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# **DIY FASHION :JOIN THE MOVEMENT**

**WOOL AND THE GANG IS A DIY FASHION BRAND INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION OF MAKERS. WE'RE ON A MISSION TO GET THE WORLD CRAFTING, AND TO USE OUR SKILLS TO SHOW A LITTLE LOVE TO THE PLANET. WE'RE ALL ABOUT THE MAKE-TO-STAY, NOT THE THROW-AWAY, AND OUR RANGE OF KITS DESIGNED IN HOUSE ARE JUST THE THING TO GET YOU STARTED.**

**WE ALSO LIKE TO THINK OF OURSELVES AS FIBRE INNOVATORS, MATERIAL MAVERICKS, YARN WANDERERS. FROM TENCEL TO RECYCLED PLASTIC, TRUE BEGINNER KITS TO CHALLENGES FOR THE MASTER MAKER, WE'VE GOT SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE. JOIN THE REVOLUTION AND START MAKING WITH US TODAY!**

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# BACK TO WOOLSCHOOL

The patterns in this book have been divided into three levels to help guide you on where to start based on your skill level. If you're a newbie, get going with our beginner patterns and you'll work your way up to raffia superstar in no time! We've written these patterns using US craft jargon (a.k.a terminology), and you can find tutorials of every technique featured online in our Woolschool at [woolandthegang.com/how-to](http://woolandthegang.com/how-to)



## BEGINNER

**NEVER CROCHETED BEFORE OR MAY HAVE DONE A BASIC SCARF IN THE PAST.**

These patterns are for flat pieces that use either single crochet or double crochet, but only one stitch technique.

## **EASY**

**CONFIDENT WITH BEGINNER PATTERNS AND READY TO MOVE ON. OR CROCHETED A FEW THINGS IN THE PAST AND WANT TO TRY IT AGAIN.**

These patterns introduce working in the round and working into both sides of the foundation chain. They use a couple of different stitch techniques and colour changes, as well as some simple increasing and decreasing within the basic stitch.

## **INTERMEDIATE**

**CONFIDENT WITH EASY PATTERNS. CROCHETER WITH SOME EXPERIENCE.**

These patterns are for simple pieces with decorative crochet joins. They include working a flat circle, using multiple stitches, as well as increases and decreases that can be done in more than one stitch. The patterns also feature some basic abbreviations.

# MEET RA-RA RAFFIA

**THERE ARE A MILLION REASONS TO LOVE RA-RA RAFFIA. WE'VE JOTTED DOWN A FEW OF OUR FAVOURITES HERE...**

- **MADE FROM 100% WOOD FIBRE**
- **BIODEGRADABLE AND VEGAN**
- **WATER-REPELLENT AND QUICK-DRYING**



# TENSION TIPS

To ensure your crochet project has the same measurements as the pattern, it is a good idea to make a tension swatch before you start. A tension swatch is a small sample of crochet where you count the stitches and rows and check them against the tension given in the pattern. If you get **MORE** stitches/rows than the pattern's tension, it means your crochet is **TIGHTER**. If you get **FEWER** stitches/rows than the pattern, your crochet is **LOOSER**. Sometimes, it works to crochet tighter or looser to compensate. At the beginning of each pattern, we give indications of how much your swatch should measure for a certain number of stitches. The raffia used throughout the patterns is **WATG Ra-Ra-Raffia** yarn. If you are using a different yarn, you will need to adjust the patterns accordingly.

## RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

### 1 GET YOUR TOOLS READY

Everything you need to get making.

### 2 FAMILIARISE YOURSELF WITH THE TECHNIQUES

Everything from the stitches used to the finishing touches for your project.

### 3 GET TO KNOW YOUR YARN

Before you start your piece, play around with your new yarn to get used to it, and to check your tension.

#### **4 WOOLSCHOOL**

Pick up your crochet hook and yarn and make the magic happen! For a little extra help, check out our Woolschool, and view the video tutorials, at:

[woolandthegang.com/how-to](http://woolandthegang.com/how-to)

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When you're done – let the world know.

# PROJECTS

**INTERMEDIATE**

# **WORN THIS WAY - SUMMER HAT**

Meet your two best friends this summer : the Worn This Way Summer Hat and a bottle of SPF 50. Crocheted with just one roll of our yarn, you'll want to make one in every colour.



## **TOOL KIT**

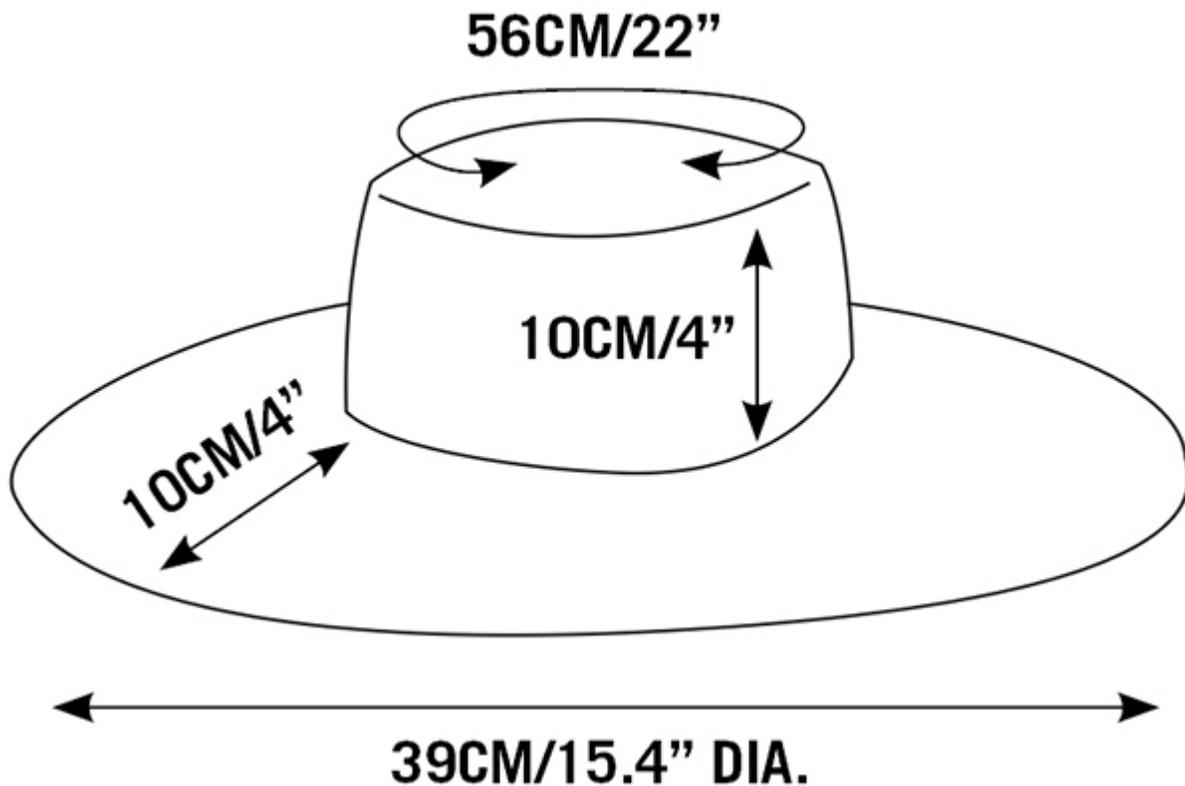
1 roll of WATG's Ra-Ra Raffia

4.5mm/US 7 crochet hook

Large sewing needle

## **TENSION**

Single crochet: 10cm/4" = 16 stitches and 19 rows



## **HOW TO CROCHET YOUR WORN THIS WAY SUMMER HAT**

**THIS HAT IS WORKED IN THE ROUND FROM THE TOP DOWN. FIRST YOU WILL WORK THE MAIN BODY OF**

## **THE HAT BEFORE CREATING THE BRIM.**

- 1.** Start by creating a magic loop (see [Techniques: Crochet Techniques](#)) and working 6 stitches in single crochet around it. Join the round by making a slip stitch into the first stitch of the round.  
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- 2.** Start your round by making 1 chain stitch, then place your yarn marker. Work 2 single crochet stitches into the back of each stitch of your round. (12 stitches).  
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- 3.** Remove your yarn marker and reposition it in front of your hook. Do this at the end of every round to keep track of where your round begins. \*Work 2 single crochet stitches into the back of the next stitch, then work 1 single crochet stitch into the back of the next stitch\*. Repeat the section inside the stars until you reach the end of the round. (18 stitches).  
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- 4.** \*Increase into the back of the next stitch by working 2 single crochet stitches into the same stitch. Now work the next 2 stitches in single crochet through the back of the stitch\*. Repeat the section inside the stars until you reach the end of the round. (24 stitches).  
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- 5.** \*Increase into the back of the next stitch. Now work the next 3 stitches in single crochet through the back of the stitch\*. Repeat the section inside the stars until you reach the end of the round. (30 stitches).

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- 6.** \*Increase into the back of the next stitch. Now work the next 4 stitches in single crochet through the back of the stitch\*. Repeat the section inside the stars until you reach the end of the round. (36 stitches).

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- 7.** \*Increase into the back of the next stitch. Now work the next 5 stitches in single crochet through the back of the stitch\*. Repeat the section inside the stars until you reach the end of the round. (42 stitches).

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- 8.** \*Increase into the back of the next stitch. Now work the next 6 stitches in single crochet through the back of the stitch\*. Repeat the section inside the stars until you reach the end of the round. (48 stitches).

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- 9.** \*Increase into the back of the next stitch. Now work the next 7 stitches in single crochet through the back of the stitch\*. Repeat the section inside the stars until you reach the end of the round. (54 stitches).

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- 10.** \*Increase into the back of the next stitch. Now work the next 8 stitches in single crochet through the back of the stitch\*. Repeat the section inside the stars until you reach the end of the round. (60 stitches).

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- 11.** \*Increase into the back of the next stitch. Now work the next 9 stitches in single crochet through the back of

the stitch\*. Repeat the section inside the stars until you reach the end of the round. (66 stitches).

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**12.** \*Increase into the back of the next stitch. Now work the next 10 stitches in single crochet through the back of the stitch\*. Repeat the section inside the stars until you reach the end of the round. (72 stitches).

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**13.** \*Increase into the back of the next stitch. Now work the next 11 stitches in single crochet through the back of the stitch\*. Repeat the section inside the stars until you reach the end of the round. (78 stitches).

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**14.** \*Increase into the back of the next stitch. Now work the next 12 stitches in single crochet through the back of the stitch\*. Repeat the section inside the stars until you reach the end of the round. (84 stitches).

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**15.** \*Increase into the back of the next stitch. Now work the next 13 stitches in single crochet through the back of the stitch\*. Repeat the section inside the stars until you reach the end of the round. (90 stitches).

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**16.** Work 19 rounds in single crochet into the back of the stitch.

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**17.** \*Work 2 single crochet stitches into the front of the next stitch, then work 1 single crochet stitch into the

front of the next stitch\*. Repeat the section inside the stars until you reach the end of the round. (135 stitches).

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**18.** Work 1 round in single crochet into the back of the stitch.

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**19.** \*Increase into the back of the next stitch. Now work the next 2 stitches in single crochet through the back of the stitch\*. Repeat the section inside the stars until you reach the end of the round. (180 stitches).

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**20.** Work 3 rounds in single crochet into the back of the stitch.

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**21.** Work 1 half double crochet stitch into the back of the stitch. \*Chain 1 stitch, skip 1 stitch, work 1 half double crochet into the back of the next stitch\*. Repeat the section inside the stars until you have 1 stitch left. Skip this last stitch and make 1 chain stitch.

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**22.** Repeat step 21 once more.

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**23.** Work 4 rounds in single crochet into the back of the stitch.

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**24.** Repeat step 21 twice more.

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- 25.** Work 1 round in slip stitch into the back of the stitch – be careful not to make your stitches too tight. Slip stitch into the first stitch of the round to finish.
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- 26.** Cut your yarn approx. 15cm/6" from the last stitch. Pull on the loop on your crochet hook until the end pops through.
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- 27.** Weave in your loose ends.



## **FINISHING**

**BECAUSE OF THE DRAMATIC INCREASES IN THE BRIM OF YOUR HAT, YOU MAY FIND THAT THE EDGES CURL UPWARDS. DON'T STEAM YOUR HAT OR IT**

## **WILL GO FLOPPY! HERE IS OUR SUGGESTED FINISHING :**

- 1.** Place your hat on a solid surface and spray the brim lightly with water (a spray bottle would be ideal).  
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- 2.** Place fabric over the brim to protect it. If you don't have any spare scraps of fabric hanging around, tea towels will also work fine.  
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- 3.** Place magazines or heavy books around the brim of your hat and leave overnight.  
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- 4.** Remove everything in the morning and your hat should have lovely straight edges!

**INTERMEDIATE**

# **PAPER GANGSTA – MARKET BAG**

Take on summer with the Paper Gangsta Market Bag by your side. This intermediate crochet project, worked in alternating rounds of single and double crochet, is perfect for the stitchers out there who have tackled a project or two already.



**TOOL KIT**

2 rolls of WATG's Ra-Ra Raffia

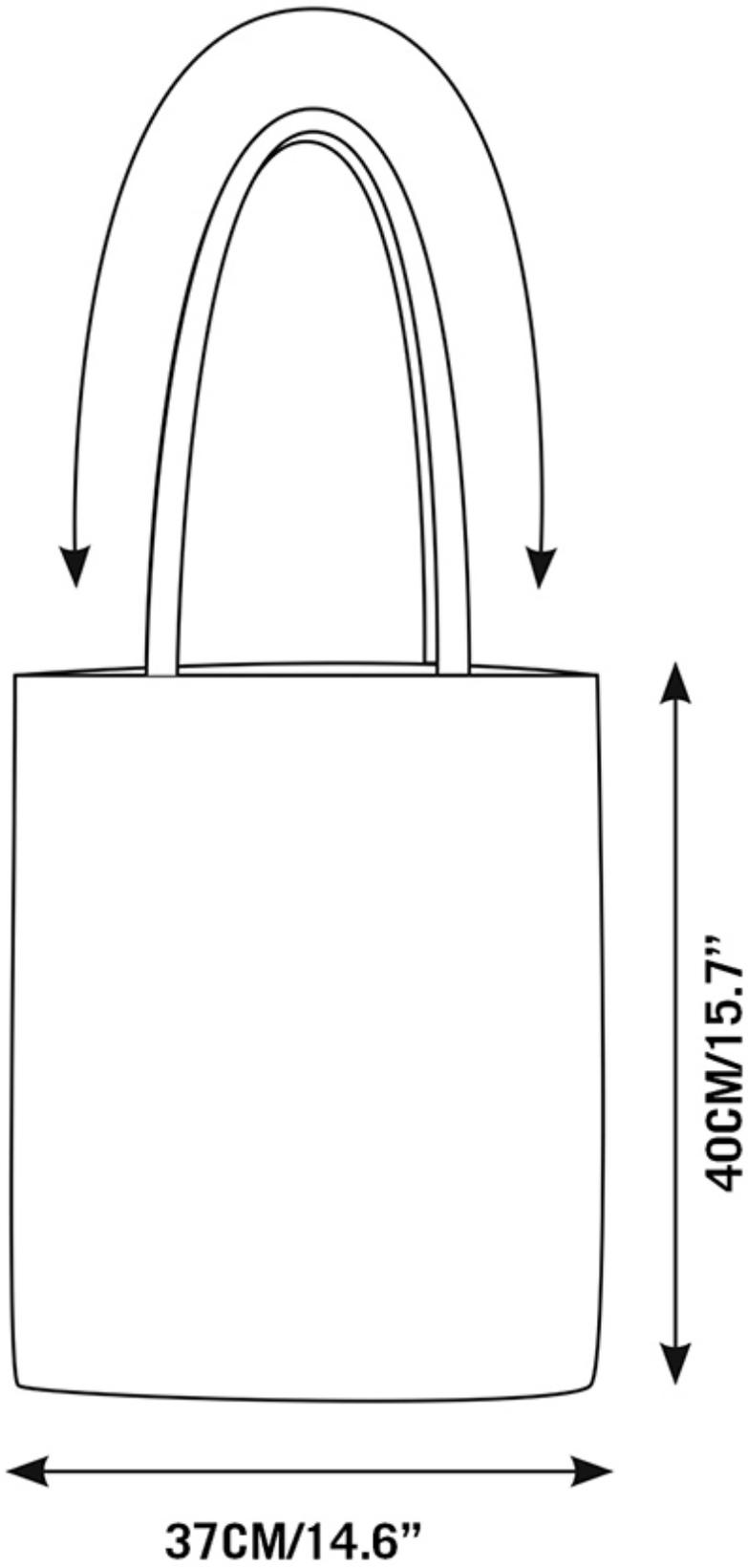
4.5mm/US 7 crochet hook

Large sewing needle

**TENSION**

Single crochet: 10cm/4" = 16 stitches and 19 rows

60CM/23.6"



# HOW TO CROCHET YOUR PAPER GANGSTA MARKET BAG

**THIS BAG IS WORKED IN THE ROUND FROM THE BOTTOM UP. THE HANDLES ARE THEN MADE SEPARATELY AND ATTACHED AT THE END.**

## **BAG**

- 1.** Make a foundation chain of 58 stitches.

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- 2.** Make 3 chain stitches – this is your turning chain and it will form the first stitch and first chain space of your round.

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Work 1 double crochet stitch into the 5th chain from your hook. \*Chain 1 stitch, skip 1 chain, work 1 double crochet into the next stitch\*. Repeat the section inside the stars until you reach the end of your row. Chain 1 stitch.

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Rotate your piece 180 degrees, so that the stitches you just worked are at the bottom of your piece, and the crochet hook is at the bottom right-hand corner.

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3. Work 1 double crochet stitch into the first chain of the second long edge of the foundation chain. \*Chain 1 stitch, skip 1 chain, work 1 double crochet into the next stitch\*. Repeat the section inside the stars until you reach the end of your row. Chain 1 stitch and make a slip stitch into the first stitch made in step 2.

**FROM NOW ON YOU WILL BE WORKING IN THE ROUND ACROSS ALL 118 STITCHES.**

4. Place your yarn marker. Make 1 single crochet into the first chain space, then make 1 single crochet into the next stitch. Work in this way to complete your round of single crochet. Make a slip stitch into the first stitch of your round.  
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5. Reposition your yarn marker. Chain 3 stitches, skip 1 stitch, then work 1 double crochet into the next stitch. \*Chain 1 stitch, skip 1 stitch, work 1 double crochet into the next stitch\*. Repeat the section inside the stars until you have 1 stitch left of the round. Chain 1 stitch, and make a slip stitch into the 3 chain stitches you made at the beginning of the round.  
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6. Repeat steps 4 and 5 until your bag measures 39cm/15.4" from the foundation chain.  
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7. Repeat step 4 once more.  
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- 8.** Place your yarn marker. Work 3 rounds in single crochet. Make a slip stitch to join the last round.  
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- 9.** Cut your yarn approx. 15cm/6" from the last stitch. Pull on the loop on your crochet hook until the end pops through.

## **HANDLES**

- 1.** Make a foundation chain of 96 stitches.  
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- 2.** Make 1 chain stitch (this is your turning chain), work in single crochet to the end of the row.  
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- 3.** Repeat step 2 twice more.  
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- 4.** Cut your yarn approx. 15cm/6" from the last stitch. Pull on the loop on your crochet hook until the end pops through.  
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- 5.** Repeat steps 1 to 4 for your other handle.



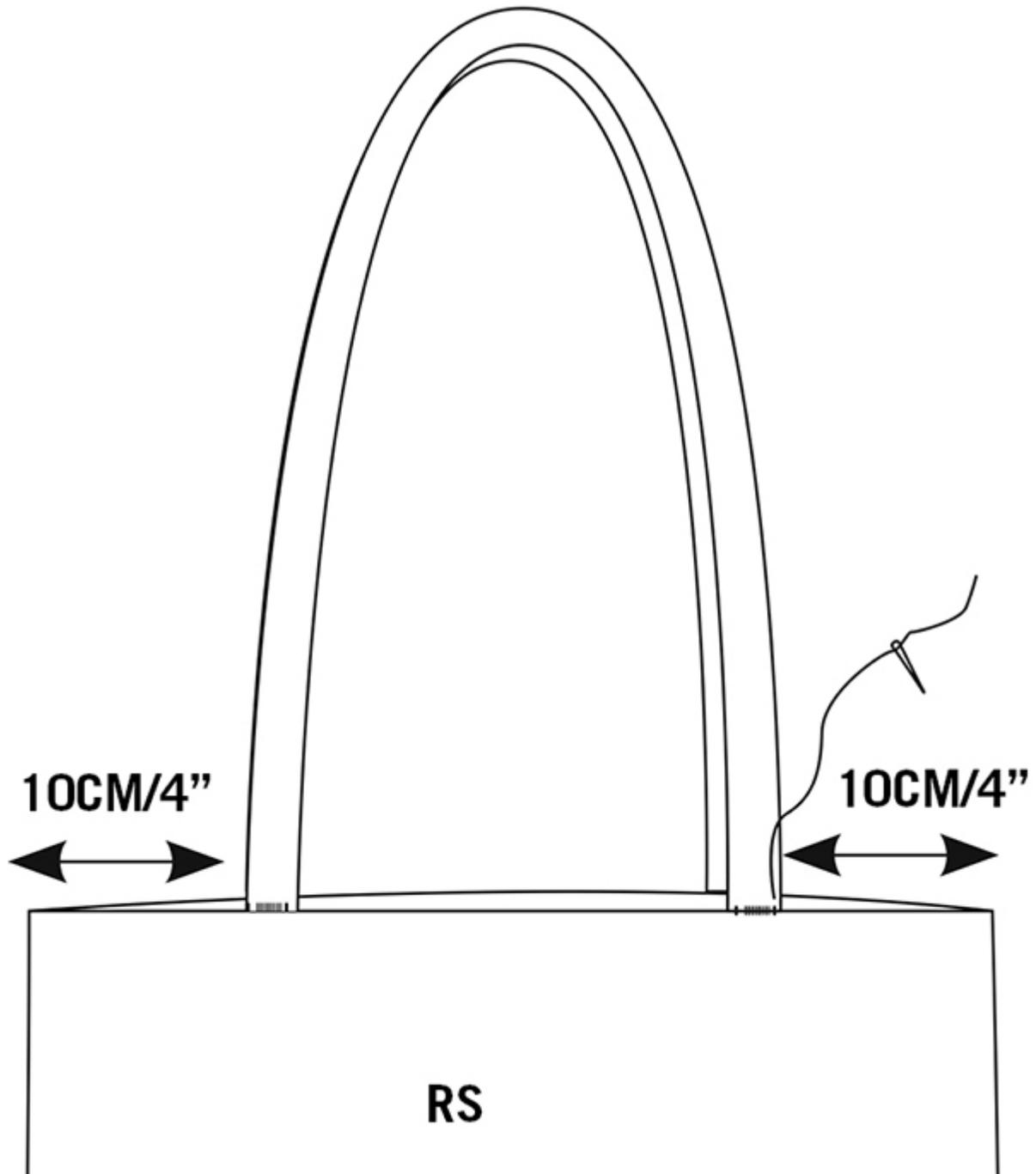
## ASSEMBLY AND FINISHING

- 1.** Lay your bag flat, measure 10cm/4" from the outside edge, then attach the first end of your strap to the top of your bag using whip stitch (see [Techniques: Finishing Techniques](#)).  
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- 2.** Measure 10cm/4" from the other side of your bag, and attach the other end of your strap (taking care not to twist it), using the whip stitch technique.  
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**3.** Turn your bag over and repeat steps 1 and 2 for the other strap.

