows* (to make the rectangle taller, but now wider) and

*Decrease Rows* (which will maintain the width) until you

"close up" the afghan with the last square.
After finishing the last square - CH 3, turn, and SL ST around CH 3 post of previous row. This will even out the sides of the afghan:

This stitch looks so pretty in variegated yarns too:

I hope this little "tutorial" has been of some help. However, I can't anticipate every problem you may personally encounter with this stitch. I had the good fortune of having a live person teach me the stitch - and I know how difficult it can be to crochet from a written pattern.