



Learn To Crochet

A PixieKitten Ebooklet

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Lesson One

Getting Started

Getting started

You will need a crochet hook and some worsted weight yarn, but any yarn will do.

It is best to practice on the same weight yarn you are using for your project.

This picture shows the way to hold the yarn and hook. This is known as the "pencil" grip and is the most common method used.



Hold the crochet hook with the same hand and the same way that you would hold a pencil. Make sure you use a light but firm grip so the hook doesn't slip but not too tight or you will get tired hands.

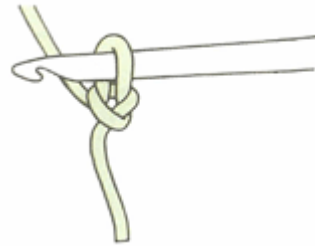
Slip Knot

A crochet project usually starts with a slip knot.

Step 1. This picture shows how to start a slip knot. Make sure you leave enough of a tail to hold as you continue.



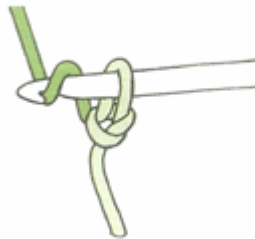
Step 2. This picture shows what it will look like once you have completed the slip knot. Pull the yarn firmly but not too tight, as you want to be able to pull the hook through easily.



Keep your stitches fairly tight otherwise your stuffing will show.

Yarn Over (yo)

Wrap the yarn over the end of the hook, or move the hook to grab the yarn with the hook. This is Yarn Over and the abbreviation is yo.

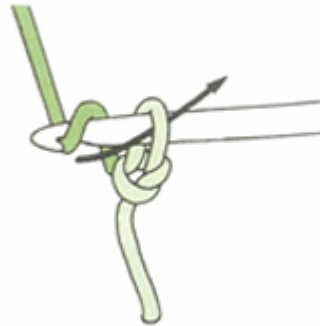


Lesson Two

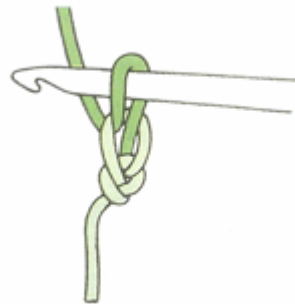
The Basics

Chain (ch)

Step 1. As shown in this picture, start with the Slip Knot and then make a Yarn Over.



Step 2. To complete the chain pull the yarn over through the slip stitch, this makes your first chain.

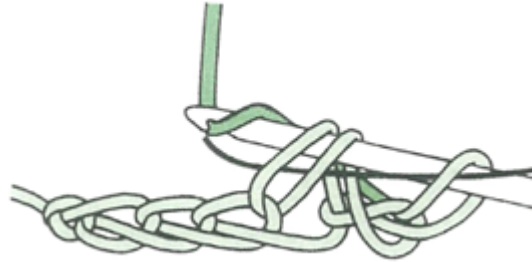


To make a chain repeat this procedure over and over. Each stitch is another link in the chain. Do not count the stitch on the hook as a chain stitch.

Slip Stitch (sl st)

This is the shortest crochet stitch. It is used for shaping or joining.

This picture shows the slip stitch taking the yarn to another part of the work for the next stage. In the second stitch from the hook, insert the hook in to the chain and yarn over then pull the hook back through the work and the loop.



Slip Stitch - Chain Ring

This picture shows the procedure for making a chain ring. Put the hook through the first chain loop and yarn over and draw the hook back through the work and the hook.



Note: This is **not** the same as a Magic Circle.

Lesson Three

Single Crochet

Single Crochet (sc)

This is the Single Crochet and the abbreviation is sc.

This is the stitch that is the basis for most patterns in the Pixie Kitten Library.

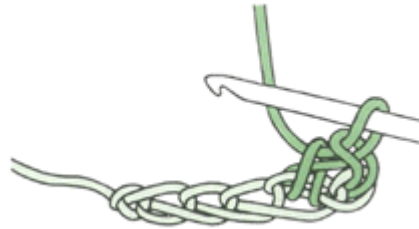
Step 1. Insert the hook into the second chain from the hook, * yarn over and draw the yarn through the work as shown in this picture.



Step 2. Yarn over again and pull the yarn through all the loops on the hook following the arrow in this picture.



Step 3. This picture shows the complete single crochet (sc). Insert hook into the next stitch and continue from * in Step 1 in this sequence.



Practicing this stitch until your stitches are even will make your projects go smoother.

Lesson Four

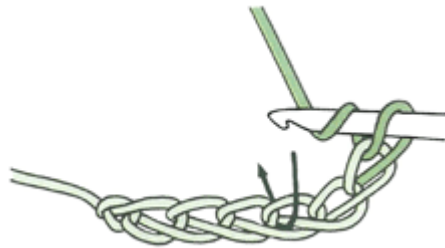
Half Double Crochet

Half Double Crochet (hdc)

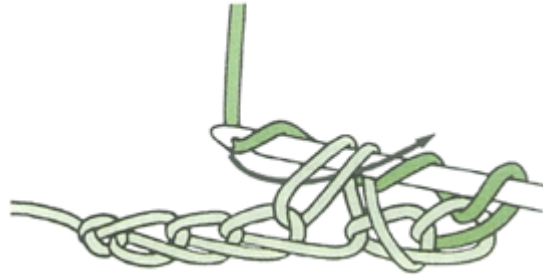
This is the instructions for the Half Double Crochet and the abbreviation is hdc.

The half double crochet (hdc) can be used to provide shaping in your patterns.

Step 1. Yarn over and insert your hook into the work in the third stitch from the hook as in the first picture.



Step 2. This picture shows * Yarn over and pull the hook through the work loop only as the arrow indicates.



Step 3. Yarn over again and pull the hook through all the loops on the hook as shown in this picture.



Step 4. This picture shows the Half Double Crochet completed. To continue by yarn over and insert hook into next stitch and repeat from * in Step 2.



Lesson Five

Double Crochet

Double Crochet (dc)

This is the instructions for the Double Crochet and the abbreviation is dc.

Step 1. As shown in this picture and starting with a chain, start by yarn over and insert hook in to the work in the fourth chain from hook.



Step 2. * Yarn over and draw through the work only like the picture shows. You should have three loops on the crochet hook.



Step 3. This picture shows how to yarn over and pull through the first two loops only. You should have two loops left on the hook when you are done.



Step 4. This picture shows you what to do next. Yarn over again and pull through all the loops.



This picture is of the completed double crochet that you have made. To continue, yarn over and insert hook in the next stitch and repeat from * in Step 2.



It is always good to practice on some scrap yarn before you start your project. It will give you the feel for the yarn and it won't matter if you frog it (rip it, rip it).