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**4.** Weave in any loose ends.



**BEGINNER**

# **OH LA LA - PLANT HANGER**

Not so much crochet as macrame, the Oh La La Plant Hanger will give you plenty of chain stitch practice, which is never a bad thing. Plus, your plant pals will want to thank you for their cool new digs!



**TOOL KIT**

1 roll of WATG's Ra-Ra Raffia

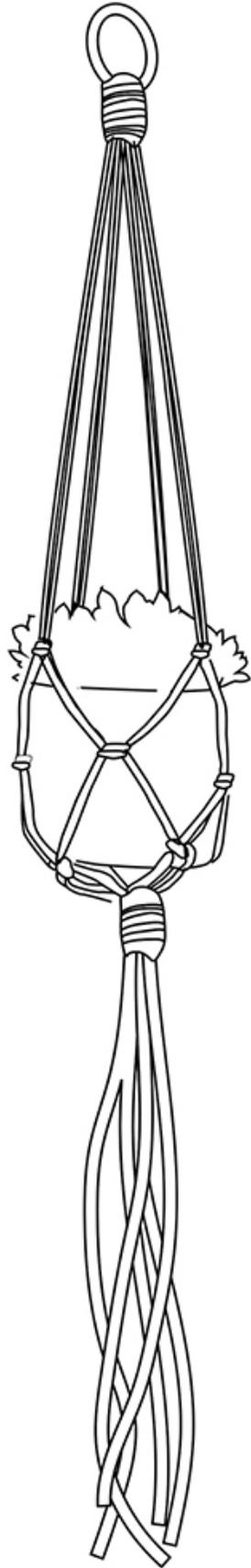
4.5mm/US 7 crochet hook

Large sewing needle

1 trigger ring (we used a 4cm/1.5" diameter nickel trigger ring)

**TENSION**

Chain stitch: 10cm/4" = 17 stitches



68CM/26.8"

44CM/17.3"

# HOW TO MAKE YOUR OH LA LA PLANT HANGER

**TO MAKE YOUR PLANT HANGER, YOU WILL FIRST MAKE FOUR LONG CORDS, WHICH WILL THEN BE KNOTTED TOGETHER TO MAKE YOUR HANGER. YOU WILL BE USING TWO STRANDS OF RA-RA RAFFIA TO CREATE YOUR CORDS: WE SUGGEST WORKING FROM THE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF YOUR ROLL.**

- 1.** Using two strands of raffia held together, create a slip knot and place it on the shaft of your hook.  
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- 2.** Hold your hook in your right hand and the yarn attached to the roll in your left hand. Work in chain stitch until you have a chain that measures 350cm/137.8".  
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- 3.** Cut your yarn approx. 15cm/6" from the last stitch. Pull on the loop on your crochet hook until the end pops through. Weave in your loose ends.  
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- 4.** Repeat steps 1 to 3 a further 3 times, creating four cords in total.



**YOU WILL NOW CREATE TWO SHORTER CORDS,  
WHICH YOU WILL USE TO CREATE WRAP KNOTS TO  
HOLD YOUR HANGER TOGETHER. (REFER TO**

**TECHNIQUES: KNOTTING TECHNIQUES FOR MORE INSTRUCTION ON WRAP KNOTS.)**

**5.** Using two strands of raffia held together, create a slip knot and place it on the shaft of your hook.

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**6.** Hold your hook in your right hand and the yarn attached to the roll in your left hand. Work in chain stitch until you have a chain that measures 70cm/27.6".

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**7.** Cut your yarn approx. 15cm/6" from the last stitch. Pull on the loop on your crochet hook until the end pops through. Weave in your loose ends.

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**8.** Repeat steps 5 to 7 once more.

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**9.** Insert the four longer cords through your trigger ring, pull them through until all cords are the same length. You now have eight cords to work with.

**ATTACH THE TRIGGER RING TO SOMETHING SOLID, LIKE A CHAIR OR A DOOR HANDLE – THIS MAKES IT MUCH EASIER TO WORK ON YOUR PIECE.**

**10.** Using one of the 70cm/27.6" shorter chains, make a wrap knot around the cords so it sits snugly against the trigger ring.

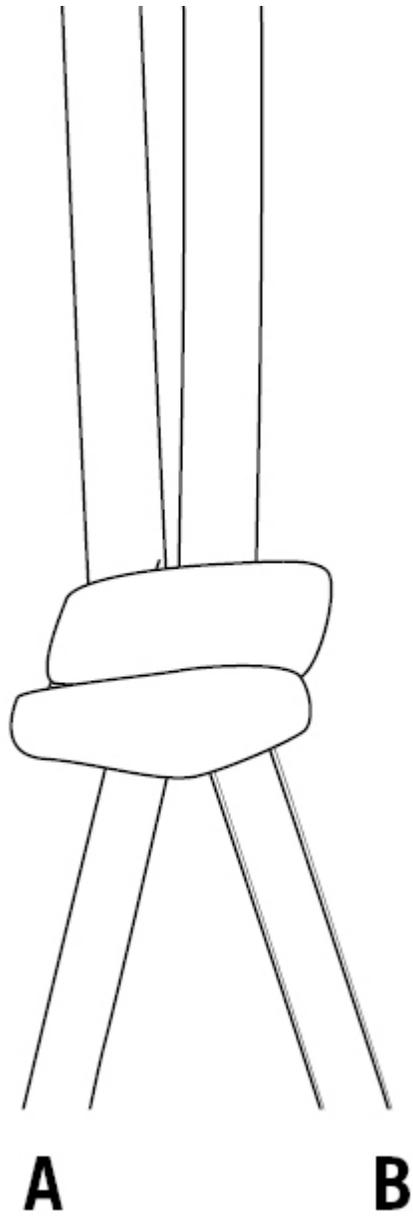
**YOU NOW HAVE EIGHT CORDS COMING FROM THE BOTTOM OF YOUR WRAP KNOT.**

- 11.** Working from left to right, take your first two cords and hold them together. Measure 40cm/15.7" from the bottom of the wrap knot and make an overhand knot (see [diagram](#) and [Techniques: Knotting Techniques](#)). Repeat this a further 3 times, working across the remaining six cords. You have now made 4 overhand knots.



**EACH OVERHAND KNOT HAS TWO CORDS COMING FROM IT. WE WILL NAME THESE CORD A AND CORD B (SEE DIAGRAM).**

- 12.** Take cord B from your first knot and cord A from the next knot to the right of it. Holding these two cords together, make an overhand knot 5cm/2" down from the previous knots. Repeat this, working around your hanger until you have made 4 overhand knots in total.  
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- 13.** Repeat step 12 twice more; you should now have 4 rows of overhand knots in total.  
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- 14.** Using the remaining 70cm/27.6" chain, make a wrap knot around all eight cords, 5cm/2" down from the last row of knots.  
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- 15.** Finally trim your cords to your desired length. We suggest around 40cm/15.7" from the wrap knot, keeping them nice and long. Don't worry about the cords unravelling; the chains should stay in place.



**BEGINNER**

# **MONEY HONEY - CLUTCH BAG**

This small clutch bag is the ideal accessory for your summer in the city. The perfect project for those new to crochet, it also happens to be the perfect place to put your money, honey.



## **TOOL KIT**

1 roll of WATG's Ra-Ra Raffia

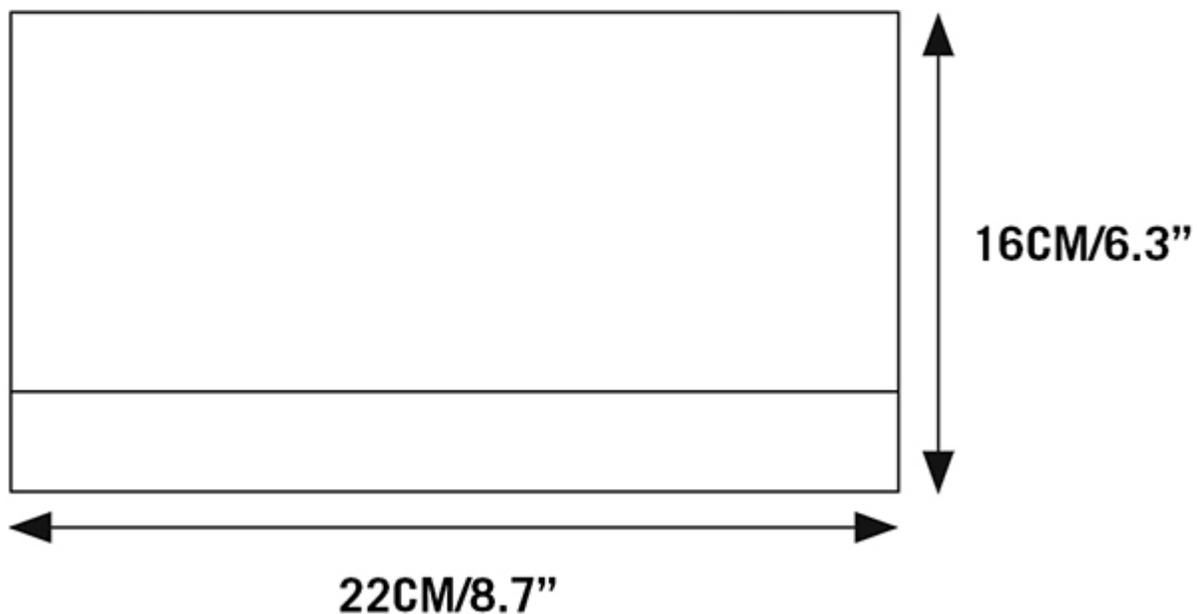
3.5mm/US 4 crochet hook

Large sewing needle

1 set of magnetic clasps (we used a 2cm/0.8" diameter magnetic snap)

## **TENSION**

Single crochet: 10cm/4" = 18 stitches and 20 rows



## **HOW TO CROCHET YOUR MONEY HONEY CLUTCH BAG**

- 1.** Create a slip knot and place it on the shaft of your hook.

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- 2.** Hold your hook in your right hand and the yarn attached to the roll in your left hand. Make 40 chain stitches. The slip knot does not count as a chain stitch, nor does the stitch on your hook. You now have 40 chain stitches and you have finished your foundation row.

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- 3.** Hold the hook in your right hand and your foundation chain in your left hand. Make 1 chain stitch, this is your turning chain and does not count as a stitch. Work in single crochet across all 40 stitches. This is your first row of crochet.

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- 4.** Make 1 chain stitch (this is your turning chain). Turn your work over, keeping the hook in your right hand and holding the work in your left hand so you are ready to work back across the stitches you just made.

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- 5.** Work in single crochet across all 40 stitches. Turn your work.

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- 6.** Repeat steps 4 and 5 (working each row in single crochet), until your bag measures 16cm/6.3" from your foundation chain (approx. a further 30 rows).

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- 7.** Make 1 chain stitch (this is your turning chain). Turn your work over.

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**8.** Work 1 row in single crochet through the back loop of each of the stitches (working a row through the back loop of the stitches helps create a neat fold when it comes to assembly).

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**9.** Repeat steps 4 and 5 until your piece measures 32cm/12.6" from the foundation chain, making sure to work an odd number of rows (approx. a further 31 rows).

**YOU WILL NOW WORK THE FRONT FLAP OF YOUR BAG.**

**10.** Repeat steps 7 and 8 once more.

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**11.** Repeat steps 4 and 5 until your piece measures 44cm/17.3" from the foundation chain (approx. a further 23 rows).

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**12.** Make 1 chain stitch (this is your turning chain). Turn your work over.

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**13.** Work in single crochet until you have 1 stitch left of your row, you will now work 2 stitches into this last stitch (this helps to turn the corner). (41 stitches).

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**14.** Turn your work 90 degrees to the right to begin working along one of the long edges of your bag. Work

a single crochet stitch into the edge stitch of each row until you have 1 row left, work 2 single crochet stitches into the last row.

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- 15.** Turn your work 90 degrees to the right once more, you will now crochet down the edge of the foundation chain. Work in single crochet until you come to the last stitch, work 2 single crochet stitches into this last stitch.

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- 16.** Turn your work 90 degrees to the right once more, you will now crochet down the second long edge of your bag. Work a single crochet stitch into the edge stitch of each row. You have now reached the point at which you started. Join the round with a slip stitch.

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- 17.** Cut your yarn approx 10cm/4" from the last stitch. Pull on the final loop until the end pops through—you have now secured your last stitch. Weave in any loose ends.

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## **STRAP**

- 1.** Make a foundation chain of 58 stitches or until your piece measures 32cm/12.6".

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- 2.** Make 1 chain stitch, this is your turning chain and does not count as a stitch. Work in single crochet across all of your stitches.

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**3.** Make 1 chain stitch, turn your work over.

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**4.** Work in single crochet across all 58 stitches. Turn your work.

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**5.** Cut the yarn approx. 15cm/6" from the last stitch. Pull on the loop on your crochet hook until the end pops through – you have now secured the last stitch. Weave in any loose ends.



## **ASSEMBLY AND FINISHING**

**1.** Lay your piece flat with the right side facing down (that is the side with the grooves from the single crochet

through the back loop rows), which means you should be able to easily fold your panels inwards.

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- 2.** Fold the bottom panel inwards and join side A to B using running stitch (see [Techniques: Finishing Techniques](#)) through the single crochet edging stitches.

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- 3.** Starting at the bottom left-hand corner, join side C to D using running stitch until you reach 2cm/0.8" from the opening of the bag, marked with an 'X' in the diagram. Don't cut your yarn as you will use it to continue sewing up your bag in step 5.

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- 4.** Fold your strap in half and place the ends between sides C and D where you stopped stitching in step 3.

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- 5.** Continue stitching along sides C and D until you reach the bag opening, trapping the edge stitches of the strap as you go.

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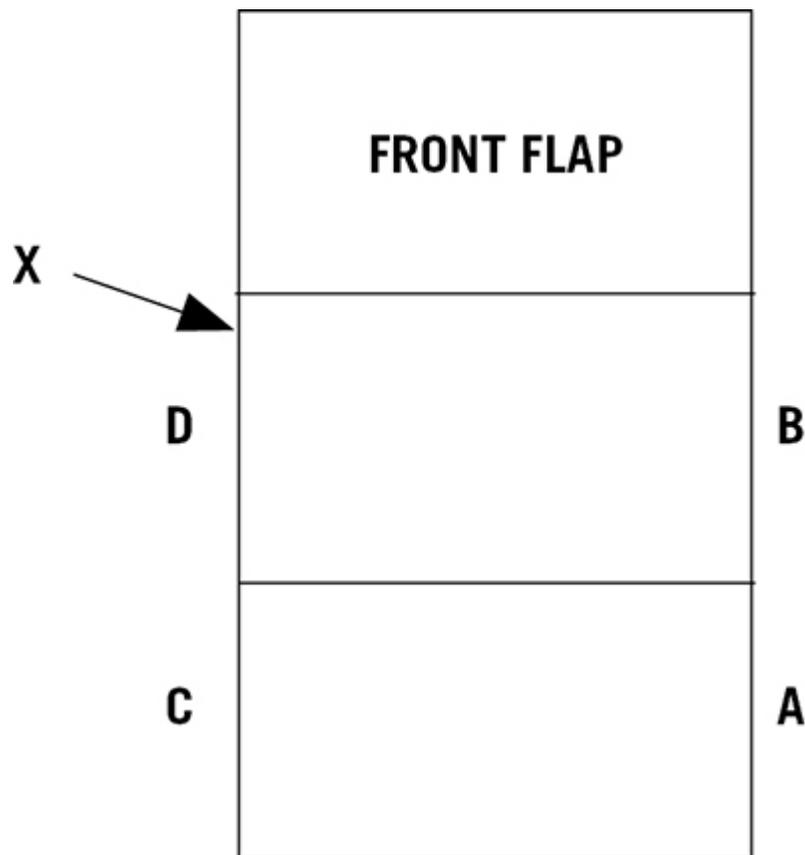
- 6.** Open the flap of the bag and mark the centre point of the top edge. From this centre point, measure 1cm/0.4" down the inside of the flap and place the first half of your magnetic clasp at this point.

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- 7.** Using a sharp sewing needle and a piece of yarn, secure the magnetic clasp to the flap of the bag with a few stitches.

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- 8.** Fold the flap back down and mark the point at which the first half of the clasp meets the body of the bag. Place the second half of the clasp at this point and sew it into place.
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- 9.** Finish off the bag by weaving in any loose ends.



STITCHED UP

**MONEY HONEY CLUTCH  
BAG**

This clutch is ready for a night on the town. This dressed up version of the Money Honey Clutch Bag is stitched in Midnight Blue, with an embroidered edging in Dune Green. The embroidery is made up of straight stitches, each fanning out from a centre point.



## **ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

600cm/236" raffia for clutch bag embroidery

### **FIRST YOU WILL EMBROIDER A SERIES OF 9 CLUSTERS ALONG THE BOTTOM EDGE OF THE FLAP.**

- 1.** Place your clutch bag on a flat surface with the front of the flap facing upwards. Thread your needle with approx. 150cm/59" of raffia and working from the inside to the outside of the flap, bring the needle through to the front, 3 rows above the bottom edge and 5 crochet stitches to the right of the left-hand side edge. This will be referred to as the 'centre point'.

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- 2.** Make a straight stitch by taking your needle back through the flap, 2 crochet stitches to the left and down through the last row of crochet stitches. Take your needle up through the centre point.  
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- 3.** Take your needle back through the flap, 1 crochet stitch to the left and down through the last row of stitches. Take your needle up through the centre point.  
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- 4.** Take your needle back through the flap directly below the centre point and down through the last row of stitches. Take your needle up through the centre point.  
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- 5.** Take your needle back through the flap, 1 crochet stitch to the right and down through the last row of stitches. Take your needle up through the centre point.  
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- 6.** Take your needle back through the flap, 2 crochet stitches to the right and down through the last row of stitches to make a straight stitch.  
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- 7.** Find the centre point for your next cluster of stitches by bringing your needle up through the flap, 4 crochet stitches to the right of your previous centre point.  
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- 8.** Repeat steps 2 to 7 until you have embroidered a total of 9 clusters along the bottom edge of the flap. (Simply

re-thread your needle with a new length of raffia when the previous length runs out.)

**NOW YOU WILL EMBROIDER A SERIES OF 5 CLUSTERS UP THE LEFT-HAND SIDE EDGE OF THE FLAP.**

- 9.** Find the centre point for your next cluster of stitches by bringing your needle up through the flap, 1 row above and 2 crochet stitches to the left of the centre point of the first cluster on the right.  
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- 10.** Take your needle back through the flap, 3 crochet stitches down and 2 rows to the right to make a straight stitch. Take your needle up through the centre point.  
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- 11.** Take your needle back through the flap, 3 crochet stitches down and 1 row to the right. Take your needle up through the centre point.  
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- 12.** Take your needle back through the flap directly below the centre point, 3 crochet stitches down. Take your needle up through the centre point.  
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- 13.** Take your needle back through the flap, 3 crochet stitches down and 1 row to the left. Take your needle up through the centre point.  
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- 14.** Take your needle back through the flap, 3 crochet stitches down and 2 rows to the left.  
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- 15.** Find the centre point for your next cluster of stitches by bringing your needle up through the flap 4 rows to the left of your previous centre point.  
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- 16.** Repeat steps 10 to 15 until you have embroidered a total of 5 clusters along the left-hand side edge of the flap.

**NOW YOU WILL EMBROIDER A SERIES OF 5 CLUSTERS UP THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE EDGE OF THE FLAP.**

- 17.** Find the centre point for your next cluster of stitches by bringing your needle up through the flap, 1 row above and 1 crochet stitch to the right of the centre point of the first cluster on the left.  
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- 18.** Take your needle back through the flap, 3 crochet stitches down and 2 rows to the left to make a straight stitch. Take your needle up through the centre point.  
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- 19.** Take your needle back through the flap, 3 crochet stitches down and 1 row to the left. Take your needle up through the centre point.  
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**20.** Take your needle back through the flap directly below the centre point, 3 crochet stitches down. Take your needle up through the centre point.

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**21.** Take your needle back through the flap, 3 crochet stitches down and 1 row to the right. Take your needle up through the centre point.

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**22.** Take your needle back through the flap, 3 crochet stitches down and 2 rows to the right.

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**23.** Find the centre point for your next cluster of stitches by bringing your needle up through the flap, 4 rows to the right of your previous centre point.

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**24.** Repeat steps 18 to 23 until you have embroidered a total of 5 clusters along the right-hand side edge of the flap.

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**25.** Secure and weave in any yarn tails on the reverse of the clutch bag flap.

## **PHOTO INSTRUCTIONS**













**INTERMEDIATE**

# **LOVE GAME - YARN BASKET**

Oh look, a cute little home for your growing stash of yarn. Crocheted using the single crochet technique, this two-toned basket is stitched up using a dark colour for the base and a light colour for the top. We used Midnight Blue with Desert Palm opposite, substituting with Cinnamon Dust for the second colourway.



**TOOL KIT**

1 roll of WATG's Ra-Ra Raffia in colour A

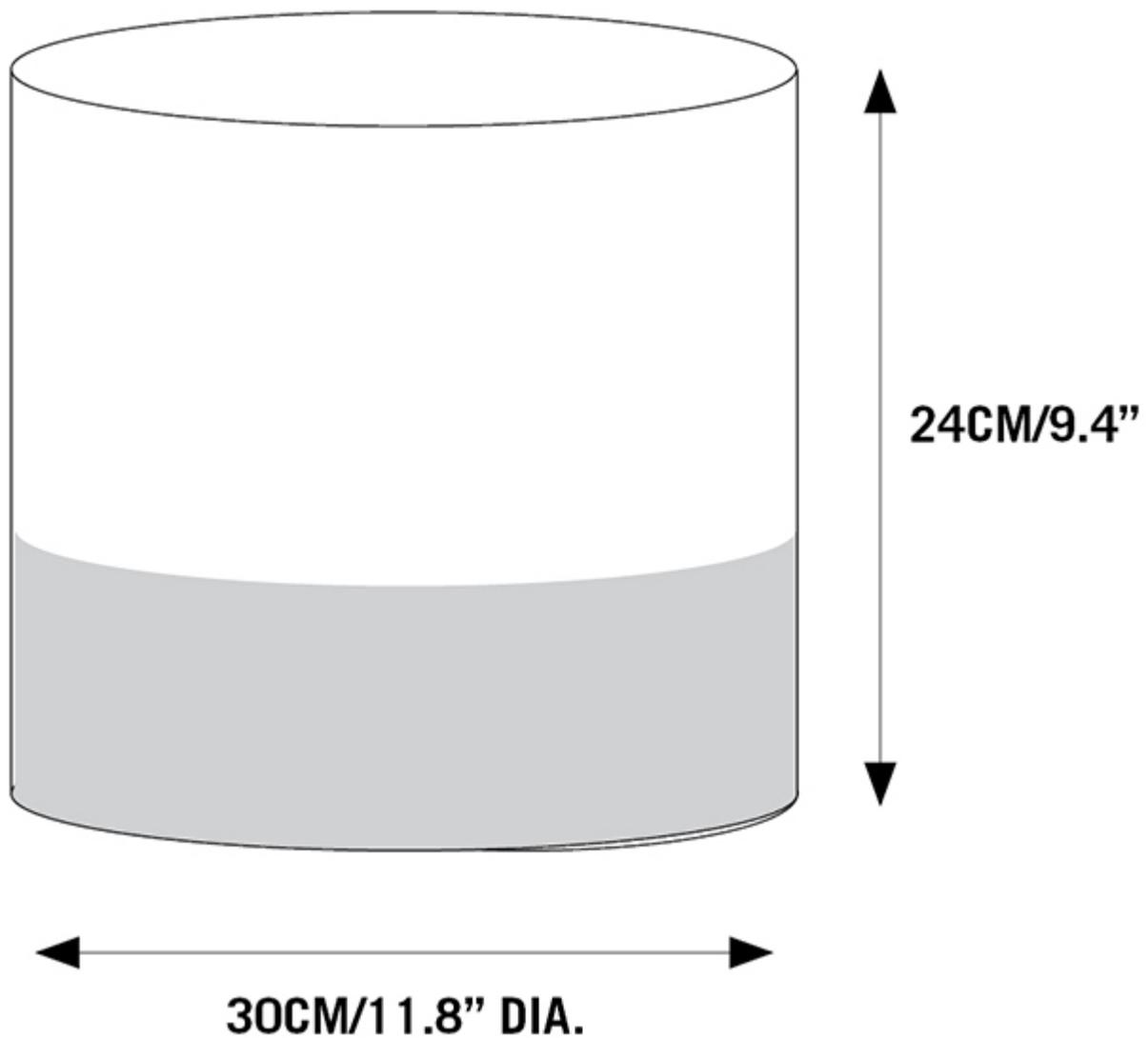
1 roll of WATG's Ra-Ra Raffia in colour B

4.5mm/US 7 crochet hook

Large sewing needle

**TENSION**

Single crochet: 10cm/4" = 16 stitches and 19 rows



# HOW TO CROCHET YOUR LOVE GAME YARN BASKET

**TO MAKE THE INSTRUCTIONS EASIER TO READ, WE WILL NOW USE SOME SIMPLE ABBREVIATIONS:**

**SC = SINGLE CROCHET; SC1 = MAKE 1 SINGLE CROCHET STITCH; SC2 = MAKE 2 SINGLE CROCHET STITCHES; ETC.**

1. Using colour A, create a magic loop (see [Techniques: Crochet Techniques](#)) and SC6 around it. Join the round by making a slip stitch into the first stitch of the round.

**YOU WILL NOW START WORKING IN THE ROUND IN A CONTINUOUS SPIRAL (SO DON'T JOIN THE ROUND WITH SLIP STITCHES). YOU CAN USE A YARN MARKER TO MARK THE BEGINNING OF EACH OF THE ROUNDS.**

2. **Increase round:** SC2 into every stitch. (12 stitches).  
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3. **Increase round:** \*SC2 into the next stitch, SC1\*  
repeat the section inside the stars a further 5 times.  
(18 stitches).  
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4. **Increase round:** \*SC2 into the next stitch, SC2\*  
repeat the section inside the stars a further 5 times.  
(24 stitches).  
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- 5. Increase round:** \*SC2 into the next stitch, SC3\*  
repeat the section inside the stars a further 5 times.  
(30 stitches).  
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- 6. Increase round:** \*SC2 into the next stitch, SC4\*  
repeat the section inside the stars a further 5 times.  
(36 stitches).  
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- 7. Increase round:** \*SC2 into the next stitch, SC5\*  
repeat the section inside the stars a further 5 times.  
(42 stitches).  
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- 8. Increase round:** \*SC2 into the next stitch, SC6\*  
repeat the section inside the stars a further 5 times.  
(48 stitches).  
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- 9. Increase round:** \*SC2 into the next stitch, SC7\*  
repeat the section inside the stars a further 5 times.  
(54 stitches).  
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- 10. Increase round:** \*SC2 into the next stitch, SC8\*  
repeat the section inside the stars a further 5 times.  
(60 stitches).  
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- 11. Increase round:** \*SC2 into the next stitch, SC9\*  
repeat the section inside the stars a further 5 times.  
(66 stitches).  
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**12. Increase round:** \*SC2 into the next stitch, SC10\*  
repeat the section inside the stars a further 5 times.  
(72 stitches).

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**13. Increase round:** \*SC2 into the next stitch, SC11\*  
repeat the section inside the stars a further 5 times.  
(78 stitches).

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**14. Increase round:** \*SC2 into the next stitch, SC12\*  
repeat the section inside the stars a further 5 times.  
(84 stitches).

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**15. Increase round:** \*SC2 into the next stitch, SC13\*  
repeat the section inside the stars a further 5 times.  
(90 stitches).

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**16. Increase round:** \*SC2 into the next stitch, SC14\*  
repeat the section inside the stars a further 5 times.  
(96 stitches).

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**17. Increase round:** \*SC2 into the next stitch, SC15\*  
repeat the section inside the stars a further 5 times.  
(102 stitches).

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**18. Increase round:** \*SC2 into the next stitch, SC16\*  
repeat the section inside the stars a further 5 times.  
(108 stitches).

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**19. Increase round:** \*SC2 into the next stitch, SC17\*  
repeat the section inside the stars a further 5 times.  
(114 stitches).

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**20. Increase round:** \*SC2 into the next stitch, SC18\*  
repeat the section inside the stars a further 5 times.  
(120 stitches).

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**21. Increase round:** \*SC2 into the next stitch, SC19\*  
repeat the section inside the stars a further 5 times.  
(126 stitches).

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**22. Increase round:** \*SC2 into the next stitch, SC20\*  
repeat the section inside the stars a further 5 times.  
(132 stitches).

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**23. Increase round:** \*SC2 into the next stitch, SC21\*  
repeat the section inside the stars a further 5 times.  
(138 stitches).

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**24. Increase round:** \*SC2 into the next stitch, SC22\*  
repeat the section inside the stars a further 5 times.  
(144 stitches).

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**25.** Make 1 chain stitch. Work 1 round in single crochet  
through the **back of the stitch**.

**YOUR CIRCLE BASE IS NOW COMPLETE AND YOU  
WILL CONTINUE TO WORK UPWARDS, FORMING THE**

## **BODY OF YOUR BASKET.**

**26.** Work 1 round in single crochet.

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**27.** Repeat step 26 until your piece measures 8cm/3.1" (approx. a further 13 rounds). Cut and secure your yarn.

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**28.** Using colour B, work 1 round in single crochet.

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**29.** Repeat step 28 until your basket measures 24cm/9.4" from the base (approx. a further 30 rounds).

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**30.** Cut and secure your yarn.



# STITCHED UP

## LOVE GAME YARN BASKET

Give your Love Game Yarn Basket an extra splash of colour and a touch of texture by embroidering three bands of vertical straight stitches around the circumference of the basket. Plus, the basket's a great place to store your hooks and yarn when you're done stitching up a storm.



## **ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

2,400cm/945" raffia for basket embroidery

### **THE CENTRAL BAND OF STRAIGHT STITCHES IS EMBROIDERED FIRST, FOLLOWED BY THE BOTTOM BAND, THEN THE TOP BAND.**

- 1.** Begin by threading your needle with approx. 150cm/59" of raffia. (Simply re-thread your needle with a new length of raffia when the previous length runs out.)  
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- 2.** Working from the inside to the outside of the basket, bring your needle through to the front, directly below the last round of colour A. Return your needle to the inside, 2 rounds above this point.  
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- 3.** Repeat step 2 to embroider a second straight stitch directly over the top of the first.  
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- 4.** Bring your needle to the outside, 1 crochet stitch to the right of where you began the previous straight stitch. Return your needle to the inside, 2 rounds above this point.  
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- 5.** Embroider a second straight stitch directly over the top of the first.  
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- 6.** Repeat steps 4 and 5 once more.

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- 7.** Bring your needle to the outside, 1 crochet stitch to the right of where you began the previous straight stitch. Return your needle to the inside, 3 rounds above this point.

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- 8.** Embroider a second straight stitch directly over the top of the first.

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- 9.** Bring your needle to the outside, 1 crochet stitch to the right and 1 round below where you began the previous straight stitch.

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- 10.** Return your needle to the inside, 4 rounds above this point.

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- 11.** Embroider a second straight stitch directly over the top of the first.

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- 12.** Bring your needle to the outside, 1 crochet stitch to the right of where you began the previous straight stitch. Return your needle to the inside, 5 rounds above this point.

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- 13.** Embroider a second straight stitch directly over the top of the first.

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**14.** Bring your needle to the outside, 1 crochet stitch to the right of where you began the previous straight stitch. Return your needle to the inside, 4 rounds above this point.

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**15.** Embroider a second straight stitch directly over the top of the first.

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**16.** Bring your needle to the outside, 1 crochet stitch to the right and 1 round above where you began the previous straight stitch. Return your needle to the inside, 3 rounds above this point.

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**17.** Embroider a second straight stitch directly over the top of the first.

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**18.** Bring your needle to the outside, 1 crochet stitch to the right of the previous straight stitch. Return your needle to the inside, 2 rounds above this point.

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**19.** Embroider a second straight stitch directly over the top of the first.

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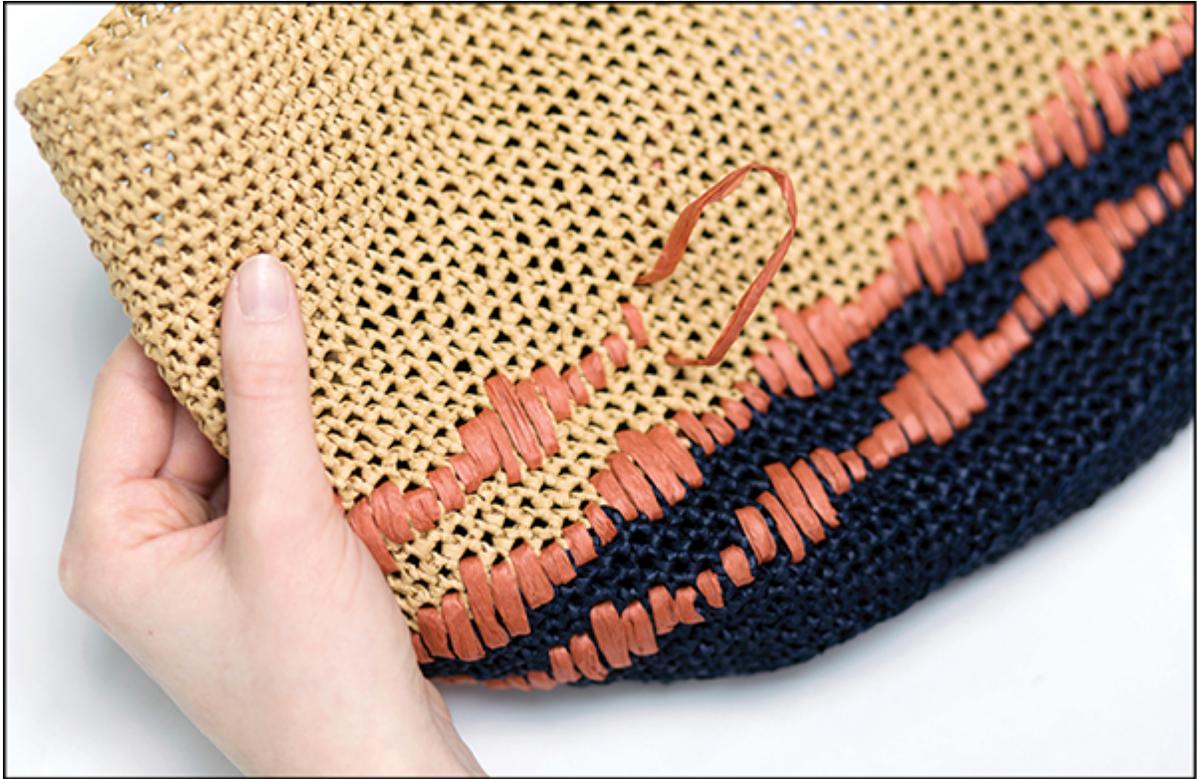
**20.** Continue to repeat steps 4 to 19 until you have embroidered the central band of straight stitches around the complete circumference of your basket.

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- 21.** To work the bottom band of stitches, bring your needle through to the front, 7 rounds below the bottom of the first straight stitch you made in the central band.  
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- 22.** Work steps 10 to 19.  
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- 23.** Repeat steps 4 to 19 until you have embroidered the bottom band of straight stitches around the complete circumference of your basket.  
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- 24.** To work the top band of stitches, bring your needle through to the front, 3 rounds above the top of the first straight stitch you made in the central band.  
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- 25.** Work steps 10 to 19.  
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- 26.** Repeat steps 4 to 19 until you have embroidered the top band of straight stitches around the complete circumference of your basket.  
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- 27.** Secure and weave in any yarn tails on the inside of your basket.

## **PHOTO INSTRUCTIONS**









**EASY**

# **PERFECT ILLUSION - PLACEMAT**

One roll of our yarn is enough to make two Perfect Illusion Placemats – so invite your bestie to supper and get those crochet hooks out. They are as easy as pie and just as round!



**TOOL KIT**

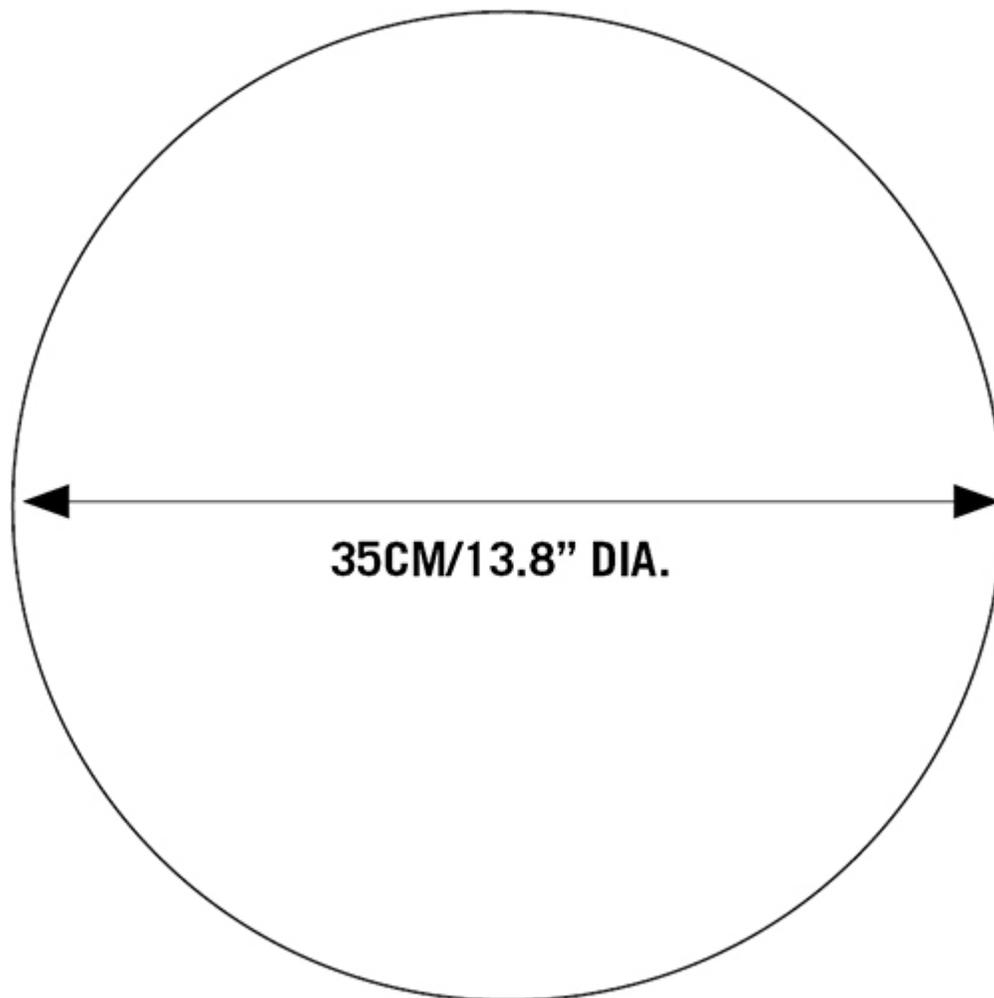
1 roll of WATG's Ra-Ra Raffia

4.5mm/US 7 crochet hook

Large sewing needle

**TENSION**

Double crochet: 10cm/4" = 16 stitches and 8 rows



# HOW TO CROCHET YOUR PERFECT ILLUSION PLACEMAT

1. Start by creating a magic loop (see [Techniques: Crochet Techniques](#)) and working 12 stitches in double crochet around it. Join the round by making a slip stitch into the first stitch.

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**YOU WILL NOW WORK IN THE ROUND, USING A YARN MARKER TO MARK THE BEGINNING OF EACH ROUND AND JOINING EACH ROUND WITH A SLIP STITCH.**

2. **Increase round:** Make 4 chain stitches (this counts as your first stitch and your first chain space). \*Work 1 stitch in double crochet into the next stitch, make 1 chain stitch\*. Repeat the section inside the stars to the end of your round. Make a slip stitch to join your round. (24 stitches).

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3. **Increase round:** Make 3 chain stitches (this is your turning chain and will count as your first stitch). \*Work 2 stitches in double crochet into the next chain space, then work 1 stitch in double crochet\*. Repeat the section inside the stars until you have 1 chain space left of your round, work 2 stitches into your last chain

space. Make a slip stitch to join your round. (36 stitches).

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**4. Increase round:** Make 3 chain stitches, work 1 stitch in double crochet into the base of the turning chain, work 2 stitches in double crochet. \*Work 2 stitches in double crochet into the next stitch, then work 2 stitches in double crochet\*. Repeat the section inside the stars to the end of the round. Make a slip stitch to join your round. (48 stitches).

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**5. Increase round:** Make 3 chain stitches, work 1 stitch in double crochet into the next stitch. Make 1 chain stitch, skip the next stitch, work 1 stitch in double crochet into the next stitch, make 1 chain stitch. \*Work 2 stitches in double crochet, make 1 chain stitch, skip the next stitch, work 1 stitch in double crochet into the next stitch, make 1 chain stitch\*. Repeat the section inside the stars to the end of the round. Make a slip stitch to join your round. (60 stitches).

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**6. Increase round:** Make 3 chain stitches, work 1 stitch in double crochet into the space before the next stitch. \*Work 1 stitch in double crochet into the next stitch, work 1 stitch in double crochet into the next chain space\*. Repeat the section inside the stars once more.

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•Work 1 stitch in double crochet into the next stitch, work 1 stitch in double crochet into the space before the next stitch. \*Work 1 stitch in double crochet into the next stitch, work 1 stitch in double crochet into the next chain space\*. Repeat the section inside the stars once more. •

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Repeat the section inside the circles (•) to the end of the round. Make a slip stitch to join your round. (72 stitches).

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**7. Increase round:** Make 3 chain stitches, work 1 stitch in double crochet into the base of the turning chain, work 5 stitches in double crochet. \*Work 2 stitches in double crochet into the next stitch, then work 5 stitches in double crochet\*. Repeat the section inside the stars to the end of the round. Make a slip stitch to join your round. (84 stitches).

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**8. Increase round:** Make 3 chain stitches, work 1 stitch in double crochet into the base of the turning chain, work 6 stitches in double crochet. \*Work 2 stitches in double crochet into the next stitch, then work 6 stitches in double crochet\*. Repeat the section inside the stars to the end of the round. Make a slip stitch to join your round. (96 stitches).

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**9. Increase round:** Make 3 chain stitches, work 1 stitch in double crochet into the base of the turning chain, work 7 stitches in double crochet. \*Work 2 stitches in double crochet into the next stitch, then work 7 stitches in double crochet\*. Repeat the section inside the stars to the end of the round. Make a slip stitch to join your round. (108 stitches).

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**10. Increase round:** Make 3 chain stitches, work 1 stitch in double crochet into the base of the turning chain, work 8 stitches in double crochet. \*Work 2 stitches in double crochet into the next stitch, then work 8 stitches in double crochet\*. Repeat the section inside the stars to the end of the round. Make a slip stitch to join your round. (120 stitches).

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**11. Increase round:** Make 3 chain stitches, work 1 stitch in double crochet into the base of the turning chain, work 9 stitches in double crochet. \*Work 2 stitches in double crochet into the next stitch, then work 9 stitches in double crochet\*. Repeat the section inside the stars to the end of the round. Make a slip stitch to join your round. (132 stitches).

