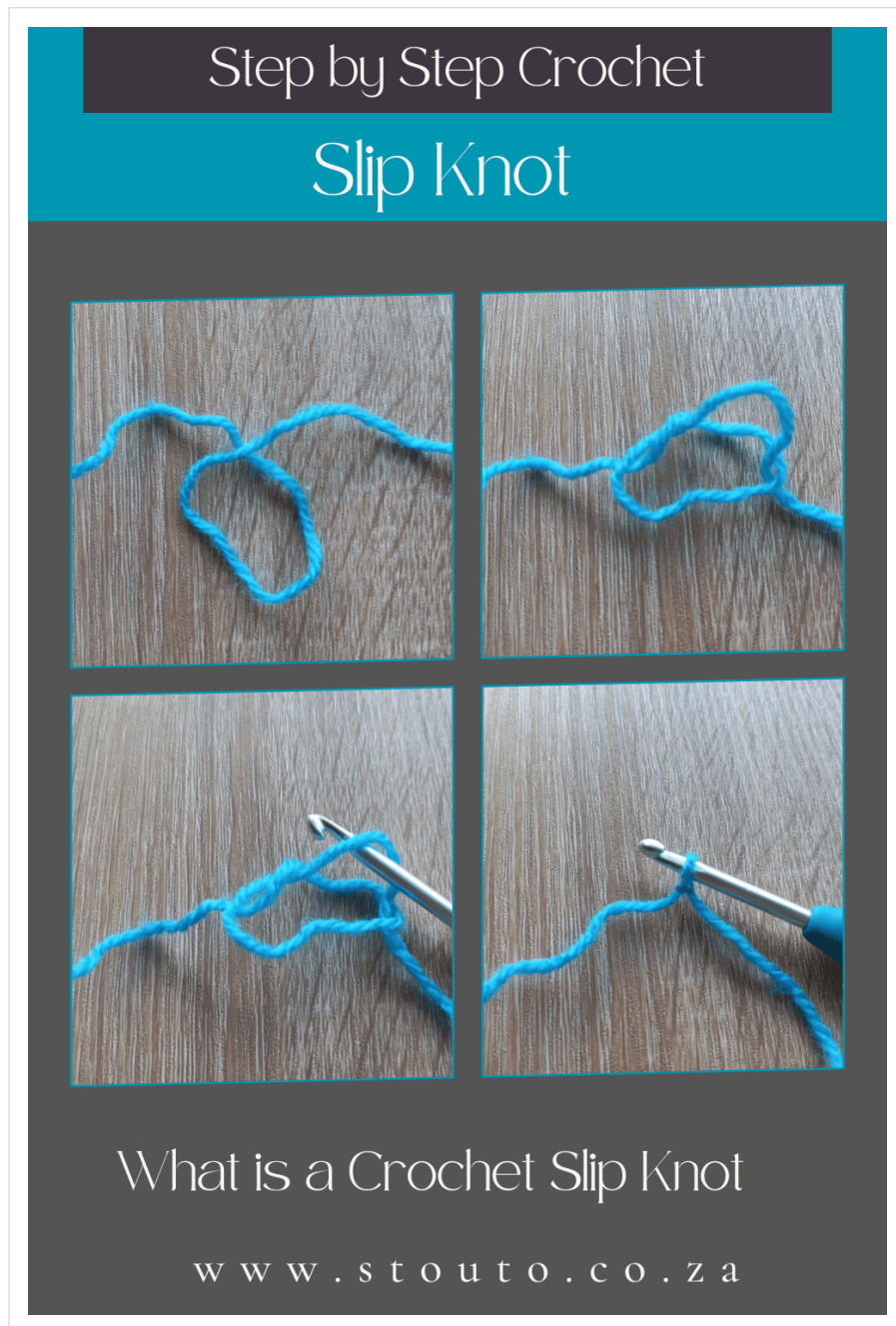


Slip knot



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Before you even make your first chain, every crochet project starts with a simple loop called the slip knot. It's the first thing you place on your crochet hook, and it's what anchors your yarn so you can begin crocheting with control and confidence.

Though small, the slip knot is one of the most important crochet basics — and mastering it will make starting any project so much easier. In this guide, you'll learn what a slip knot is, how to make one step by step, and how to fix common mistakes that beginners often face.



What Is a Crochet Slip Knot?

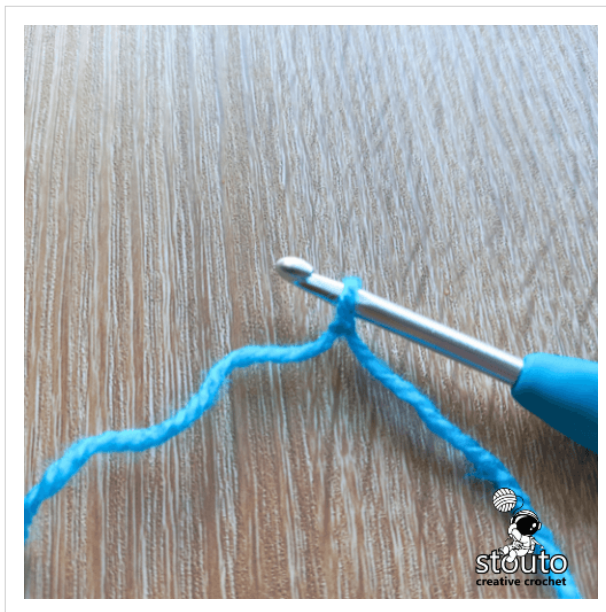
A slip knot is a small, adjustable loop made in your yarn that tightens or loosens by pulling the yarn's tail or working end. It forms the starting loop for your foundation chain — the base of your entire crochet project.

