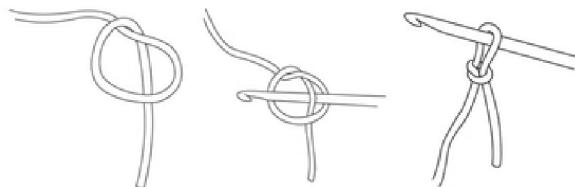




TECHNIQUE: BEGINNING

Slip Knot

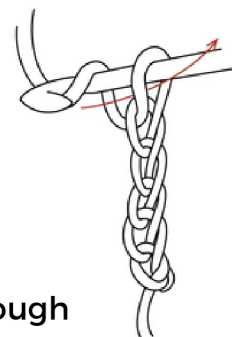
A slip knot is the simplest way to start a crochet project.



Instructions: Create a pretzel shape with yarn end. Insert needle from right to left under internal bar leading to yarn ball, pull up loop on needle and tighten knot.

Chain Stitch (ch)

Most crochet projects use a foundation chain to form the beginning row of a project, unless it is worked in the round.



Instructions: Make a slip knot on hook, *yarn over and draw through loop of slip knot; repeat from * drawing yarn through last loop formed.

Magic Ring (MR)

The Magic Ring is the best way to begin circular projects so that there is not a gap in the center, since it allows you to pull the center tightly closed.



Sloppy Slip knot

I just stumbled on this method which works as an alternative to the Magic Ring if you find it too frustrating.



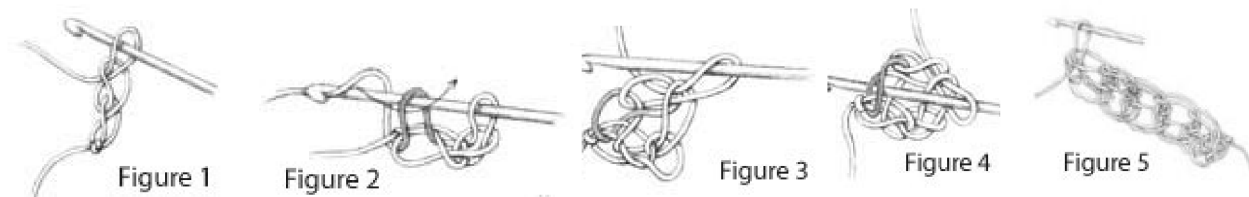
Foundation Stitches

Foundation Stitches allow you to work the first row without a chain. This method tends to be more stretchy as well.

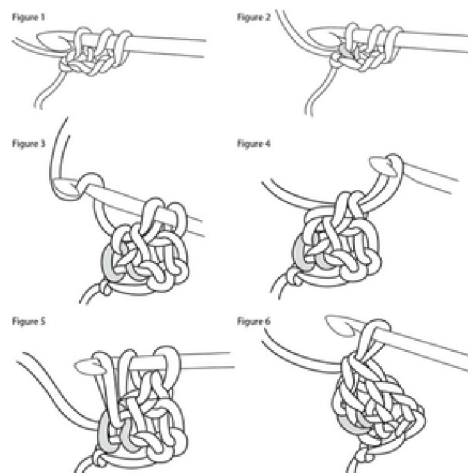


Foundation Single Crochet (fsc): Chain 2 (Figure 1), insert hook in 2nd chain from hook, yarn over and pull up loop (2 loops on hook), yarn over, draw through 1 loop (1 chain made), yarn over and draw through 2 loops (single crochet)—1 foundation single crochet with chain at bottom (Figure 3).

*Insert hook under the 2 loops of the chain at the bottom of the stitch just made, yarn over and pull up loop, yarn over and draw through 1 loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops. Repeat from * (Figure 5).



Foundation Double Crochet (fdc): Chain 3. Yarn over, insert hook in 3rd chain from hook, yarn over and pull up loop (3 loops on hook) (Figure 1), yarn over and draw through 1 loop (1 chain made—shaded) (Figure 2), (yarn over and draw through 2 loops—Figure 3) 2 times—1 foundation double crochet with chain at bottom (Figure 4). *Yarn over, insert hook under the 2 loops of the chain at the bottom of the stitch just made, yarn over and pull up loop (3 loops on hook) (Figure 5), yarn over and draw through 1 loop (1 chain made), (yarn over and draw through 2 loops) 2 times (Figure 6). Repeat from *.



Credit: Most of these images and instructions were found in the Interweave Glossary here:

