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- 1. All patterns have been created by me through the decades. My crafting skills have been taught by my dear Mamma and dear sister Ang and a lot of self teaching and experimenting. There are so many techniques in crafting, stitches, terminology, advice, etc, the tutorials I have created are my way of crafting, some are fairly standard and others might make seasoned crafters cringe. Find your way to craft, create and enjoy. Please note that this terminology is what I have used in and on my patterns.*
- 2. I do not use a specific brand, but a variety of brands. I love the fact that we have such a wide choice. I am not an affiliate for any particular brand and do not receive commissions or free products.*
- 3. These notes and tutorial are basic notes and advice and is a basic guideline. There is a large selection of tools, yarn/wool, crochet cotton and after a few experiments you will find your preference.*
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THESE STITCH TUTORIALS ARE DONE WITH MY RIGHT HAND. THE METHODS & GUIDES ARE THE SAME FOR LEFT HANDERS.

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SLIP KNOT (sl kn)

NOTE – In crocheting you will always have a tail end and a working end.

I will show you two ways to create a Slip Knot.

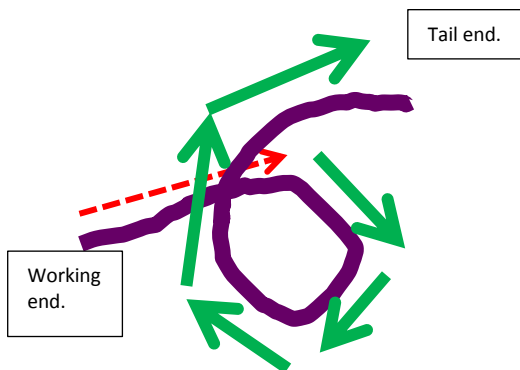
FIRST – this is what I always use.

1. Place tail over index finger, hold down with thumb.
2. Wrap the working tail over the index finger – you will have 2 wraps on your index finger.
3. Bring tail end wrap over the working end wrap and take off your index finger. You will see that the two ends are twisted around each other.
4. Take the working end and wrap over index finger – you will have 2 wraps on your index finger.
5. Take the wrap on the left side over the wrap on the right side and off your index finger.

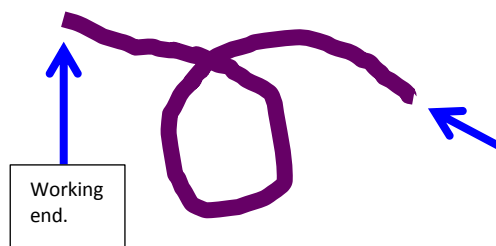
NOTE – Always holding the tail end with your thumb and pinky.

6. You now have a slip knot.
7. Place your crochet hook through the tail and pull the working end so that the loop fits snug on your crochet hook.

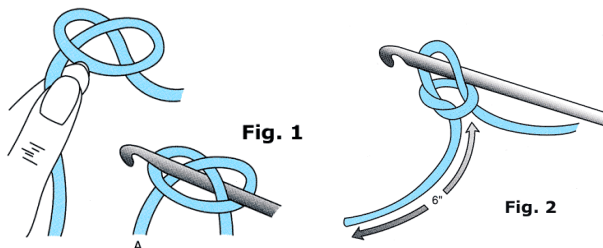
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Create your loop. Take your tail end – green arrows and place it over the working end red arrow, creating a loop.



Insert hook through the centre of the loop and under the yarn. Pull the working end through the loop.



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And voila you have your slip knot.