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**12. Increase round:** Make 3 chain stitches, work 1 stitch in double crochet into the base of the turning chain, work 10 stitches in double crochet. \*Work 2 stitches in double crochet into the next stitch, then work 10

stitches in double crochet\*. Repeat the section inside the stars to the end of the round. Make a slip stitch to join your round. (144 stitches).

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**13. Increase round:** Make 3 chain stitches, work 1 stitch in double crochet into the base of the turning chain, work 11 stitches in double crochet. \*Work 2 stitches in double crochet into the next stitch, then work 11 stitches in double crochet\*. Repeat the section inside the stars to the end of the round. Make a slip stitch to join your round. (156 stitches).

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**14. Increase round:** Make 3 chain stitches, work 1 stitch in double crochet into the base of the turning chain, work 12 stitches in double crochet. \*Work 2 stitches in double crochet into the next stitch, then work 12 stitches in double crochet\*. Repeat the section inside the stars to the end of the round. Make a slip stitch to join your round. (168 stitches).

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**15. Increase round:** Make 4 chain stitches, skip the next stitch, work 1 stitch in double crochet into the next stitch.

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\*Make 1 chain stitch, skip the next stitch, work 1 stitch in double crochet into the next stitch\*. Repeat the section inside the stars once more. Make 1 chain stitch,

work the next stitch in double crochet. Repeat the section inside the stars a further 3 times.

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•Work 1 stitch in double crochet, \*make 1 chain stitch, skip the next stitch, work 1 stitch in double crochet into the next stitch\*. Repeat the section inside the stars twice more. Make 1 chain stitch, work the next stitch in double crochet. Repeat the section inside the stars a further 3 times. •

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Repeat the section inside the circles (•) to the end of the round. Make a slip stitch to join your round. (180 stitches).

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**16. Increase round:** Make 3 chain stitches. \*Work 1 stitch in double crochet into the next chain space, work 1 stitch in double crochet into the next stitch\*. Repeat the section inside the stars a further 6 times. Work 1 stitch in double crochet in the space between the next 2 stitches.

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•Work 1 stitch in double crochet, \*work 1 stitch in double crochet into the next chain space, work 1 stitch in double crochet into the next stitch\*. Repeat the section inside the stars a further 6 times. Work 1 stitch in double crochet in the space between the next 2 stitches. •

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Repeat the section inside the circles (●) to the end of the round. Make a slip stitch to join your round. (192 stitches).

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- 17.** Cut your yarn approx. 15cm/6" from the last stitch. Pull on the loop on your crochet hook until the end pops through. Weave in the loose ends.



**INTERMEDIATE**

# **POKER FACE - CUP HOLDERS**

If your cups are looking a little lonely, we've got a cure. Stitch up these perfect little jackets for your glassware, and make all of your other kitchen appliances jealous. Perfect for intermediate stitchers, one roll of our yarn makes eight Poker Face Cup Holders.



## **TOOL KIT**

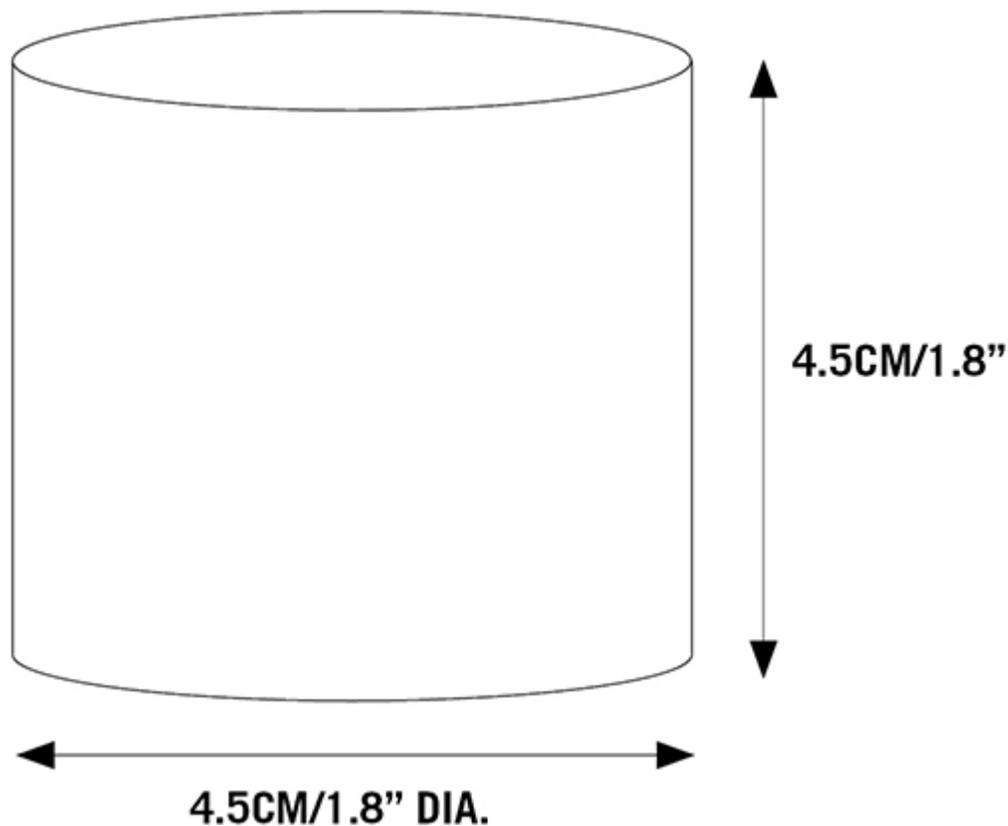
1 roll of WATG's Ra-Ra Raffia

4.5mm/US 7 crochet hook

Large sewing needle

## **TENSION**

Single crochet: 10cm/4" = 16 stitches and 19 rows



## **HOW TO CROCHET YOUR POKER FACE CUP HOLDERS**



**TO MAKE THE INSTRUCTIONS EASIER TO READ, WE WILL NOW USE SOME SIMPLE ABBREVIATIONS : SC = SINGLE CROCHET; SC1 = MAKE 1 SINGLE CROCHET STITCH; SC2 = MAKE 2 SINGLE CROCHET STITCHES; ETC.**

1. Create a magic loop (see [Techniques: Crochet Techniques](#)) and SC6 around it. Join the round by making a slip stitch into the first stitch of the round.

**YOU WILL NOW START WORKING IN THE ROUND IN A CONTINUOUS SPIRAL (SO DON'T JOIN THE ROUND WITH SLIP STITCHES). YOU CAN USE A YARN MARKER TO MARK THE BEGINNING OF EACH OF THE ROUNDS.**

2. **Increase round:** SC2 into every stitch (12 stitches).  
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3. **Increase round:** \*SC2 into the next stitch, SC1\* repeat the section inside the stars a further 5 times. (18 stitches).  
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4. **Increase round:** \*SC2 into the next stitch, SC2\* repeat the section inside the stars a further 5 times. (24 stitches).  
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5. **Increase round:** \*SC2 into the next stitch, SC3\* repeat the section inside the stars a further 5 times. (30 stitches).

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6. Make 1 chain stitch. Work 1 round in single crochet through the back of the stitch.

**YOUR CIRCLE BASE IS NOW COMPLETE AND YOU WILL CONTINUE TO WORK UPWARDS, FORMING THE BODY OF YOUR CUP HOLDER.**

7. Work 1 round in single crochet.

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8. Repeat step 7 until your piece measures 4.5cm/1.8" (approx. a further 8 times). Cut and secure your yarn.



**EASY**

# **SPEECHLESS - PHONE CASE**

This phone case will leave you speechless. Available in two sizes, keep your phone looking nice and pretty with this simple yet sleek crochet pattern, which uses the single crochet technique.

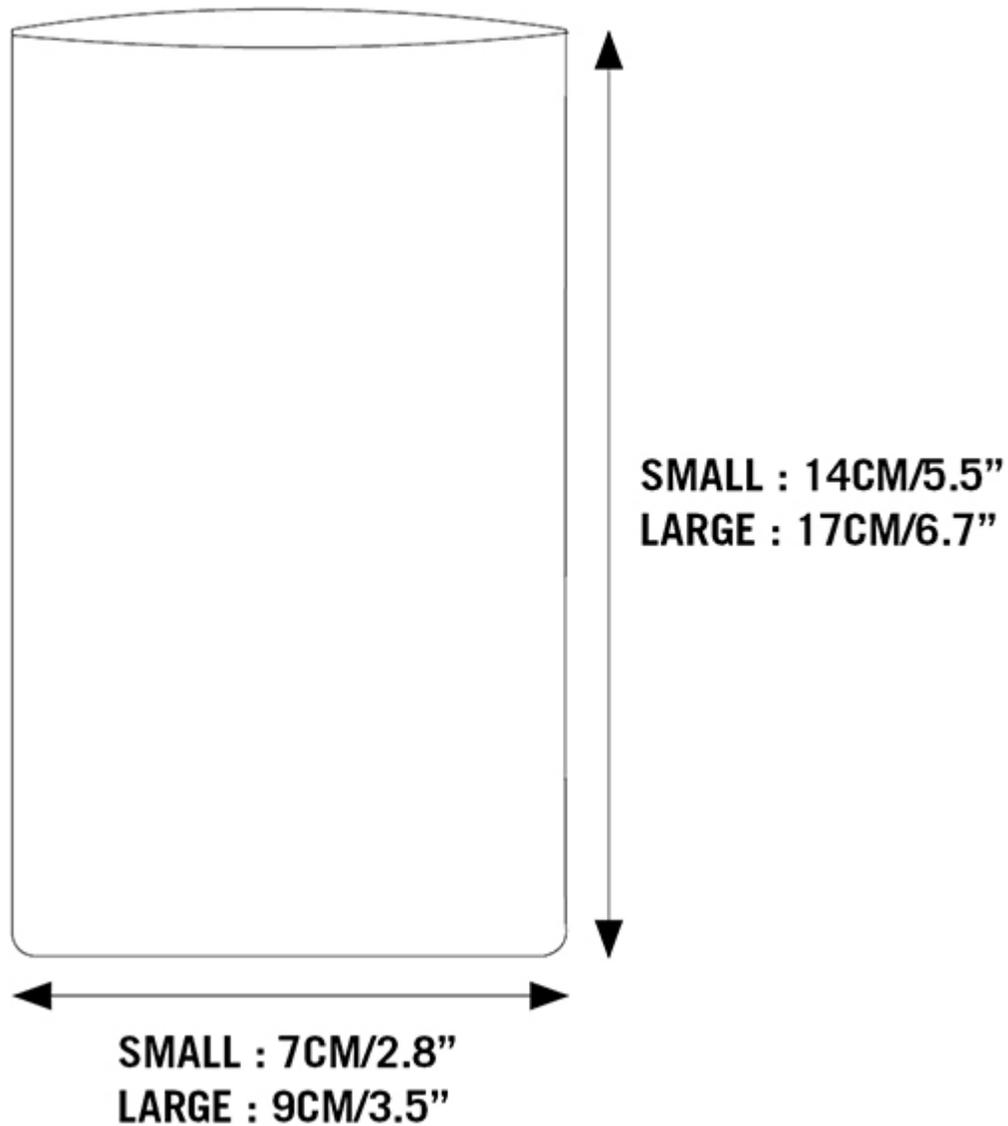


**TOOL KIT**

- 1 roll of WATG's Ra-Ra Raffia
- 4.5mm/US 7 crochet hook
- Large sewing needle

**TENSION**

Single crochet: 10cm/4" = 16 stitches and 19 rows



# HOW TO CROCHET YOUR SPEECHLESS PHONE CASE

## SMALL PHONE CASE

1. Make a foundation chain of 11 stitches.  
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2. **Increase row:** Chain 1 stitch (this is your turning chain), work in single crochet until you have 1 stitch left of the row, work 2 single crochet stitches into the last stitch. (12 stitches).  
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3. Rotate your piece 180 degrees, so that the stitches you just worked are at the bottom of the piece, and the crochet hook is at the bottom right-hand corner.  
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4. **Increase row:** Work in single crochet across the second long edge of the foundation chain until you have 1 stitch left. Work 2 single crochet stitches into the last stitch. Work a slip stitch into the first stitch made in step 2 to join the round. (24 stitches).

## **FROM NOW ON, YOU'LL BE WORKING IN THE ROUND, ACROSS ALL 24 STITCHES.**

5. Work in single crochet until your phone case measures 14cm/5.5" from the base (approx. a further 25 rows). Cut and secure your yarn.

# LARGE PHONE CASE

1. Make a foundation chain of 14 stitches.

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2. **Increase row:** Chain 1 stitch (this is your turning chain), work in single crochet until you have 1 stitch left of the row, work 2 single crochet stitches into the last stitch. (15 stitches).

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3. Rotate your piece 180 degrees, so that the stitches you just worked are at the bottom of the piece, and the crochet hook is at the bottom right-hand corner.

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4. **Increase row:** Work in single crochet across the second long edge of the foundation chain until you have 1 stitch left. Work 2 single crochet stitches into the last stitch. Work a slip stitch into the first stitch made in step 2 to join the round. (30 stitches).

## **FROM NOW ON, YOU'LL BE WORKING IN THE ROUND, ACROSS ALL 30 STITCHES.**

5. Work in single crochet until your phone case measures 17cm/6.7" from the base (approx. a further 32 rows). Cut and secure your yarn.



**INTERMEDIATE**

# **SUPERSTAR - BACKPACK**

You're a superstar with this bag by your side (or should we say, 'on your back!'). Roomy enough for your summer essentials – the Superstar Backpack is up for a day at the beach or some time in the city.



Toward the end of July things finally came clear that after Chiara there had been crushes, mini-crushes, one-night crushes, me all of it boiled down to one thing everywhere in B. Every girl had touched had been in who knows how many ways. The image amused me. It never bothered me between a girl's legs as she lay facing between a girl's legs moving up and down. Afternoon when I too had wrapped myself over his manuscript in his *beaten* over his manuscript in his *beaten* been last night. How effortless shoulder blades each time he caught the sun. Did they taste of plain under him last night and lotion? Or of the smell that had gotten into them?  
How I wished I had shared long for them if I had them?  
*Miss star.*  
Did I want to be like her?

**TOOL KIT**

1 roll of WATG's Ra-Ra Raffia

4.5mm/US 7 crochet hook

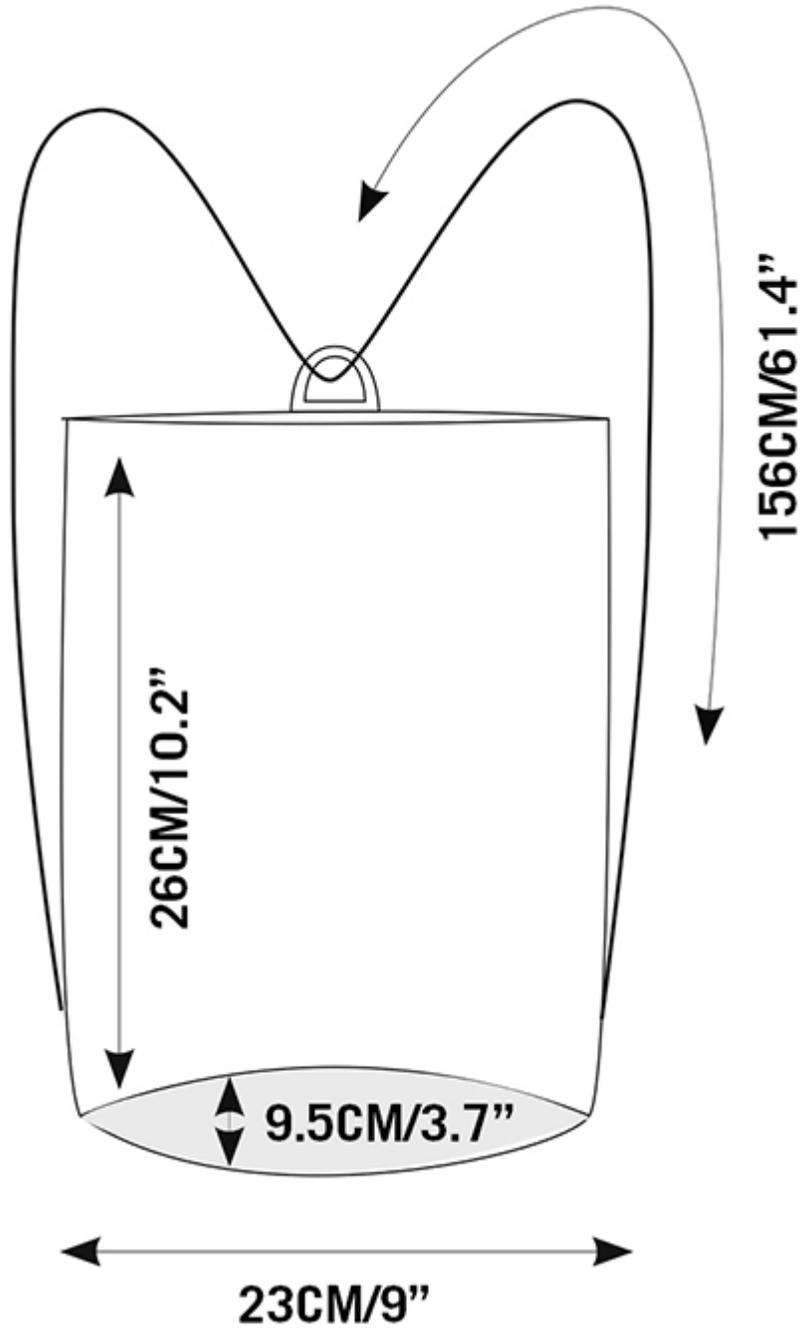
1 D ring (we used a 3x3.5cm/1.2x1.4" D ring)

1 set of magnetic clasps (we used a 2cm/0.8" diameter magnetic snap)

Large sewing needle

**TENSION**

Single crochet: 10cm/4" = 16 stitches and 19 rows



## **HOW TO CROCHET YOUR SUPERSTAR BACKPACK**

**THIS BAG IS WORKED IN THE ROUND FROM THE BASE UPWARDS. A SINGLE CONTINUOUS STRAP IS THEN MADE, AND THE D RING IS COVERED IN SINGLE CROCHET TO COMPLETE YOUR BACKPACK.**

## **BAG**

- 1.** Make a foundation chain of 18 stitches.

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- 2.** Make 1 chain stitch – this is your turning chain. Work 17 stitches in single crochet. Work 3 single crochet stitches into the last stitch of your row. (20 stitches).

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Rotate your piece 180 degrees, so that the stitches you just worked are at the bottom of your piece, and the crochet hook is at the bottom right-hand corner.

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- 3.** Work 17 stitches in single crochet across the second long edge of the foundation chain. Work 3 single crochet stitches into the last stitch. Work a slip stitch into the first stitch made in step 2.

**FROM NOW ON, FOR THE BAG, YOU'LL BE WORKING IN THE ROUND ACROSS ALL 40 STITCHES, IN SINGLE CROCHET THROUGH THE BACK OF THE STITCH UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE.**

- 4. Increase round:** Make 1 chain stitch, place a yarn marker. \*Work 17 stitches, work twice through the back

of the next 3 stitches\*. Repeat the section inside the stars once more. (46 stitches).

**YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED 1 ROUND. YOU WILL BE WORKING IN A CONTINUOUS SPIRAL, SO DON'T JOIN YOUR ROUNDS WITH A SLIP STITCH ANYMORE.**

**5. Increase round:** Reposition your yarn marker. Do this at the start of each round. Work 17 stitches. \*Work twice through the back of the next stitch, work 1 stitch\*. Repeat the section inside the stars twice more. Work 17 stitches. Repeat the section inside the stars a further 3 times. (52 stitches).

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**6. Increase round:** Work 17 stitches. \*Work twice through the back of the next stitch, work 2 stitches\*. Repeat the section inside the stars twice more. Work 17 stitches. Repeat the section inside the stars a further 3 times. (58 stitches).

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**7. Increase round:** Work 17 stitches. \*Work twice through the back of the next stitch, work 3 stitches\*. Repeat the section inside the stars twice more. Work 17 stitches. Repeat the section inside the stars a further 3 times. (64 stitches).

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**8. Increase round:** Work 17 stitches. \*Work twice through the back of the next stitch, work 4 stitches\*. Repeat the section inside the stars a further 3 times.

Work 12 stitches. Repeat the section inside the stars a further 3 times. (71 stitches).

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**9. Increase round:** Work twice through the back of the next stitch, work 16 stitches. \*Work twice through the back of the next stitch, work 5 stitches\*. Repeat the section inside the stars a further 3 times. Work 12 stitches. Repeat the section inside the stars a further 3 times. (79 stitches).

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**10. Increase round:** Work twice through the back of the next stitch, work 17 stitches. \*Work twice through the back of the next stitch, work 6 stitches\*. Repeat the section inside the stars a further 3 times. Work 12 stitches. Repeat the section inside the stars a further 3 times. (87 stitches).

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**11. Increase round:** Work 32 stitches. Work twice through the back of the next stitch, work 43 stitches. Work twice through the back of the next stitch, work 10 stitches. (89 stitches).

**YOU HAVE NOW FINISHED THE BASE OF YOUR BAG,  
YOU WILL NOW START WORKING THE BODY.**

**12.** Work 2 rounds in single crochet.

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**13. Decrease round:** Work 19 stitches, decrease 1 stitch (all decreases in this pattern are also worked through

the back of the stitch). \*Work 6 stitches, decrease 1 stitch\*. Work 7 stitches, decrease 1 stitch. Repeat the section inside the stars once more. Work 18 stitches, decrease 1 stitch. Repeat the section inside the stars once more. Work 7 stitches, decrease 1 stitch. Work 6 stitches. (82 stitches).

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**14. Decrease round:** Decrease 1 stitch. Work the rest of your round as normal. (81 stitches).

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**15. Decrease round:** Work 25 stitches, decrease 1 stitch. \*Work 6 stitches, decrease 1 stitch\*. Work 31 stitches, decrease 1 stitch. Repeat the section inside the stars once more. Work 5 stitches. (77 stitches).

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**16.** Work 1 round in single crochet.

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**17.** Repeat step 16 until your bag measures 26cm/10.2" from the last base round made in step 11 (approx. a further 44 rounds).

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**18.** Work 1 round in slip stitch through the back of the stitch. Finish this round by making a slip stitch into the first stitch of the round.

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**19.** Cut your yarn approx. 15cm/6" from the last stitch. Pull on the loop on your crochet hook until the end pops through.



