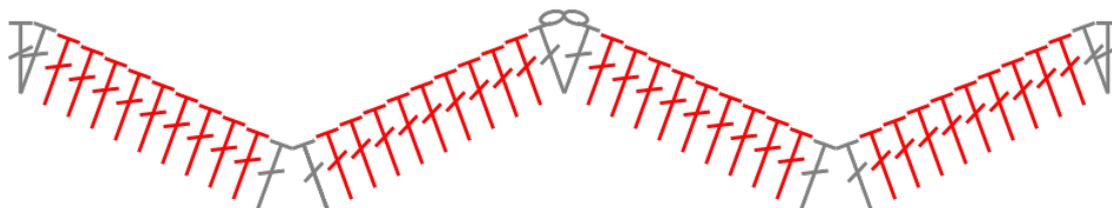# Ripple Math 5

Up till now we have only looked at a ripple that start with a decline, like this (remember to read the diagram from the right):

Let's quickly review the rules pertaining to the ripple above:

- the mountain and the valley must be perfect opposites;

- the decline must match the incline in the number of stitches;

- the side stitch must be either 1/2 of 2/3 of the mountain.

But what about a ripple that start with an incline? Now the shape looks like this:

The rules change slightly now:

- the mountain and the valley must be perfect opposites;

- the decline must match the incline in the number of stitches;

- the side stitch now, must be either 1/2 of 2/3 of the **VALLEY**.

In the diagram above, you will see that I moved the side stitch inward so that I don't have a decrease right on the edge – this is simply to ensure a neat edge.

So why are we looking at a ripple from this angle? Well if you turn your ripple around, back to the starting chain, you will see that this is the shape you are faced with.

Am I now going to make you crochet in the other direction? YES!

We are now going to bring order into the chaos we have thus far! I know a few people with OCD that just can't face the idea of a sampler blanket without any pattern repeats. We are going to mirror the blanket, so there is perfect order!

Onwards!

Grab your test swatch that you made earlier, turn it around and do a few practise rows in the opposite direction. The bottom row in the diagram below, is your 1st row that you did in what we will now refer to as section 1. Section 2 will consist of the mirror rows (MR), in the opposite direction.

> MR4

< MR3

> MR2

< MR1