CHAIN STITCHES (ch st) CHAIN (ch)

You have created your slip knot and now we start with the chain. Place your hook in the loop. (Diagram 1)

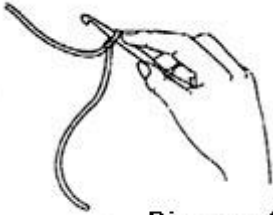


Diagram 1

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NOTE – Place your yarn/wool/crochet cotton working end to the left side if you are right handed and to the right side if you are left handed. This allows the working end to flow easily and not get caught, whilst trying to crochet. Also if you wish place your yarn in a colander and feed through a single hole or use a bowl and a bull dog clip. Your slip knot is sitting on the shaft of your crochet hook and with your thumb and middle finger hold the slip knot. 1. To begin our chain, yarn over hook (yoh or yo) and pull your crochet hook through the loop to create your first chain.

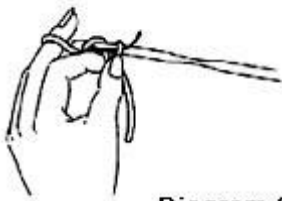


Diagram 2



Diagram 3

NOTE - You will notice that your crochet hook head faces up when you are wrapping your yarn over the crochet hook and as you are pulling your yarn through, you turn the head down.

NOTE – Pull the chain to fit snug on your crochet hook.

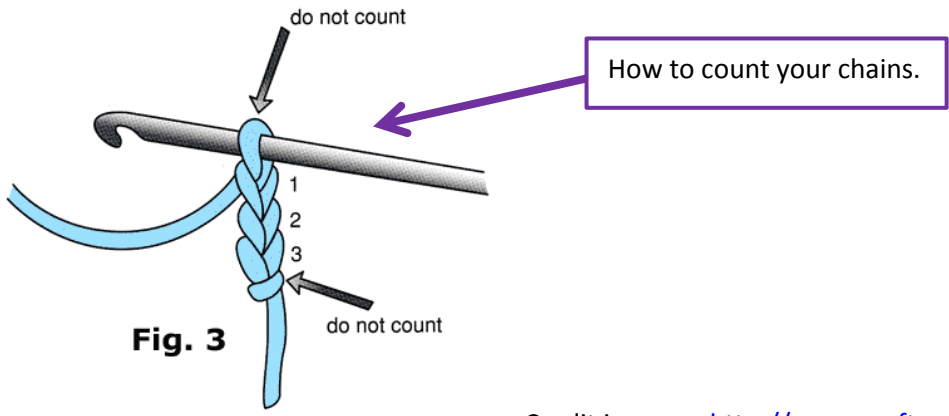
You have now created your first chain. Practice a few more.

NOTE – DO not make your chains too tight – you will not be able to work with them or too loose, that your project has gaping holes in them. Take your time, enjoy and practice.

NOTE - Remember the loop on the hook is not counted as a chain stitch.

NOTE – As you creating the chain stitches your thumb and middle finger will move up the chains and hold it. This helps to keep an even tension. Depending on the thickness of the yarn, you may move up every 3 to 4 stitches or more. You will find a ways that is comfortable for you.

NOTE – you will notice that my crochet hook slides up and down easily as I crochet – that is why I love the aluminium/metal crochet hooks.

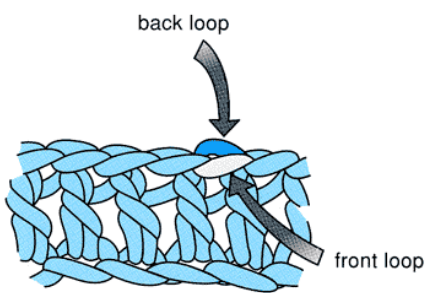


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SINGLE CROCHET

You have now created your required number of chain stitches/chain.
 For this tutorial I have created 11 chains – **DO NOT COUNT THE SLIP KNOT AS A CHAIN.**