## **STRAP**

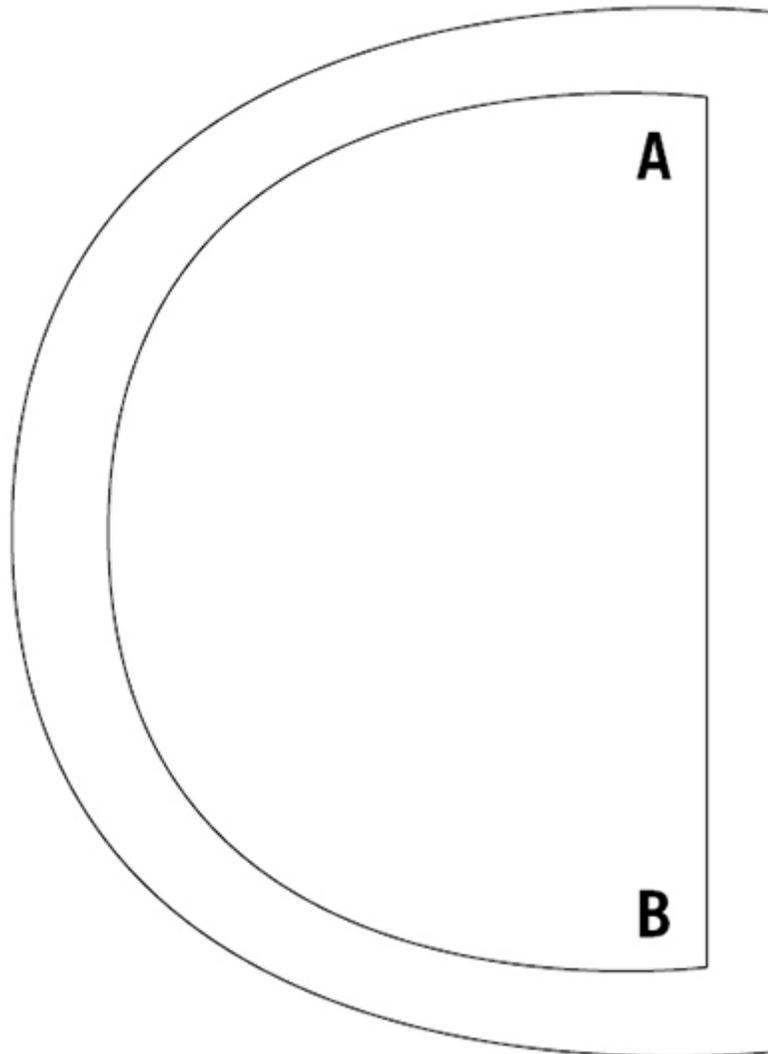
- 1.** Make a foundation chain of 291 stitches.  
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- 2.** Work 1 row of slip stitch into the back bump. (291 stitches).  
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- 3.** Cut your yarn approx. 15cm/6" from the last stitch. Pull on the loop on your crochet hook until the end pops through.

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## **D RING**

- 1.** Make a slip knot and place it on your hook.  
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- 2.** Start at point A (see [diagram 1](#)), place your hook through the D ring and lay your yarn over the top. Wrap your yarn around the hook and pull the loop through. Make a chain stitch.

## DIAGRAM 1



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- 3.** You will now start working anti-clockwise around your D ring in single crochet. (Remember each time you make a stitch, place your hook into the D ring, and yarn over the top.) Work as follows:
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Point A to Point B – 13 single crochet stitches.

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Point B to Point A – 7 single crochet stitches.

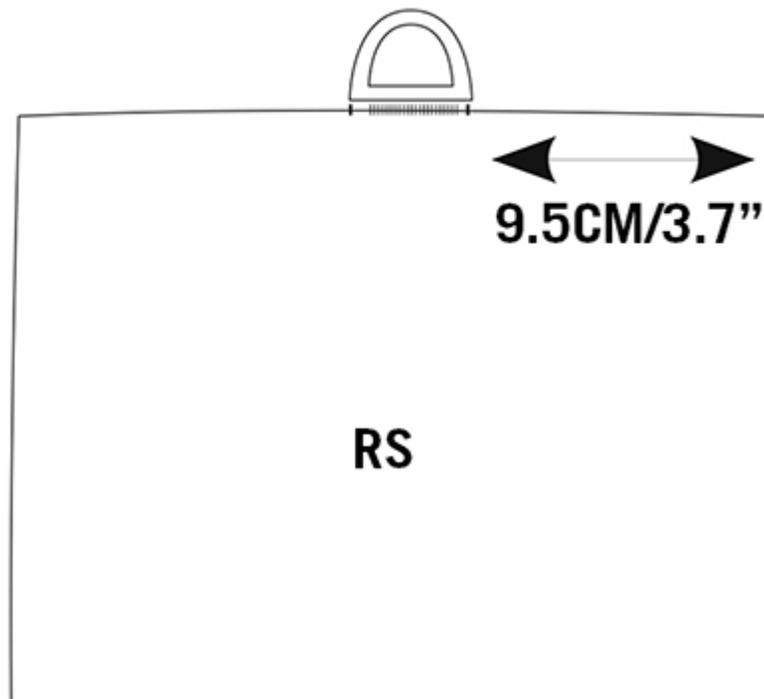
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- 4.** Make a slip stitch into the first stitch then cut your yarn approx. 15cm/6" from the last stitch. Pull on the loop on your crochet hook until the end pops through.

## **ASSEMBLY AND FINISHING**

- 1.** Lay your bag flat and at the top measure 9.5cm/3.7" from the right-hand side of your bag. At this point, attach point A on your D ring to the top of your bag using whip stitch (see [diagram 2](#)). Continue working in whip stitch from right to left across the flat edge of the D ring making sure that it sits centrally.

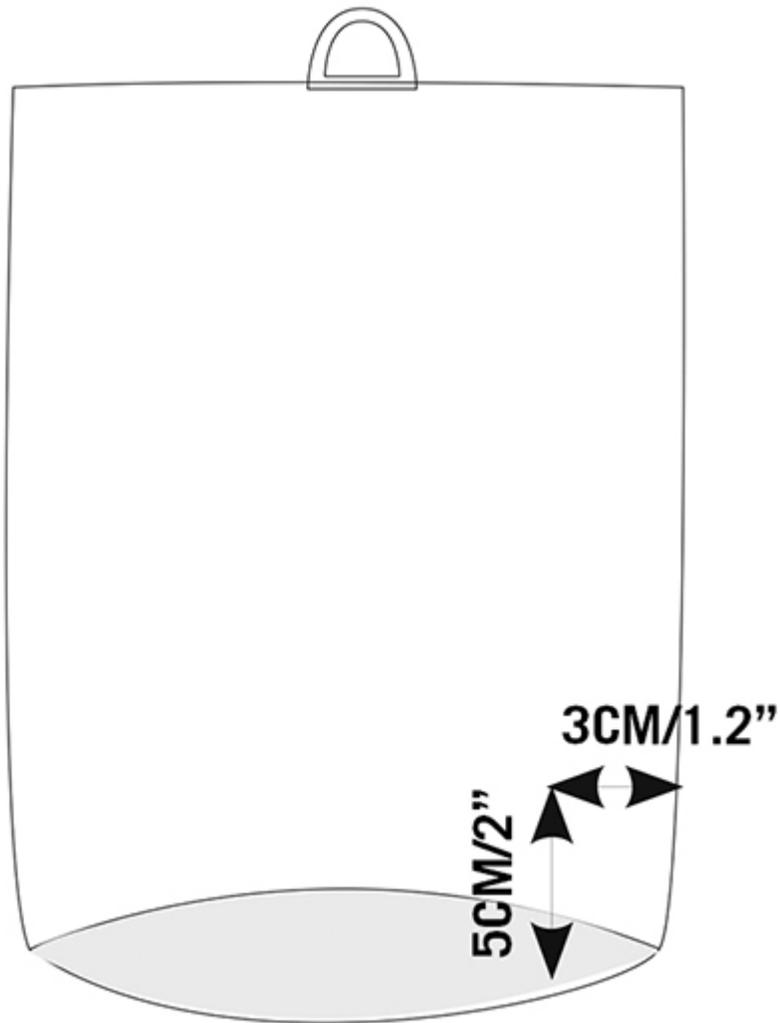
## DIAGRAM 2



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2. Lay your bag flat, with the side you just attached your D ring to facing upwards. Measure 5cm/2" from the base of your bag and 3cm/1.2" from the right-hand side of your bag (see [diagram 3](#)). Mark this point.

### DIAGRAM 3



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3. Thread one end of your strap through the closest stitch to the marked point. Pull 10cm/4" of the strap through to the inside of the bag. Tie a tight knot inside your bag with the 10cm/4" of strap. Then tie another knot on top of this, pulling as tight as you can. Your strap should feel secure and unable to escape through the stitch. Trim your strap leaving a 4cm/1.5" tail.

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- 4.** Thread the unattached end of your strap through the D ring.
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- 5.** Now measure 5cm/2" from the base of your bag and 3cm/1.2" from the left-hand side of your bag. Mark this point.
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- 6.** Repeat step 3 for the other side of your strap.
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- 7.** To finish your backpack, you will now attach the magnetic clasp to the inside of the bag. Find the centre point of the top edge of both the front and back of your bag (this should be 11.5cm/4.5" from each side of your bag). Place the first half of your magnetic clasp, so the top edge sits 0.5cm/0.2" down from the front central point, on the inside edge of your bag.
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- 8.** Using a sharp sewing needle and a piece of yarn, secure the clasp to the inside of your bag with a few stitches.
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- 9.** Place the second half of your magnetic clasp, so the top edge sits 0.5cm/0.2" down from the back central point, on the inside edge of your bag. Repeat step 8.
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- 10.** Weave in any loose ends.



# STITCHED UP

## **SUPERSTAR BACKPACK**

It's the Superstar Backpack with a twist. In this crochet design, the front of the backpack is decorated with a dozen two-colour stars made up of straight stitches, each fanning out from one centre point.



**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

600cm/236" each of colour A and colour B for backpack embroidery

**STARTING AT THE BOTTOM, YOU WILL EMBROIDER 4 ROWS OF 3 STARS, EACH ROW OFFSET FROM THE ONE BEFORE IT. WHEN WORKING THE COLOUR B (TOP) HALF OF THE STARS, YOU MIGHT FIND IT EASIER TO ROTATE THE BACKPACK THROUGH 180 DEGREES AS DESCRIBED IN THE STEPS.**

**1.** Place your backpack on a flat surface with the front facing upwards. Thread your needle with 150cm/59" of colour A (this will be enough to embroider the bottom half of 3 stars) and working from the inside to the outside, bring it through to the front of your backpack 11.5cm/4.5" above the bottom edge and 6.5cm/2.5" in from the right-hand side edge. This will be referred to as the 'centre point'.

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**2.** Take your needle back through to the inside of your backpack, 3 crochet stitches to the right to make a straight stitch. Take your needle up through the centre point.

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**3.** Take your needle back through to the inside of your backpack, 3 crochet stitches to the right, and 1 row down. Take your needle up through the centre point.

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- 4.** Take your needle back through to the inside of your backpack, 2 crochet stitches to the right, and 2 rows down. Take your needle up through the centre point.  
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- 5.** Take your needle back through to the inside of your backpack, 1 crochet stitch to the right, and 3 rows down. Take your needle up through the centre point.  
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- 6.** Take your needle back through to the inside of your backpack, 3 rows down. Take your needle up through the centre point.  
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- 7.** Take your needle back through to the inside of your backpack, 1 crochet stitch to the left, and 3 rows down. Take your needle up through the centre point.  
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- 8.** Take your needle back through to the inside of your backpack, 2 crochet stitches to the left, and 2 rows down. Take your needle up through the centre point.  
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- 9.** Take your needle back through to the inside of your backpack, 3 crochet stitches to the left, and 1 row down. Take your needle up through the centre point.  
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- 10.** Take your needle back through to the inside of your backpack, 3 crochet stitches to the left to make a straight stitch.  
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**11.** Instead of taking your needle up through the original centre point, you will now work the colour A section of the two-colour star immediately to the left. Without breaking your yarn, bring your needle up through to the front of your backpack, 10 crochet stitches to the left of the original centre point – this is your new centre point.

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**12.** Repeat steps 2 to 10 to work the colour A section of your second two-colour star.

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**13.** To work the colour A section of your third two-colour star, find your new centre point by bringing your needle up through to the front of your backpack 10 crochet stitches to the left of the previous centre point – this is your new centre point.

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**14.** Repeat steps 2 to 10 to work the colour A section of your third two-colour star.

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**15.** Rotate your backpack 180 degrees so that the base is at the top. Thread your needle with 150cm/59" of colour B and working from the inside to the outside, bring it through to the front of your backpack through the centre point of your third two-colour star.

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**16.** Using colour B, repeat steps 1 to 14 to complete your first row of two-colour stars.

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**17.** Rotate your backpack 180 degrees so that the base is once more at the bottom. Thread your needle with 150cm/59" of colour A and working from the inside to the outside, bring it through to the front of your backpack 16cm/6.3" above the bottom edge and 4cm/1.5" in from the right-hand side edge. This is the next centre point.

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**18.** Repeat steps 2 to 16 to embroider your fourth, fifth and sixth two-colour stars.

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**19.** Rotate your backpack 180 degrees so that the base is once more at the bottom. Thread your needle with 150cm/59" of colour A and working from the inside to the outside, bring it through to the front of your backpack 20.5cm/8" above the bottom edge and 6.5cm/2.5" in from the right-hand side edge. This is the next centre point.

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**20.** Repeat steps 2 to 16 to embroider your seventh, eighth and ninth two-colour stars.

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**21.** Rotate your backpack 180 degrees so that the base is once more at the bottom. Thread your needle with 150cm/59" of colour A and working from the inside to the outside, bring it through to the front of your backpack 25cm/9.8" above the bottom edge and

4cm/1.5" in from the right-hand side edge. This is the next centre point.

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**22.** Repeat steps 2 to 16 to embroider your tenth, eleventh and twelfth two-colour stars.

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**23.** Secure and weave in any yarn tails on the inside of your backpack.

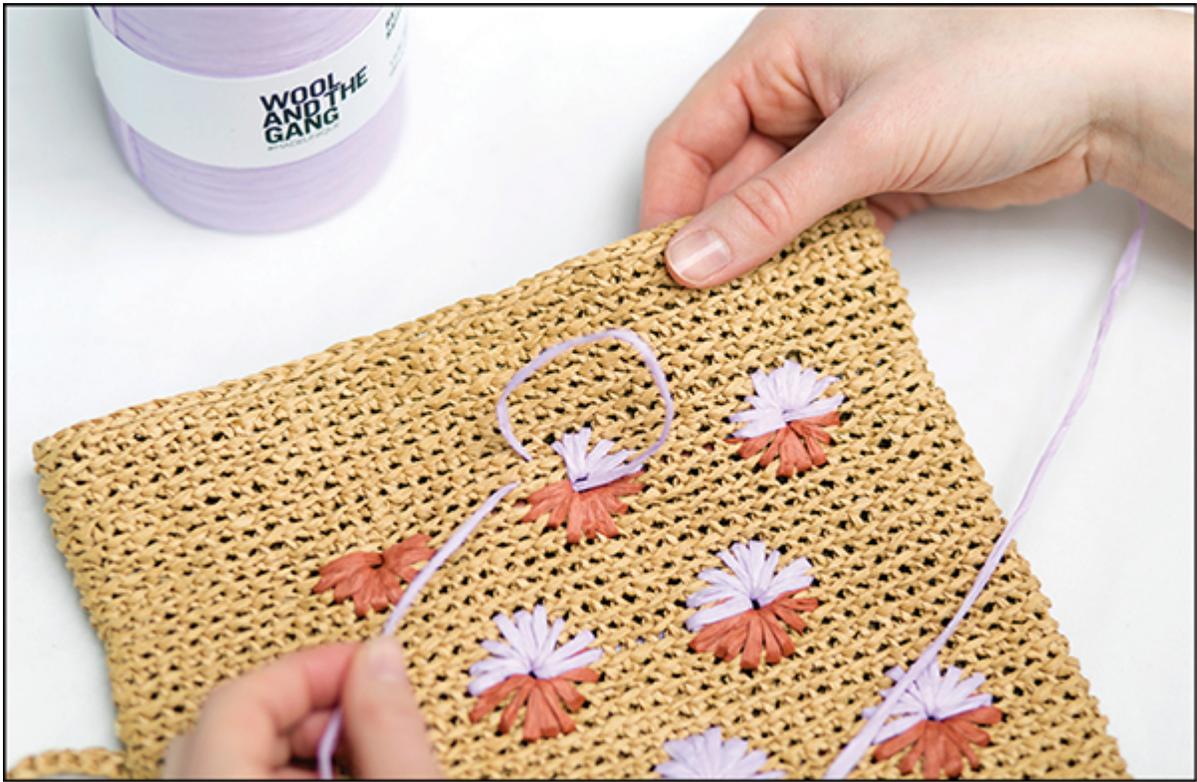
## PHOTO INSTRUCTIONS













**INTERMEDIATE**

# **JUST DANCE - NO HANDS BAG**

A hands-free way to keep your stuff safe. Whether you're dancing, crocheting, or simply too lazy to carry around a purse – the Just Dance No Hands Bag is the answer to all of your accessory dilemmas.



## **TOOL KIT**

1 roll of WATG's Ra-Ra Raffia

4.5mm/US 7 crochet hook

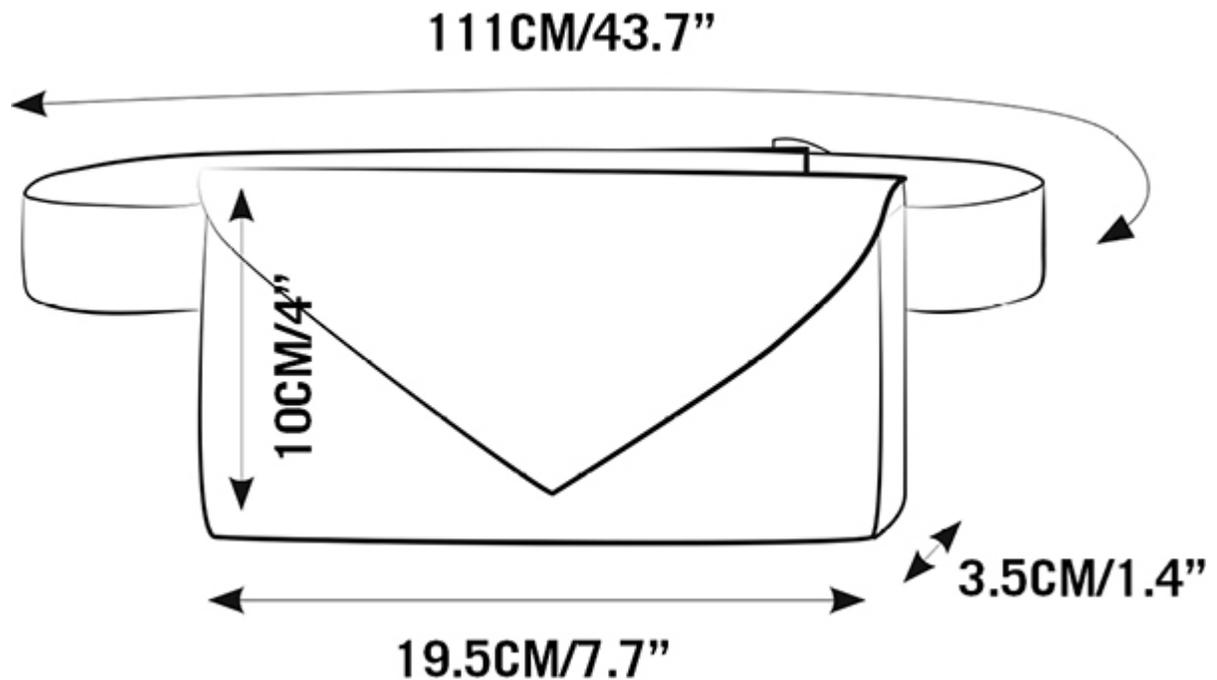
4 D rings (we used 3x3.5cm/1.2x1.4" D rings)

1 set of magnetic clasps (we used a 2cm/0.8" diameter magnetic snap)

Large sewing needle

## **TENSION**

Single crochet: 10cm/4" = 16 stitches and 19 rows



## **HOW TO CROCHET YOUR JUST DANCE NO HANDS BAG**

**THE FRONT, BASE, BACK AND FOLD-OVER FLAP OF YOUR BAG ARE MADE IN ONE PIECE CREATING THE BODY OF YOUR BAG. THE SIDE PANELS ARE CROCHETED SEPARATELY AND ATTACHED TO THE BODY OF YOUR BAG. FINALLY THE STRAP IS MADE AND ATTACHED USING D RINGS.**

## **BODY**

- 1.** Make a foundation chain of 31 stitches.  
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- 2.** Chain 1 stitch – this is your turning chain. Starting from the second chain from your hook, work in single crochet across your foundation chain. (31 stitches).  
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- 3.** Work in single crochet until your piece measures 24cm/9.4" from the foundation chain (approx. a further 45 rows).

**YOU WILL NOW WORK THE TRIANGULAR FOLD-OVER FLAP OF YOUR BAG.**

- 4. Decrease row:** Chain 1 stitch then make 2 single crochet decreases. Work in single crochet until you have 4 stitches left of your row. Make 2 single crochet decreases. (27 stitches).  
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- 5. Decrease row:** Chain 1 stitch then make 1 single crochet decrease. Work in single crochet until you have

2 stitches left of your row. Make 1 single crochet decrease. (25 stitches).

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**6.** Repeat steps 4 and 5 twice more. (13 stitches).

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**7.** Repeat step 5 a further 5 times. (3 stitches).

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**8. Decrease row:** Chain 1 stitch then make 1 single crochet decrease, single crochet 1 stitch. (2 stitches).

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**9. Decrease row:** Chain 1 stitch then make 1 single crochet decrease. (1 stitch).

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**10.** Cut your yarn approx. 15cm/6" from the last stitch. Pull on the loop on your crochet hook until the end pops through.

## **SIDE PANELS**

**REPEAT THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS TWICE TO MAKE YOUR LEFT AND RIGHT SIDE PANELS.**

**1.** Make a foundation chain of 15 stitches.

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**2.** Chain 1 stitch – this is your turning chain. Starting from the second chain from your hook, work in single crochet across your foundation chain. (15 stitches).

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- 3.** Work in single crochet until your piece measures 3.5cm/1.4" from the foundation chain (approx. a further 6 rows).  
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- 4.** Cut your yarn approx. 15cm/6" from the last stitch. Pull on the loop on your crochet hook until the end pops through.



