

ESSENTIALGUIDE

Make a slip knot



1

About 6in (15cm) from the end of the yarn, make a loop with the ball end on top.



2

Insert the hook down through the loop and catch the yarn, pulling it up through the loop. Pull both ends of the yarn to tighten the knot and slide it up to the hook

All the stitches you need

Take a look at the next few pages to master all the basic crochet stitches.

Chain stitch (ch)



1

With the hook in your right hand, hold the slip knot between thumb and finger of the left hand. Move the hook under and over the yarn, with the yarn held in the hook. This action is called yrh or yoh.



2

Pull the hook and yarn back through the slip knot loop to form the first chain stitch.

How to count chains

Each chain or loop counts as one stitch. Never count your first slip knot or the loop on the hook (called the working loop), and so you can be accurate, make sure the chain is not twisted and the front is facing you.



3

This is what your row of chains will look like. Keep going until you have the number of chains stated on your pattern.