The beauty of the slip knot is in its name: it slips easily, allowing you to adjust the loop's size around your crochet hook without unravelling your yarn.

Abbreviation

Crochet Stitch Method

Slip Knot in 4 Steps: Loop → Hook → Pull → Tighten



Step by Step

Step-by-Step: How to Make a Crochet Slip Knot

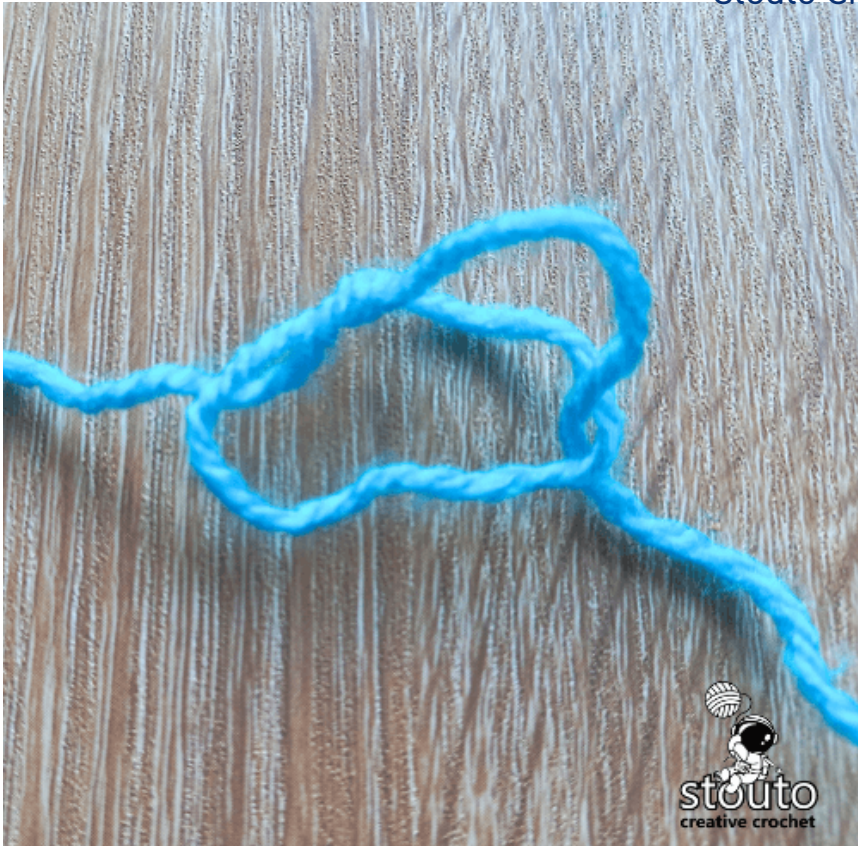
Materials You'll Need

- Any yarn (medium weight or thicker is easiest for learning)
- A crochet hook (size 5 mm / H-8 recommended)
- Optional: Scissors to trim your yarn after practice

Let's go through the process slowly so you can visualize each motion.

1. Start with the yarn tail.

Leave about 15-20 cm (6-8 inches) of yarn tail — this is the end you'll weave in later.



2. Make a loop.

Form a small circle with your yarn by crossing the working yarn (the strand connected to the yarn ball) over the tail end.

3. Insert your fingers.

Pinch the point where the yarn crosses and slide your fingers into the loop from behind.



4. Grab the working yarn.
Pull a strand of the working yarn through the loop to create a second loop.



5. Tighten the knot.

Place this new loop onto your crochet hook and gently pull on the tail end to tighten the slip knot around your hook, not too tight, it should slide smoothly.

You've just made your first slip knot!

Video-Free Visual Cue (If You're Struggling)

Imagine you're tying the very first step of a shoelace, but instead of pulling both ends, you only pull one to tighten it around your hook. The working yarn should move freely; the tail should stay secure.

Crochet Stitch Practice Example

Practice Exercise

Take a few minutes to practice making slip knots until it feels natural.

Try this beginner exercise:

1. Make 10 slip knots in a row.
2. Place each on your hook, tighten, and remove it again.
3. Notice how your tension becomes more consistent with each attempt.

This tiny motion becomes second nature and will make starting every crochet project faster and smoother.

What Comes After the Slip Knot?

Once your slip knot is snug on your hook, you're ready for the next step, the foundation chain! This is where you'll start building the stitches that form your crochet fabric. If you're following our stitch library, check out the next tutorial:

[How to Crochet the Foundation Chain \(ch\)](#)

The crochet slip knot might seem small and simple, but it's the first step toward every handmade creation you'll ever make. By mastering this little loop, you set yourself up for success every chain, stitch, and blanket starts here.

Every crocheted masterpiece begins with one simple loop your first slip knot.

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