## **STRAP**

- 1.** Make a foundation chain of 180 stitches.

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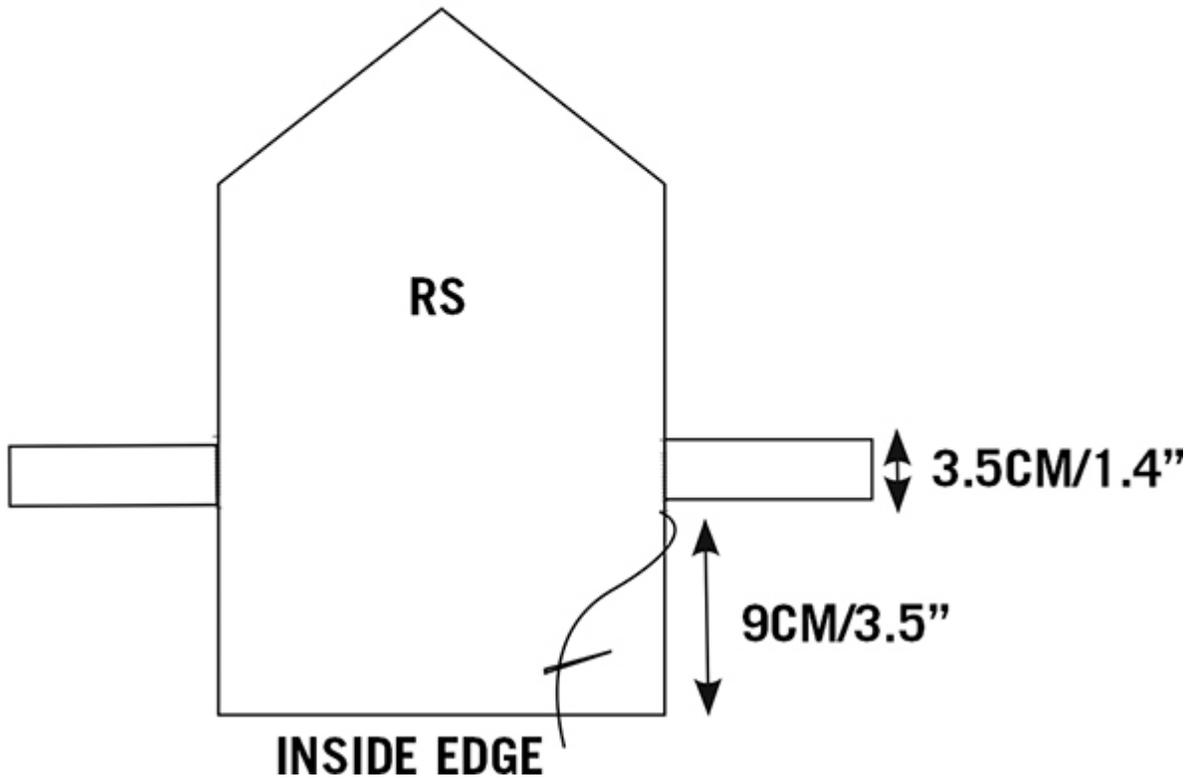
- 2.** Chain 1 stitch – this is your turning chain. Starting from the second chain from your hook, work in single crochet across your foundation chain. (180 stitches).  
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- 3.** Work in single crochet until your piece measures 2cm/0.8" from the foundation chain (approx. a further 3 rows).  
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- 4.** Chain 1 stitch then work in single crochet until you have 1 stitch left of your row. Work 2 single crochet stitches into the last stitch. This helps to turn the corner, so you can now single crochet into the short edge of your strap. (181 stitches).  
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- 5.** Single crochet 3 stitches along the short edge of your strap. Work 2 single crochet stitches into the first stitch on the long edge of your strap to turn the corner. (186 stitches).  
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- 6.** Now, working anti-clockwise around the circumference of the strap, you will work a slip stitch edging to strengthen the edges. \*Work 178 stitches in slip stitch, work 2 slip stitches into the last stitch on the long side. Slip stitch 3 across the short edge of the strap\*. Work 2 slip stitches into the first stitch on the long edge of your strap. Work 1 slip stitch then repeat the section inside the stars once more. Work a slip stitch into the first stitch of your round.

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7. Cut your yarn approx. 15cm/6" from the last stitch. Pull on the loop on your crochet hook until the end pops through.

## **ASSEMBLY AND FINISHING**

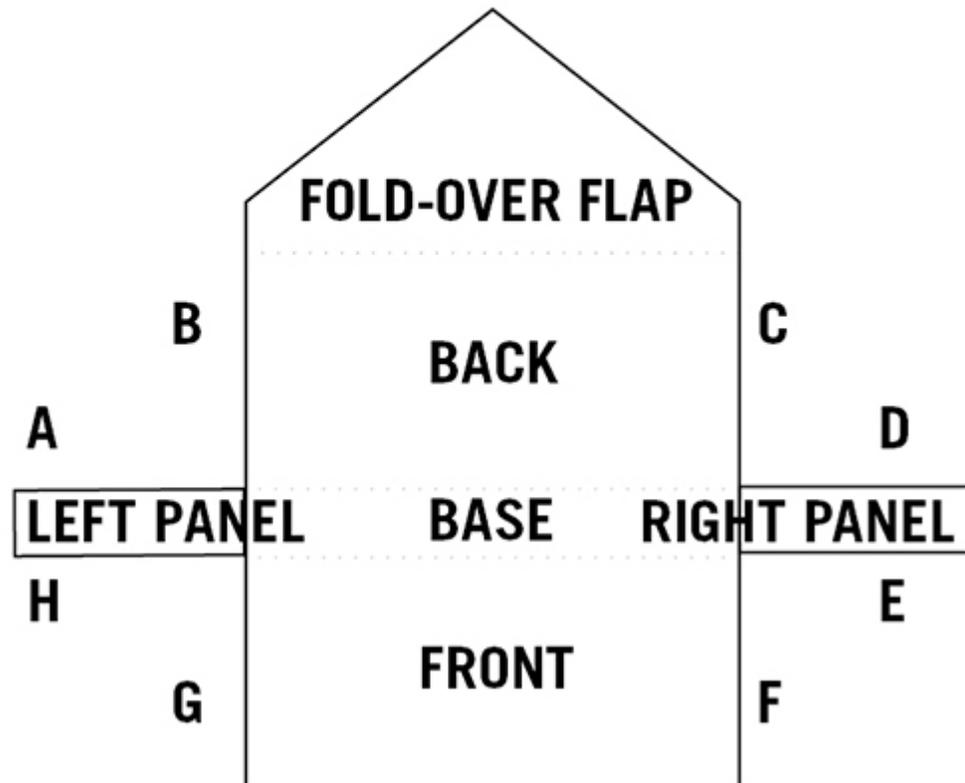
1. Firstly you will attach the side panels to the body of the bag. Lay the body of the bag flat and measure 9cm/3.5" from the inside edge. At this point you will start to attach the side panels to either side of the body (see [diagram 1](#)). Use the whip stitch technique (see [Techniques: Finishing Techniques](#)) to attach the sides for 3.5cm/1.4".

## DIAGRAM 1



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2. Now you will sew up the sides of the bag referring to diagram 2. Fold the back panel and the left side panel upwards. Starting from the base of the bag and working upwards, join side A to B using the whip stitch technique for 9cm/3.5".

## DIAGRAM 2



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**3.** Fold the right side panel upwards to join the other edge of the back panel. Starting from the base of the bag and working upwards, join side C to D using the whip stitch technique for 9cm/3.5"

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**4.** Fold the front panel upwards to join the other edge of the right side panel. Starting from the base of the bag and working upwards, join side E to F using the whip stitch technique for 9cm/3.5".

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**5.** Finally, join side G to H using the whip stitch technique for 9cm/3.5".

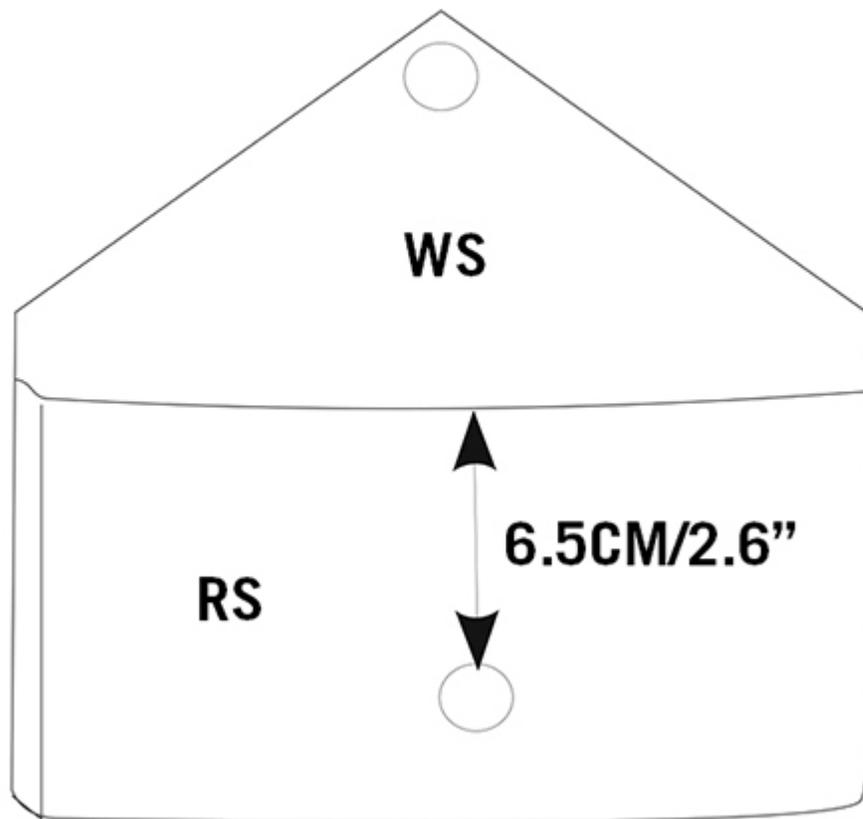
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**6.** You will now add a single crochet edging around the opening of your bag. Starting in the back right-hand corner where you joined C to D, join your yarn and work clockwise around the opening of your bag. Work 7 stitches across the top of the right panel, 31 stitches across the front panel and 7 stitches across the left panel. Work 26 stitches across the bag flap until you reach the central point. Work another 26 stitches until you reach the first stitch of your edging. Work a slip stitch into this stitch.

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**7.** You will now attach the magnetic clasp to secure the inside of the bag, referring to diagram 3. Place the first half of your magnetic clasp on the wrong side of your fold-over flap, so it sits neatly in the centre of the point.

## DIAGRAM 3



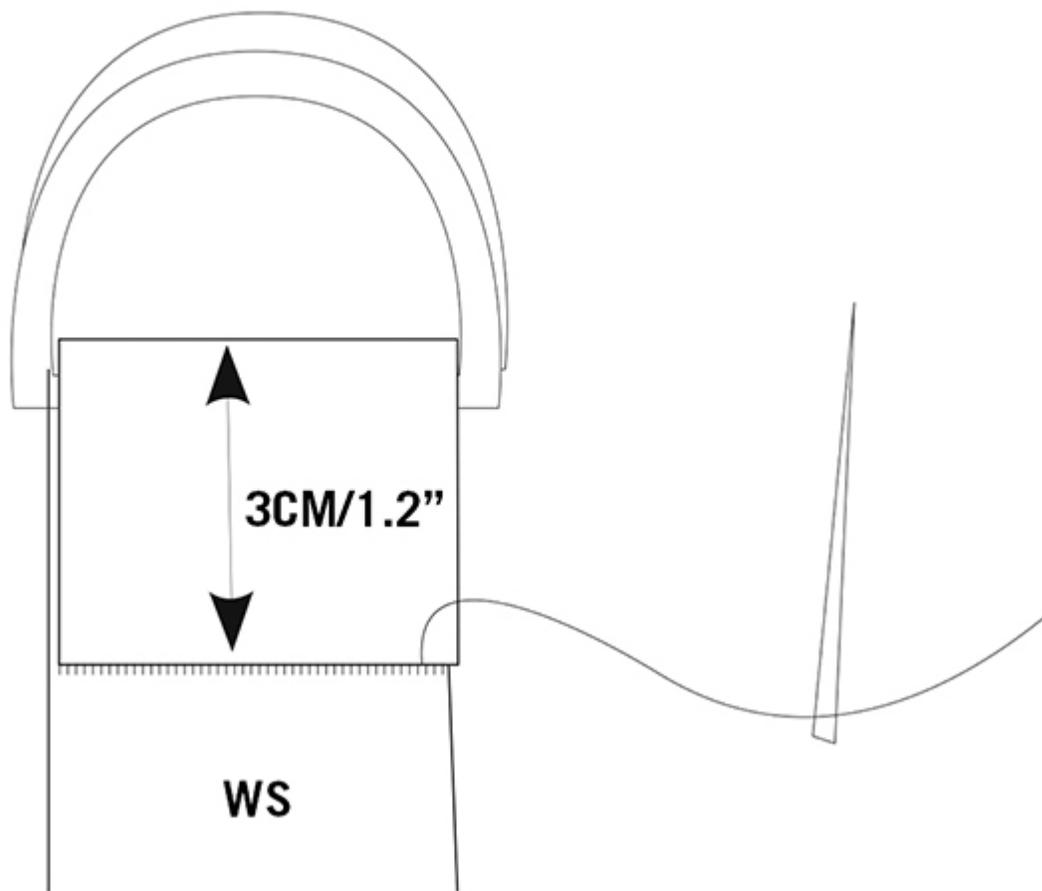
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- 8.** Using a sharp sewing needle and a piece of yarn, secure the clasp to the inside of your bag with a few stitches.
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- 9.** Place the second half of your magnetic clasp in the centre of the front panel of your bag. The top edge of the clasp should sit 6.5cm/2.6" down from the opening of the bag. Repeat step 8 to secure.
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- 10.** Now it's time to finish off your strap with a fastening. To start to do this, take one end of your strap and

thread two D rings through, so that 3cm/1.2" of your strap is pulled through.

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- 11.** Sew the edge of your strap down to the wrong side of the strap using the whip stitch technique, securing the D rings in place (see [diagram 4](#)).

#### DIAGRAM 4

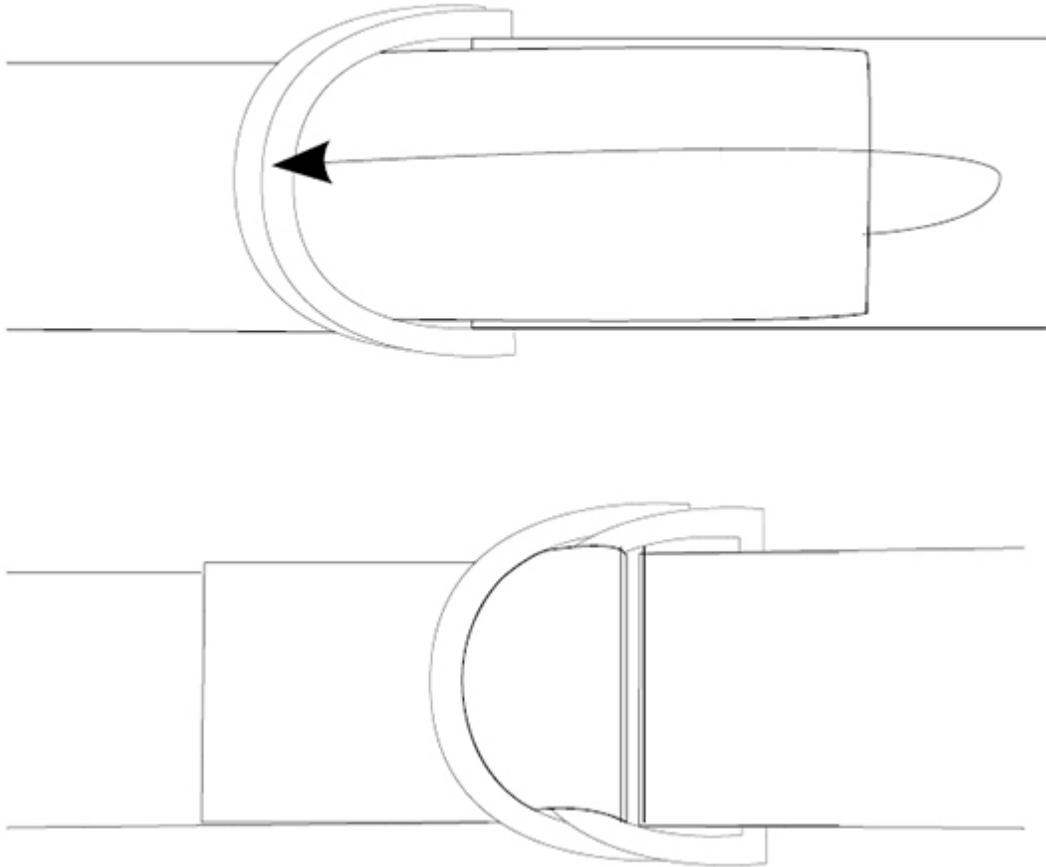


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- 12.** You have now created a fastening for your strap. Thread the other end of your strap through the two D rings (diagram 5, top). Then fold it back on itself, and

take it through the second D ring only (diagram 5, bottom). You have now made a fastening.

## DIAGRAM 5

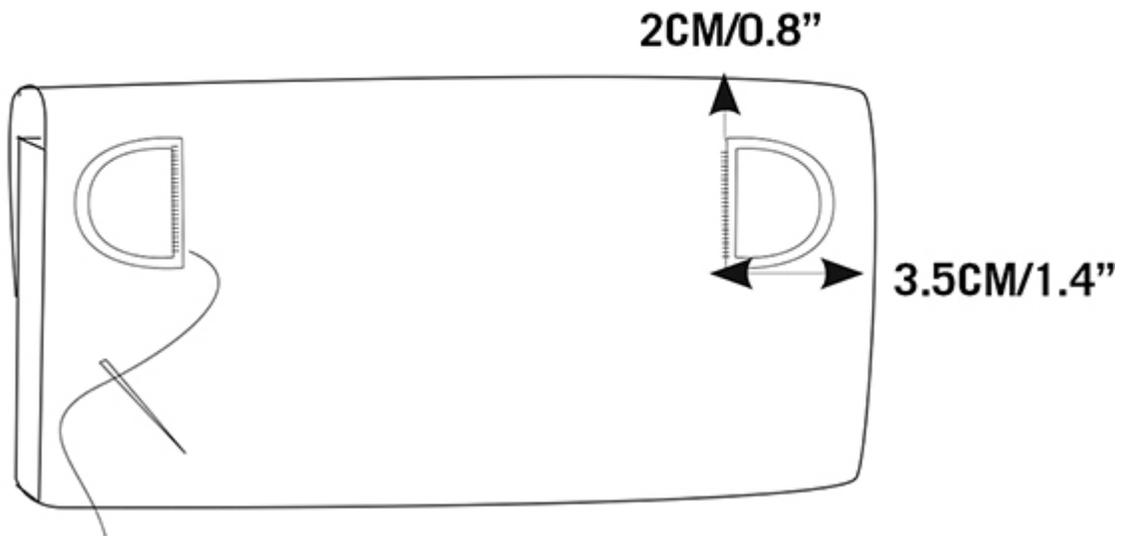


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- 13.** To finish, you will now attach your strap to your bag using the remaining two D rings. Close your bag and turn it over so the back faces upwards. Measure 2cm/0.8" from the top edge of the bag, this is where the top of the D rings will sit. Measure 3.5cm/1.4" from

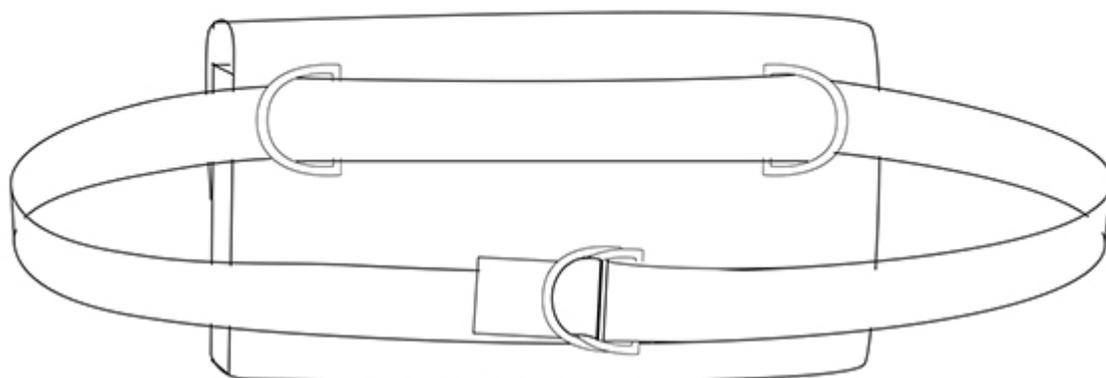
the sides of your bag and place your D rings (see [diagram 6](#)).

### DIAGRAM 6



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- 14.** Sew the straight edge of your D rings to the back of the bag using the whip stitch technique.
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- 15.** Weave in all loose ends.
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- 16.** You can now thread your strap through the two D rings to attach it to the bag. Fasten the strap, and your Just Dance No Hands Bag is complete (diagram 7).

