

Rejoining yarn



1

Insert the hook into the appropriate place. Start with a slip knot or a simple loop and then pull this through.



2

Make the appropriate turning chain for the first new stitch.

Work in the round

Some patterns have a centre ring and continue outward in rounds. Always work on the right side.

Chain foundation ring and spiral method



1

Make a short length of foundation chain as stated in the pattern instructions, for example, ch5. Insert the hook into the first ch.



2

Close the ring with a sl st (y^{rh} and pull through). You can continue in a spiral.

How to follow a pattern

Crochet patterns, like knitting patterns, are written out in abbreviated form. Here's how to decipher what to do when, where and why.

1. Before you crochet, read through the pattern to ensure you understand what to do in each part.
2. Do not turn the work at the end of a round.
3. Always count the turning chain as a stitch.
4. Work into the next available stitch in the previous row.
5. Always insert the hook under both top loops of a stitch, unless it is a chain stitch or loop.
6. The instruction to work 'even' in a pattern means to work without any increasing or decreasing.
7. Asterisks are used to show where a particular pattern is repeated across a row.
8. Brackets or parentheses are used to enclose a stitch combination, which will be repeated in the order stated.