

AN ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO BASIC CROCHET STITCHES

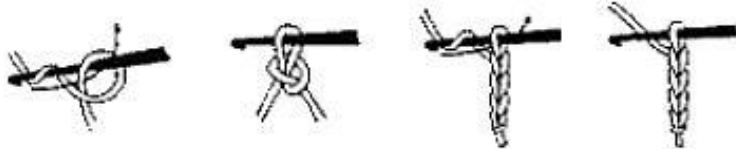
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CROCHET STITCHES

Beginning Chain or Chain Stitch (ch)

You will need to learn this stitch before you can commence any crochet project. The chain forms the foundation on which the work is built. Make a slip knot at the end of the thread, insert hook through loop and pull to fit hook, *pass hook under thread – this is called “yarn over” or “YO”. Draw hook and thread through loop on hook, repeat from * as many times as directed. For patterns and motifs that begin in rounds, you will join your beginning chain with a Slip Stitch (below) to form a ring, which forms the center of the piece.



With loop on hook, *insert hook through stitch, YO and draw through stitch and through loop on hook. Repeat from * as directed. Used for a number of purposes, such as joining a beginning chain to form a ring, making a firm finishing edge, joining motifs together, moving to the starting point for a new round that begins from the center of a loop, etc.

Slip Stitch (sl st)



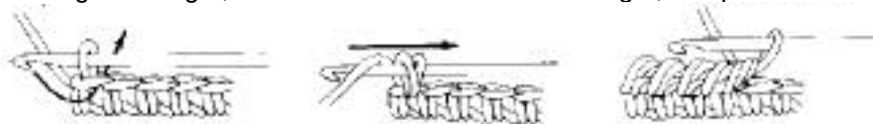
Single Crochet (sc)

Insert hook under 2 top threads of stitch of row below (or in 2nd ch from hook, if beginning of row/round), YO and through stitch, YO and through 2 loops on hook. Ch 1 to turn at end of row.

To make a **ridge stitch** or **slipper stitch**, work sc in back loop instead.



Working left to right, insert hook in next stitch to the right, complete as sc.



Reverse Single Crochet