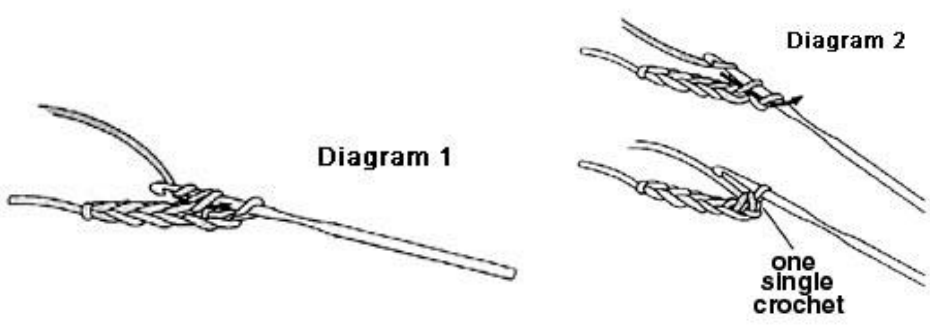
NOTE - You can use either the front or back loop. The pattern may state which one to use, but I generally use the back loop and bump – this is my way.



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NOTE – With single crochet you work into the second (2nd) chain from the crochet hook. Patterns may or may not instruct you as to what should be done. This is a general crochet guide.

1. Push your crochet hook through the front or back loop so that you have 2 loops on your crochet hook, yarn over hook (Diagram 1) and pull through the 2 loops – you will have 1 loop remaining (Diagram 2).
 You have created your first single crochet (sc).



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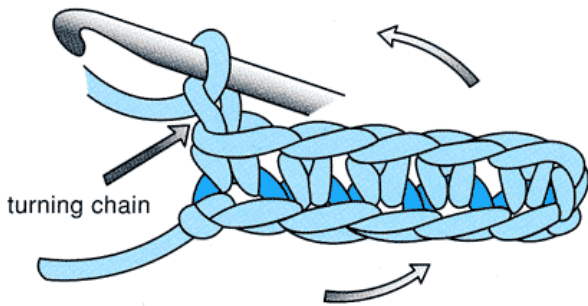
NOTE – you will notice before I put my crochet hook through the chain, I place my thumb and middle next to the chain that I am about to work and hold. This is more about control and helping you with place your hook through the chain stitches. You also can control the twisting of the chain length.

NOTE – The first row of any pattern is always difficult and fiddly. Do not stress about it.

2. Go to the next chain stitch and create your next single crochet, continue to the end.
 You will have 10 single crochets in total.

NOTE – reminder that we created 11 chain stitches, but only have 10 single crochets, that is because we did not use the first chain next to the crochet hook.

We will now create a second row – this process will be the same for however many rows you wish to add.



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1. At the end of the first Row, you will create 1 chain and turn your project, like you are turning a book page

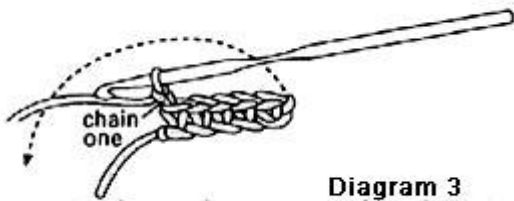


Diagram 3

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NOTE – Only with single crochet you create 1 chain (Diagram 3) and turn.

NOTE – Remember to keep holding your work as you crochet, I use my thumb and middle finger. This helps with the tension and control when crocheting.

Now you begin another row, working into the stitches of the previous row. Make one single crochet stitch in first stitch and in each remaining stitch of the previous row. Be sure to work into the last stitch. Chain 1, turn.

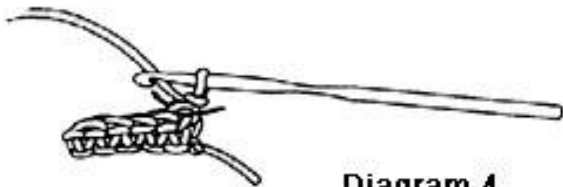
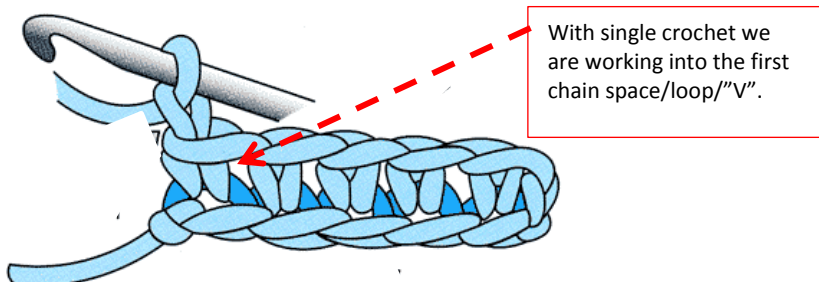


