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Crocheting in the round is a foundational skill, but starting with a simple chain ring often leaves a noticeable hole in the center. The Magic Ring solves this problem by creating an adjustable loop you can tighten, leaving a neat, professional finish.

Whether you're making small motifs like flowers, circles, or large amigurumi projects, the Magic Ring is essential. It's especially helpful when creating a tight center for circular patterns. This technique works with single crochet, double crochet, or any stitch called for in the first round of your pattern.

Abbreviation

Crochet Stitch Method

1. Wrap yarn around your fingers to form a loop.
2. Insert hook into the loop and pull yarn through to create your first stitch.
3. Crochet the number of stitches required by your pattern into the loop.
4. Pull the yarn tail to close the loop tightly.
5. Continue with the next round as instructed.



Step by Step

Easy steps on how to make a crochet magic loop for working in the round

Start with a magic ring,



Form a loop with your yarn. loop the yarn around your fingers so that the yarn you are working with, lies on the right while the "tail" of the yarn lies on the left.



Insert the hook through the loop, and slide the crochet hook under both pieces of yarn from right to left.

Use the hook tip to hook onto a portion of yarn from the working end (yarn attached to the ball) of the yarn.



Pull the yarn through the ring to create another loop on your hook, this does not count as your first stitch.
Chain stitch.

Try to leave a workable tail end, as it helps secure the yarn when weaving in ends.

Crochet Stitch Practice Example

Step-by-Step Practice Example:

1. Wrap yarn around your index finger to form a loop.
2. Hold loop with thumb and middle finger, leaving the yarn tail hanging.
3. Insert hook into the loop, yarn over, pull through.
4. Chain 1 (or as required by pattern) to secure the first stitch.
5. Crochet the specified number of stitches into the loop.
6. Pull the yarn tail to tighten the loop.
7. Slip stitch into the first stitch to join the round if needed.

Beginner Tips

- Leave a long enough tail (10-15 cm / 4-6 inches) so it is easy to weave in later.
- Pull the tail slowly to avoid breaking the yarn.
- If the centre doesn't close, make sure you're pulling the short yarn tail, not the working yarn.
- Weaving the tail back and forth after tightening helps prevent the centre from opening over time.

Magic Ring Alternative

If you find the magic ring difficult, you can chain 4, join with a slip stitch to form a ring, and work the first round into the center of the ring. The center opening will be slightly larger than a magic ring

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