



PLEASE NOTE:

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.

4. All my work is protected by "Protect-My-Work", please do not copy share or sell and of my course. Thank you. If you have any questions or queries, please email me – nadia@rosamaycrafts.com

DISCLAIMER: Please note this is my very own guideline, there are so many guides and tips, use which one you feel works for you.

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CROCHET SUPPLIES FOR BEGINNERS

There is very little you need to start to crochet – crochet hook, yarn and scissors. As you become more experienced you can more tools. The craft of crochet has been around a very long time, it is not a difficult craft to learn and you can create so many different items from clothing to toys to home decorations and even clothing for pets.

You only need to learn a few basic stitches to get you going – [visit for free downloads](#) – www.rosamaycrafts.com

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So let us begin with the basic and other supplies.

Crochet hooks – we have done a separate download for you to read - [visit](#)

To learn crochet, it is always best to buy the larger size – 3 to 4 Crochet hook, it is easier to hold and handle.

Find which type of handle suits you, I have tried all of them, but some I find more comfortable and easier to use.

Yarns - oh my wonderful goodness, there are so many colours, types of yarn, different weights – we have also done a [separate download for this](#) – [visit](#)

I have taught several workshops and have always found that the cheaper yarn splits and makes it difficult to crochet, they are also very ‘fluffy’. Do not buy glittery yarn, until you have crocheted a few projects. Practice with a medium colour and not dark – black or pastels. I have found DK acrylic yarns are wonderful to practice with and create amazing projects.

Go to thrift/second hand/charity shops, you will always find yarn there to practice with.

The starter kits you buy online are great but again look out for the yarn.

[We sell starter kits and each starter kit](#), comes with a little booklet filled with information and stitch tutorials – www.rosamaycrafts.com – craft kits

Yarn needle/Embroidery needle



Yarn needles are chunky needles with blunt points and large eyes which is perfect when working with yarn. They are used to sew crochet pieces together – granny square blanket or top and to weave in yarn ends, once your project is completed. They are also called tapestry, embroidery or darning needles.

You will find them in varying lengths, thickness, shapes and material.

Lengths - from 4 cm to 8 cm.

Thickness – Under 5 mm.

Shapes – straight or slightly curved. There is no difference in the shape for uses, you will need to decide which is easier for you to use. Some say the curved is easier to pick up the crochet stitches and to sew with, others prefer the straight. I personally prefer the embroidery metal needles, it slides through the crochet stitches, it does not split the yarn. Again as with everything you need to find what suits you.

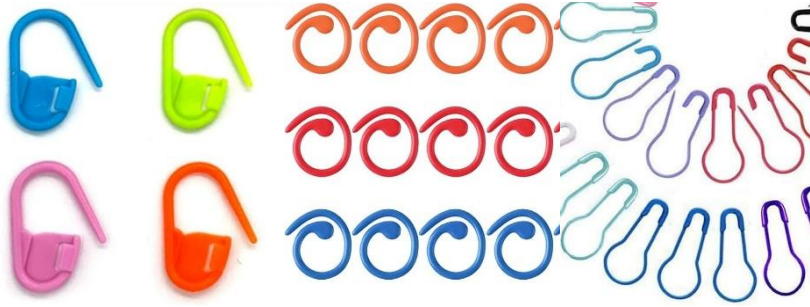
Material – plastic or metal.

Scissors – [visit](#) – www.rosamaycrafts.com [for scissor information](#)



No matter what craft or medium you are working with you always need a good pair of scissors, if you are like me, who does a variety of crafts. I have different scissors dependent on the craft. To begin with a good pair of sharp scissors will be perfect for cutting yarn. It is useful to have a small pair of scissors – embroidery scissors or yarn thread snippers.

Stitch Markers



A stitch marker is a very helpful tool to have in your supply box.

They are used for counting stitches, when you need to increase or decrease, when there are pattern changes, marking the right side of your project and so much more. I don't know how many I counted stitches and then forgot or got distracted and had to recount.

They come in so many wonderful colours, shapes and even fun designs – stars, rainbows, hedgehogs.

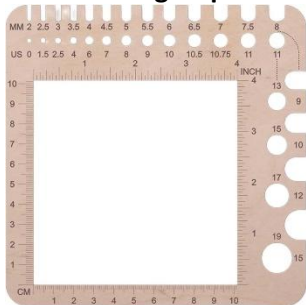
They are either made from plastic or metal and you can either slip them on or clip them on. I prefer the plastic markers as the metal safety pin markers can split your yarn with the sharp point and can be difficult to clip off.

Measuring Tape – visit www.rosamaycrafts.com for more measuring tools and information



A tape measure is used to measure your projects and your crochet gauge swatches.

Crochet Gauge square



Crochet gauge is used mainly when creating garments and projects that require the perfect fit. A crochet gauge is the number of stitches and rows within a pattern. We all have different ways of crocheting, our tensions vary and they will vary each day.

With many of my patterns, I do not use a gauge. WHAT I can hear people saying....., let say you are creating a bag, it is slightly smaller or bigger does it matter.

The crochet gauge square is a small square made from wood with measurements on the sides and holes, this tool helps with stitch lengths and gauge how tight or loose your stitches are.

Crochet Hook Holder



I like to keep all my tools in some form of container or holder, great for storage and also easy to find.

You can buy crochet case/holder, or a paint brush holder or make your own.

I used recycled mason jars, plastic ice cream containers and other recycled containers, they are easy to stack and use.

Tote Bag/Shopping bag

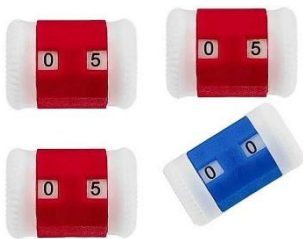
This is great when creating projects for storing your projects that you are creating. I have a large shopping bag by my chair with my yarn, hooks, scissors and the project. I do a little each night and then place it back in my bag for the next time.

Yarn Bowl



I do not have one of these, but I believe they are wonderful. They are bowls with They stop your yarn from getting tangled up and knotty.

Row Counter



This little tool is used to keep track of the number of rows you have crocheted. It is very helpful when you are creating large projects like blankets. I do have one, but I use it the beginning of a project and then forget, so I prefer my stitch markers and mark my rows – after 10 rows place a marker.

There are a few more other tools that you can add to this list. Test them out using friends or going to workshops and then decide if you will use them or not.



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