Diagram 4

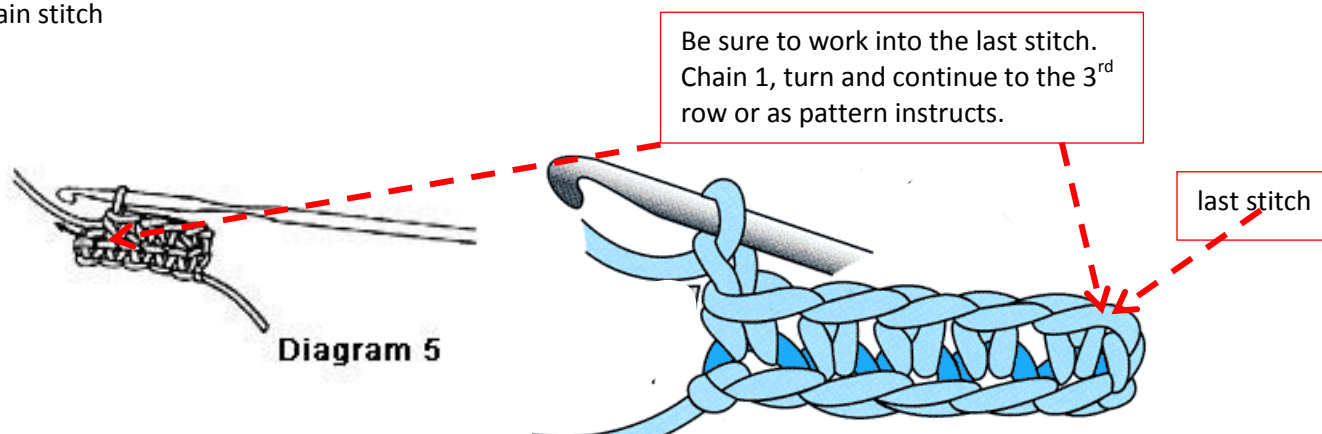
2. With single crochet we are working into the first stitch. There are various ways of doing this:

- A. Create your first single crochet in the first stitch, by pushing your hook through the front loop or;
- B. Create your first single crochet in the first stitch, by pushing your hook through the chain space or;
- C. Create your first single crochet, pushing your crochet hook through the chain stitch – “V”

And yarn over hook and pull through the loop/chain space/“V” and create your single crochet stitches and create to the end. You will have a total of 10 single crochet stitches in Row 2.



NOTE – You will notice the last stitch always looks a bit different – DO not panic - create your last stitch into the last chain stitch



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MAGIC CIRCLE, MAGIC RING, MAGIC LOOP

(There are a few other names they are called, but these are the common ones.)

Magic Circles are used in circular/round projects – coaster, beanie or granny square.

There are varying ways of creating your magic circle, these are two of the more commonly used ones.

MY WAY OF CREATING A MAGIC CIRCLE – with chains

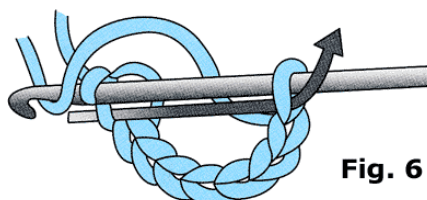
For this tutorial, I am creating 10 chains. The patterns will tell you how many chains you need to create. The more chains created the bigger the hole in the centre.