**DIAGRAM 7**

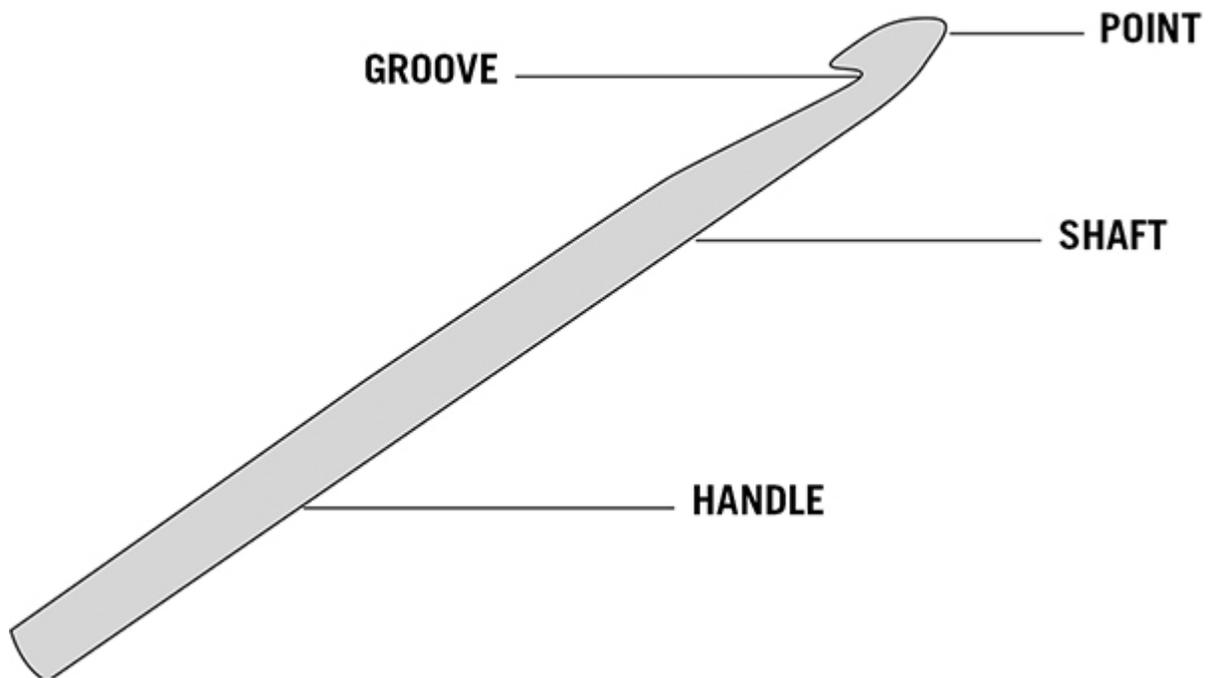


# **TECHNIQUES**

# CROCHET TECHNIQUES

## CROCHET HOOK

**THE CROCHET HOOK IS YOUR TOOL ON THE PATH TO GREATNESS! THE CROCHET TECHNIQUES MAY REFER TO DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE CROCHET HOOK – HERE IS AN ILLUSTRATION TO HELP YOU UNDERSTAND IT ALL A LITTLE BETTER.**



## MAGIC LOOP

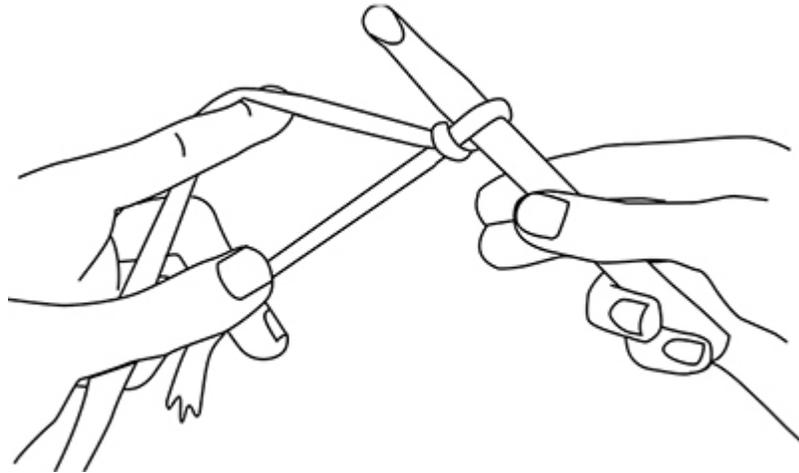
**THIS TECHNIQUE IS USED FOR STARTING OFF A CIRCULAR PIECE. YOU START BY MAKING A LOOP WITH YOUR YARN, AND THEN CREATE YOUR FIRST ROUND OF STITCHES BY WORKING INTO THIS LOOP.**

- 1.** With the tail of the yarn in the palm of your left hand, form a ring by looping the yarn around your index and middle fingers. The working yarn is now on the right.
- 2.** Hold the point where the loop overlaps so it doesn't come undone. Insert your crochet hook into the magic loop from front to back. Loop the yarn around the groove of your hook and pull it through.
- 3.** Make 1 chain stitch.
- 4.** Insert your hook into the ring, loop the yarn and pull through. There are now two loops on your crochet hook. Loop the yarn again, and pull it through the two loops already on the hook. You have now made your first single crochet stitch.
- 5.** Repeat step 4 until you have made the number of stitches indicated by your pattern.
- 6.** Pull on the tail end of your yarn to close up the hole in the centre of the work – magic!

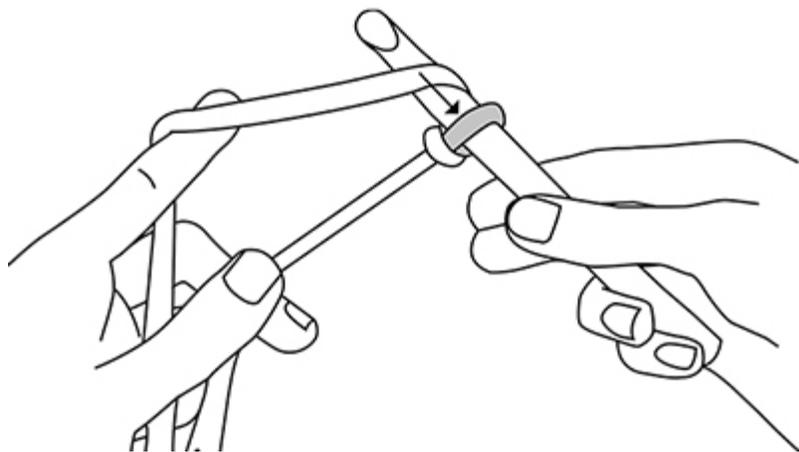
## CHAIN STITCH

**THIS IS THE FOUNDATION OF MOST CROCHET WORK AND CAN ALSO BE USED AS A TECHNIQUE ON ITS OWN. TO WORK A FOUNDATION CHAIN:**

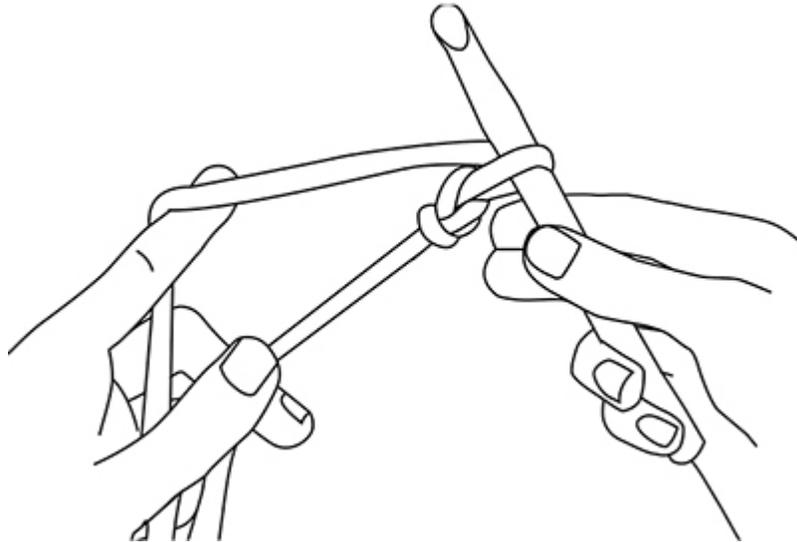
- 1.** Make a slip knot and place it on the shaft of your crochet hook. Hold the hook in your right hand and the yarn in your left hand.



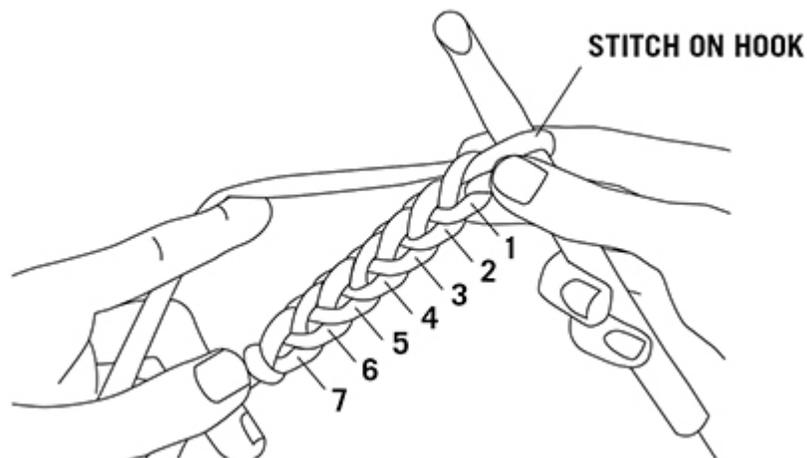
- 2.** Move the point of the crochet hook UNDER the yarn from left to right, then move it OVER the yarn from right to left. The yarn is now looped around your crochet hook.



3. Scoop up the yarn with the groove of the hook, and pull it through the loop already on your hook. Slide the new stitch towards the shaft of the hook. You've now made 1 chain stitch.



4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 to keep creating new stitches. Take care not to pull your stitches too tightly! When counting your stitches, count each of the loops except the one on your hook.



**TO MAKE A CHAIN STITCH IN THE MAIN BODY OF YOUR PIECE (FOR EXAMPLE, TO MAKE A TURNING CHAIN), REPEAT STEPS 2 AND 3.**

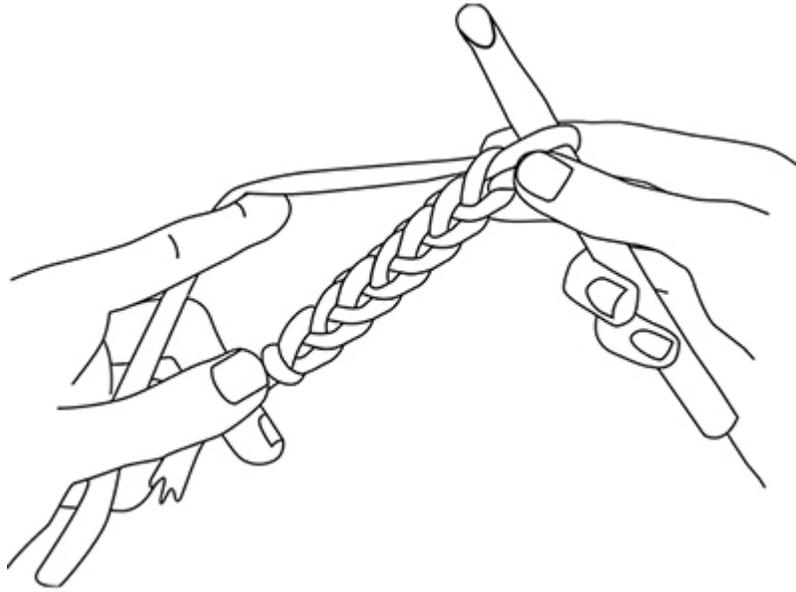
## **TURNING CHAINS**

**WHEN WORKING IN CROCHET, YOU OFTEN NEED TO DO A 'TURNING CHAIN' AT THE BEGINNING OF YOUR ROW. THIS CREATES A STITCH THAT 'LIFTS' YOU UP TO THE NEXT LEVEL, SO YOU'RE READY TO CROCHET THE NEXT ROW. THE TURNING CHAIN IS MADE UP OF CHAIN STITCHES, AND THE NUMBER OF STITCHES VARIES BETWEEN DIFFERENT TYPES OF STITCHES. (YOUR PATTERN WILL TELL YOU HOW MANY STITCHES TO USE FOR THE STITCH YOU'RE WORKING IN.)**

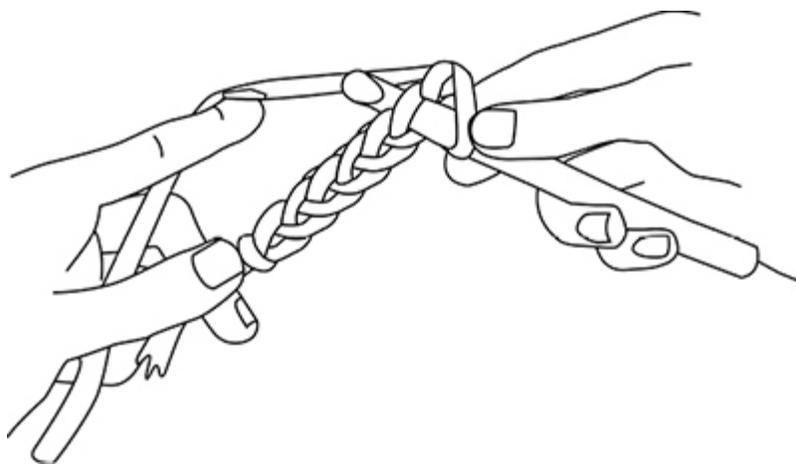
## **SINGLE CROCHET**

**THIS STITCH IS ONE OF THE MOST BASIC CROCHET STITCHES. IT USES A TURNING CHAIN OF 1 CHAIN STITCH. TO WORK SINGLE CROCHET INTO A FOUNDATION CHAIN AT THE BEGINNING OF YOUR WORK :**

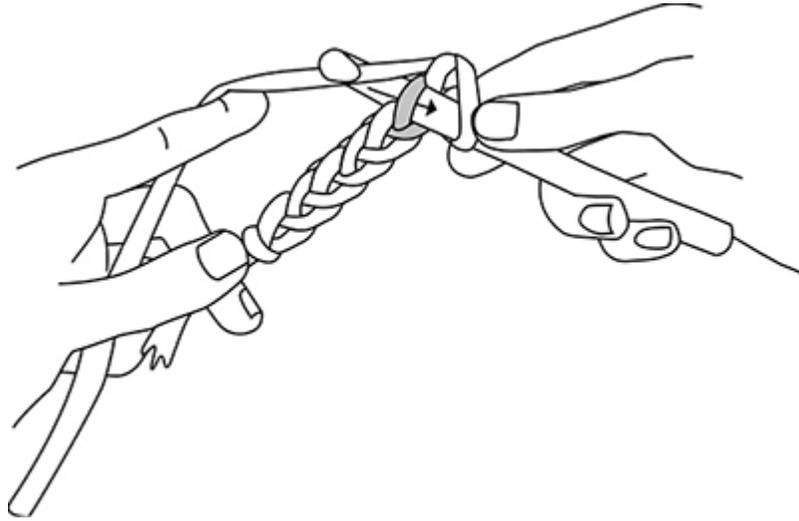
- 1.** Start with your hook in your right hand and the work in the left. Work across your foundation chain from right to left.



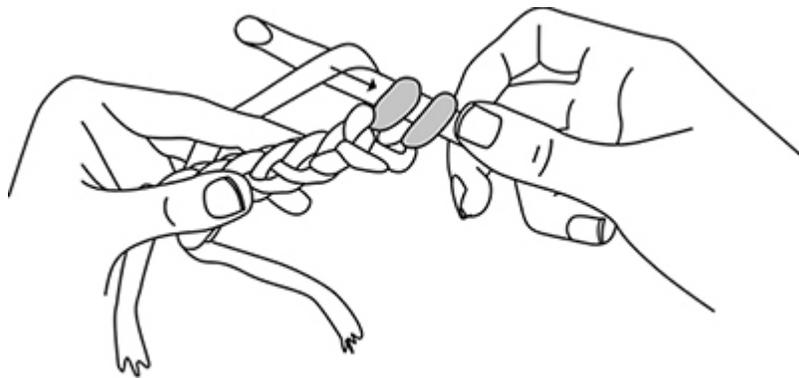
- 2.** Insert your crochet hook into the middle of the second stitch from the hook (not counting the stitch on the hook!).



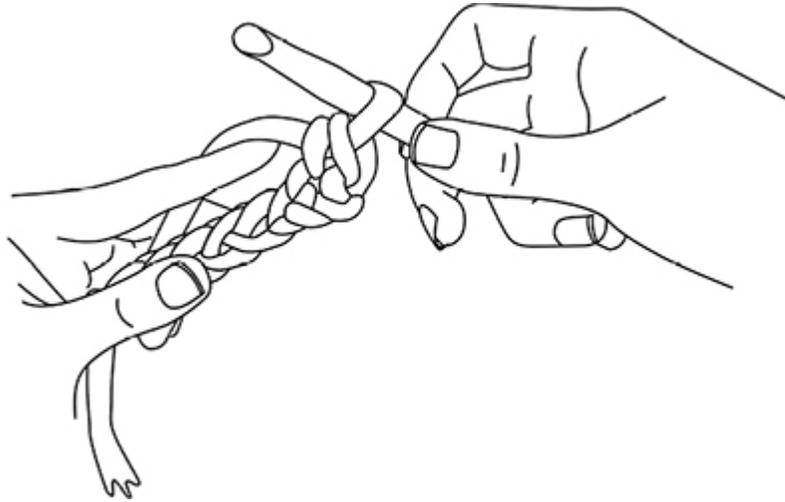
3. Move the hook under and then over the yarn. Scoop the yarn with the groove of your hook, and pull it through the stitch. There are now two loops on your hook.



4. Loop the yarn around the hook again, and pull the yarn through BOTH of the loops on your hook.

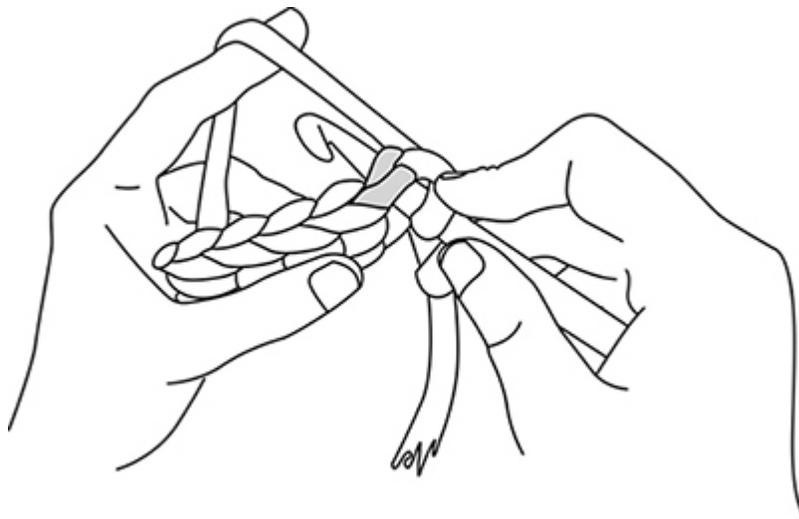


- 5.** You have now worked one stitch in single crochet, and there's a single stitch on your hook again.



6. To continue working in single crochet: insert the hook into the next stitch of your row and repeat steps 2 and 3.

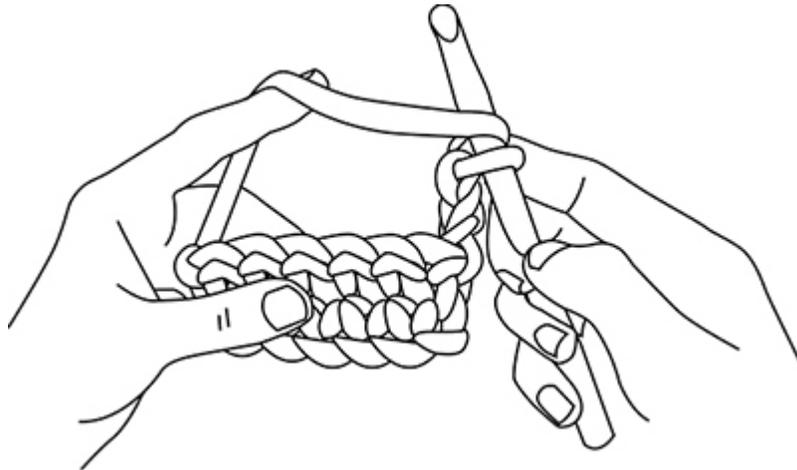
**To work single crochet into a stitch that was crocheted on the previous row:** Insert your crochet hook underneath both strands of the sideways 'V' at the top of the next stitch, then repeat steps 3 and 4.



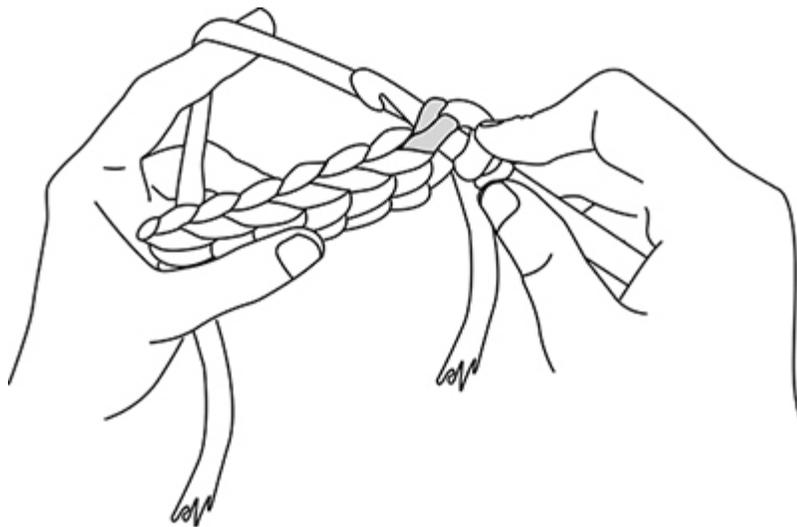
## DOUBLE CROCHET

**THIS STITCH IS A TALLER VERSION OF THE SINGLE CROCHET. IT USES A TURNING CHAIN OF 3 CHAIN STITCHES.**

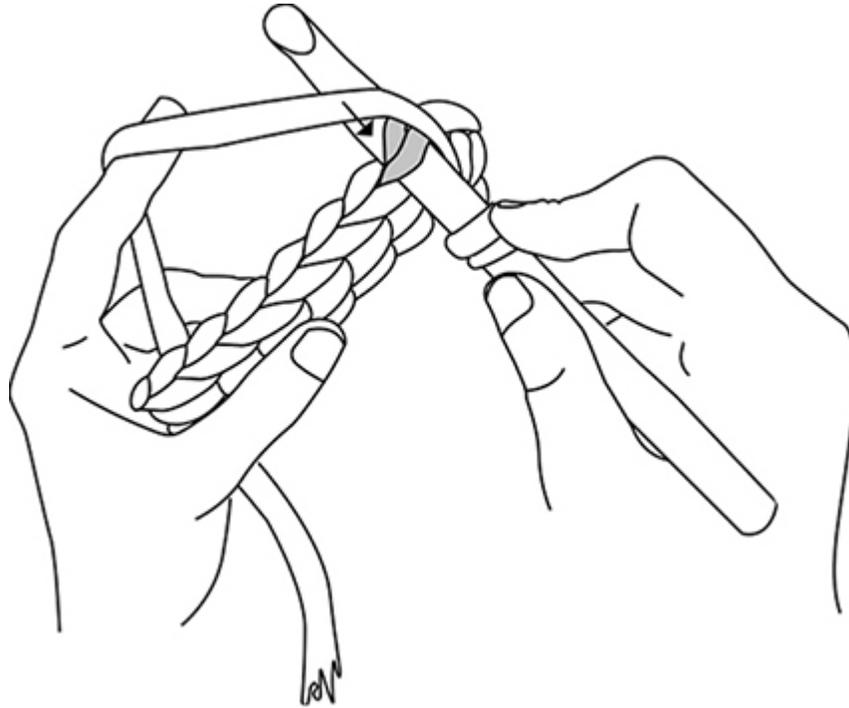
- 1.** Make 3 chain stitches (this is your turning chain). Starting with the hook in front of the yarn, move the hook underneath the yarn, and then over it, so the yarn ends up looped around the shaft of the hook.