1. Create 10 chain.

NOTE - You will have a loop left on your crochet hook.

2. Go to the first chain stitch you created – NOT THE SLIP KNOT. See image below - Fig. 6.

Push your crochet hook through the chain stitch – “V” (front and back loop), yarn over hook and pull your crochet hook with the yarn through the chain stitch and the loop that was on your crochet hook – this is called a SLIP STITCH (sl st).



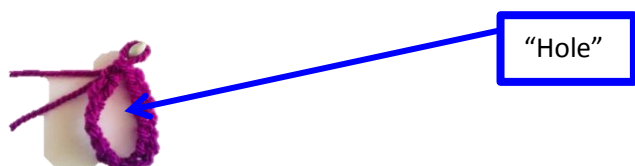
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NOTE – A slip stitch is used to join rows and projects.

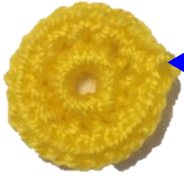
NOTE - Pattern will direct you as to how many stitches need to go into your magic circle. As we have just learnt the single crochet stitch, we will be creating 12 crochet stitches.

3. As we are creating single crochet stitch, we will first create 1 chain (our first stitch).

4. Place your crochet hook through the “hole”, yarn over hook and pull crochet hook through the “hole”.



You will be left with 2 loops on your crochet hook. Yarn over hook again and pull the crochet hook and yarn through the 2 loops – you have created your first single crochet stitch. Repeat this process 11 times.



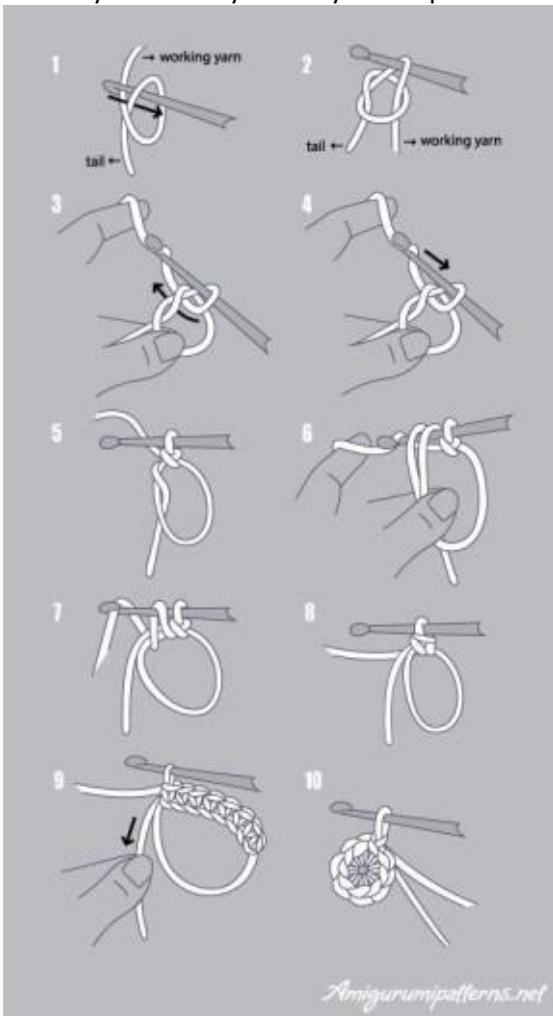
Slip stitch to join.

NOTE – At the end you will see your chain stitch you created and the first single crochet stitch. We will creating a slip stitch into the first single crochet.
Then continue with your pattern to the next row.

SECOND WAY - I find this way fiddly and personally prefer the finish on the magic circle created with chain stitches.

PLEASE SEE INFOGRAPHIC BELOW from <https://www.amigurumipatterns.net/>

It is easy to this way than try and explain in words.



Remember there are no exact rules, find your way that is easier and comfortable for you.