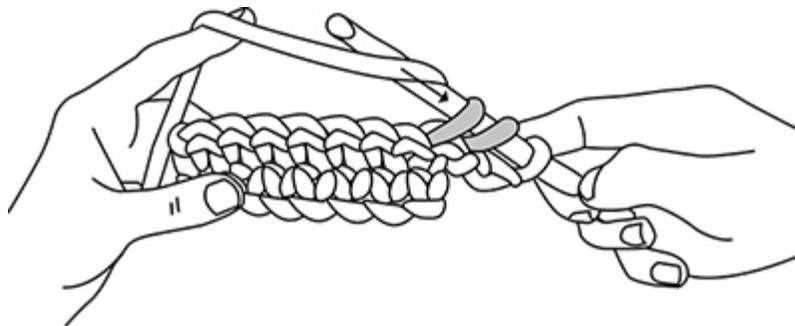
- 2.** Insert the hook into the middle of the next stitch, underneath both strands of the sideways 'V' at the top.



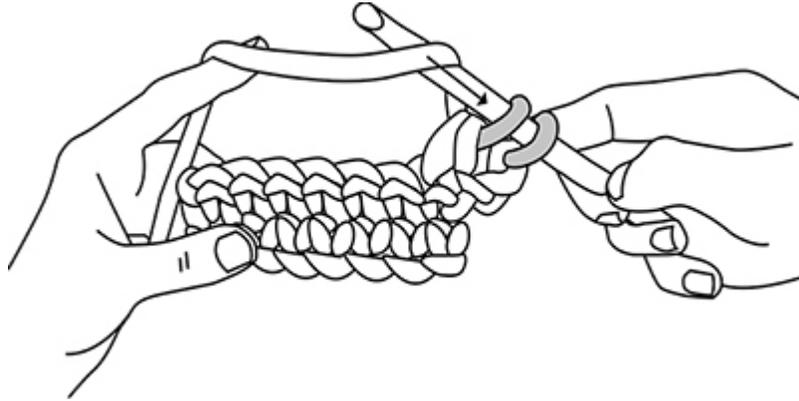
3. Loop the yarn around the groove of the hook, and pull it through the stitch and up onto the shaft of the hook. There are now three loops on your hook.



4. Loop the yarn around the hook again, and pull the yarn through two of the three loops on your hook. You now have two loops left on your hook.



5. Loop the yarn around your hook once more and draw through BOTH of the loops on your hook. There is now a single loop left on your hook and you have worked one stitch in double crochet.

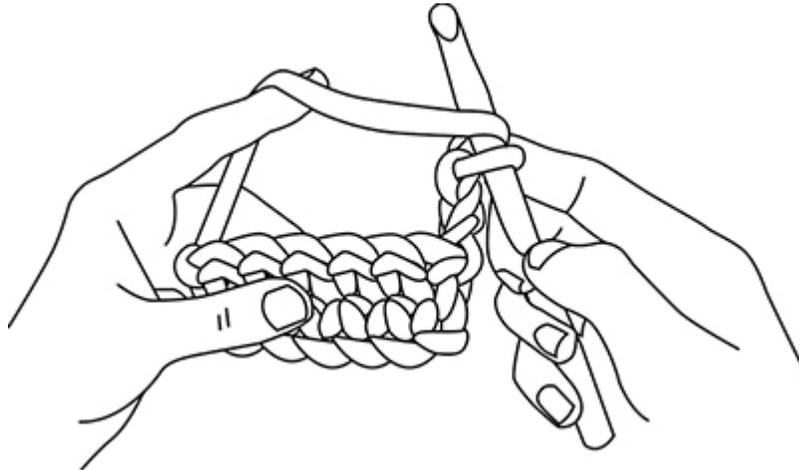


6. To continue working in double crochet, loop the yarn around the hook again, and repeat steps 2 to 5.

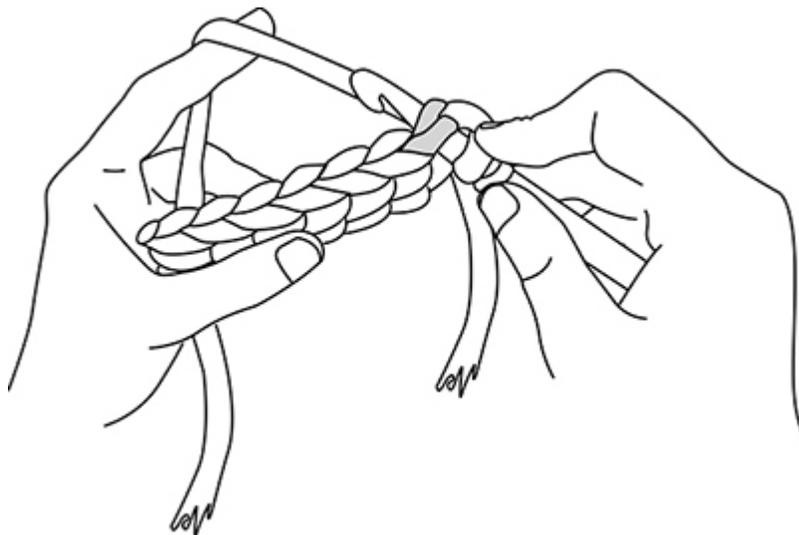
## HALF DOUBLE CROCHET

**THIS STITCH IS A TALLER VERSION OF THE SINGLE CROCHET AND A SHORTER VERSION OF THE DOUBLE CROCHET. IT USES A TURNING CHAIN OF 2 CHAIN STITCHES.**

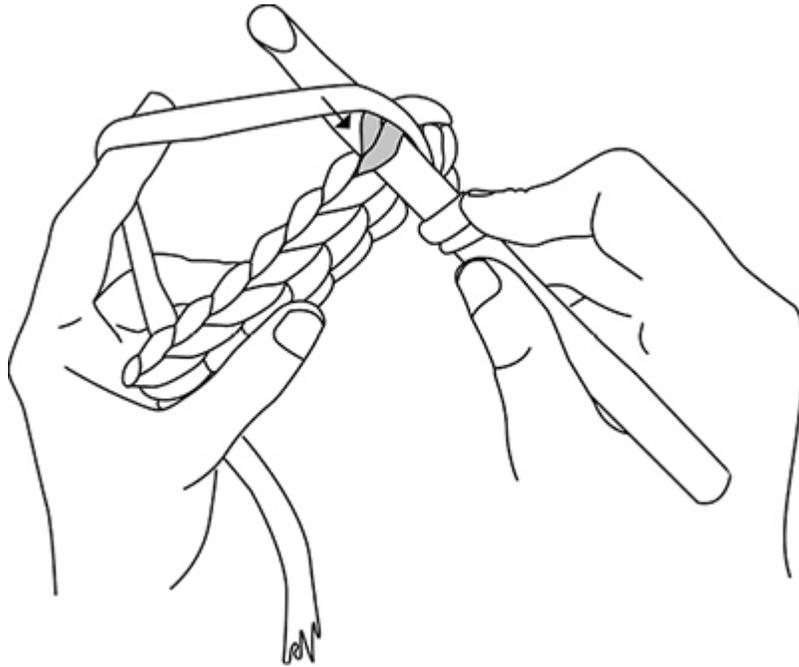
- 1.** Make 2 chain stitches (this is your turning chain).  
Starting with the hook in front of the yarn, move the hook underneath the yarn, and then over it, so the yarn ends up looped around the shaft of the hook.



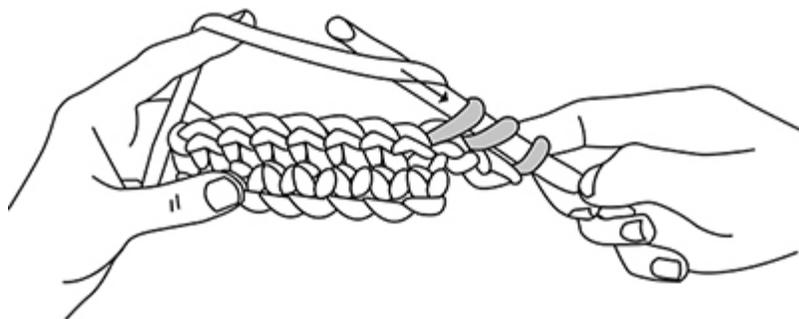
- 2.** Insert the hook into the middle of the next stitch, underneath both strands of the sideways 'V' at the top.



3. Loop the yarn around the groove of the hook, and pull it through the stitch and up onto the shaft of the hook, as shown in diagram. There are now three loops on your hook.



4. Loop the yarn around the hook again, and pull the yarn through all three loops on your hook as the diagram. You now have a single loop left on your hook, and you have worked one stitch in half double crochet.

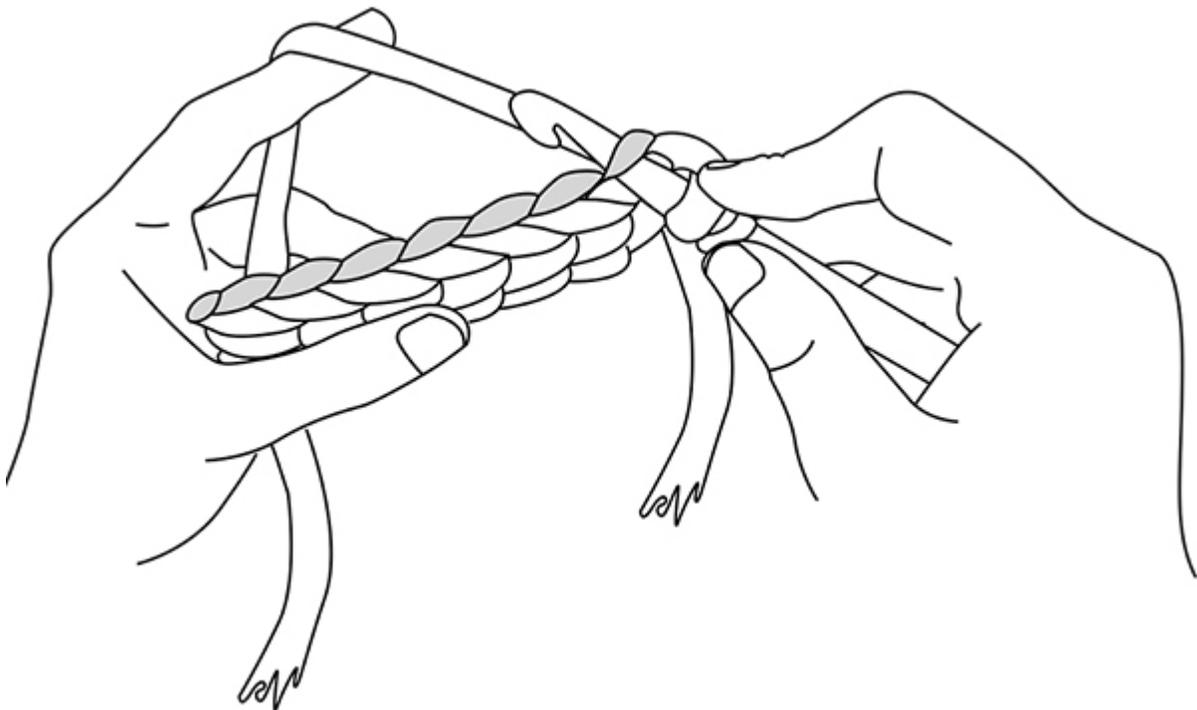


5. To continue working in half double crochet, loop the yarn around the hook again, and repeat steps 2 to 4.

## SINGLE CROCHET THROUGH THE BACK OF THE STITCH

**THIS IS A DECORATIVE TECHNIQUE THAT ADDS TEXTURE TO YOUR CROCHET. IT CAN ALSO BE USED TO CREATE A FOLD IN YOUR CROCHET WHICH CAN BE USEFUL FOR MAKING STRUCTURAL PIECES.**

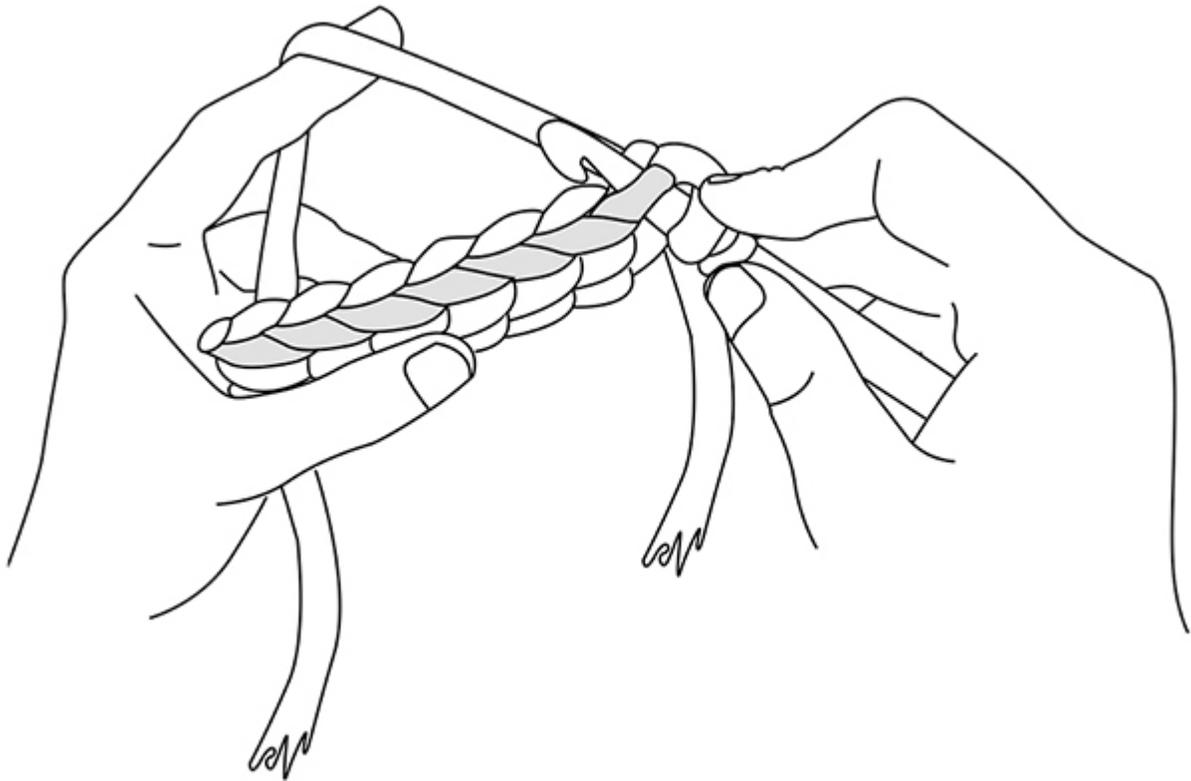
Start by inserting your crochet hook through the centre of the sideways 'V' at the top of the next stitch and out under the BACK strand of the stitch only. Complete the stitch in the usual way.



# SINGLE CROCHET THROUGH THE FRONT OF THE STITCH

**THIS IS A DECORATIVE TECHNIQUE THAT ADDS TEXTURE TO YOUR CROCHET. IT CAN ALSO BE USED TO CREATE A FOLD IN YOUR CROCHET WHICH CAN BE USEFUL FOR MAKING STRUCTURAL PIECES.**

Start by inserting your crochet hook through the front strand of the sideways 'V' at the top of the next stitch and out into the centre of the 'V'. Wrap the yarn around the hook and pull through the strand on your hook. Complete the stitch in the usual way.



## SLIP STITCH

**SLIP STITCH CAN BE USED TO JOIN A ROUND, OR TO ADD STRUCTURE TO YOUR CROCHET.**

Insert your crochet hook into the next stitch. Starting with the hook in front of the yarn, move the hook under and then over the yarn, so the yarn ends up looped around the shaft of the hook. Scoop up the yarn with the groove of your hook and pull it through both the stitch and the loop on your hook. You now have a single loop on your hook.

You have worked one slip stitch.

## CHAIN SPACES

**THIS TECHNIQUE IS USED TO CREATE A DECORATIVE HOLE IN YOUR WORK.**

On the first row, you create the 'space' by skipping stitches in your row and instead working some stitches in chain stitch – this creates a loop in your crochet. On the next row, instead of inserting your hook into stitches in the regular way, you insert your hook into the space between the chain of stitches and the row below, so the chain ends up being covered by the new stitches.

# YARN MARKERS

**YARN MARKERS ARE USED TO MARK SPECIFIC POINTS IN YOUR CROCHET – THEY ARE A GREAT WAY TO LET YOU OFF THE HOOK WHEN IT COMES TO COUNTING STITCHES AS YOU WORK! INSTEAD, YOU JUST CONTINUE WORKING AWAY UNTIL YOU REACH YOUR MARKER.**

To make a yarn marker, take a length of yarn about 10cm/4" long. When the pattern tells you to place your marker, lay it across your work directly in front of the stitch on your hook. Continue to work the next step of your pattern over the top of the marker to hold it in place. On the next row, when you reach the marker, simply pull it out from the work and place it on your new row.

# ADDING NEW YARN

**THIS TECHNIQUE IS USED WHEN YOU WANT TO CHANGE COLOUR OR TO ADD A NEW ROLL OF YARN.**

Start your stitch in the regular way, but stop before working the final wrap-around (so, for single crochet, you'd insert the hook, loop your yarn, pull the yarn through and then stop!). At this point, loop your new yarn around the hook, leaving a long tail of the new yarn, and pull the new yarn through the remaining two loops to finish the stitch.

# SINGLE CROCHET DECREASE

**THIS TECHNIQUE IS USED TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF STITCHES YOU ARE WORKING WITH.**

- 1.** Insert the hook into the middle of the next stitch, underneath both strands of the sideways 'V' at the top.
- 2.** Loop the yarn around the groove of the hook, and pull it through the stitch and up onto the shaft of the hook. There are now two loops on your hook.
- 3.** Insert your crochet hook into the next stitch of your row.
- 4.** Loop the yarn around the groove of the hook, and pull it through the stitch and up onto the shaft of the hook. There are now three loops on your hook.
- 5.** Loop the yarn around the hook once more and pull it through all three loops on your hook.
- 6.** You have now made a single crochet decrease.

# SINGLE CROCHET EDGING

**THIS IS A DECORATIVE TECHNIQUE THAT HELPS KEEP YOUR EDGES LOOKING NEAT.**

Insert your hook into the piece where you wish your edging to start, loop the yarn around the hook and pull it through.

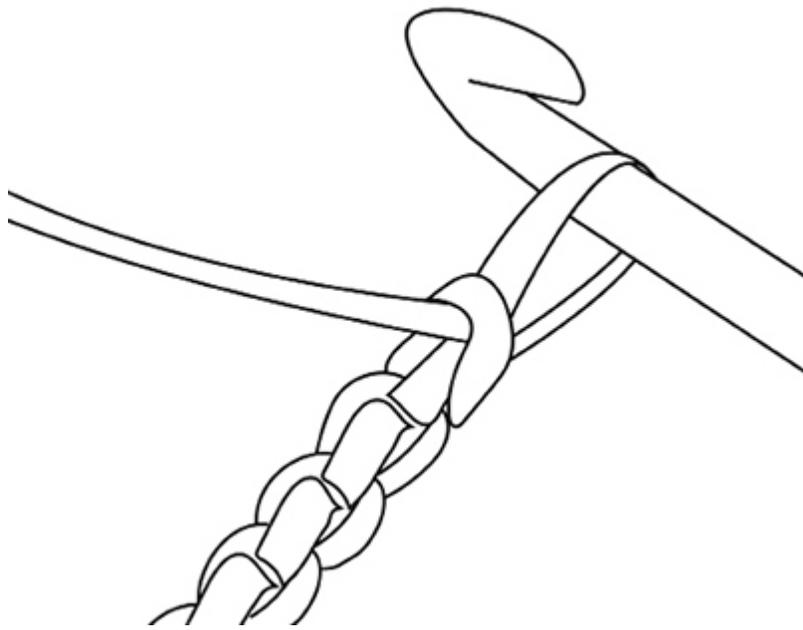
Make a chain stitch, then work anti-clockwise in single crochet around your piece. Insert your hook underneath

the sideways 'V's that run along the edge of your piece or through the vertical 'V's when working along the cast on/cast off edge.

## SLIP STITCH INTO BACK BUMP

**THIS TECHNIQUE IS USUALLY USED TO ADD STRUCTURE TO A CROCHET CHAIN.**

Your chain stitches are currently facing you as you work, rotate the stitches towards you until the back of the chain is now facing you. You will now work into the central line of bumps at the back of the chain stitches. Slip stitch into the back bump of each chain stitch. This may feel a bit tricky to start with, but this technique should create a neat double chain effect.



# **KNOTTING TECHNIQUES**

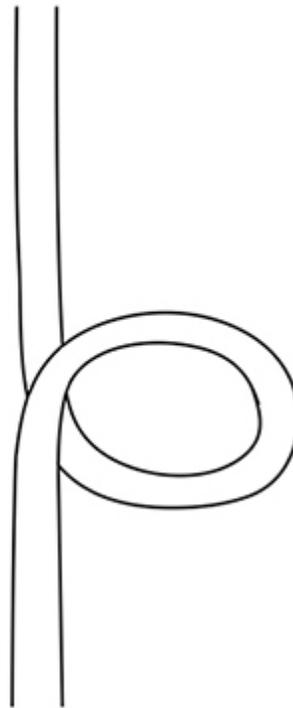
## **OVERHAND KNOT**

**THIS IS A REALLY SIMPLE MACRAME KNOT.**

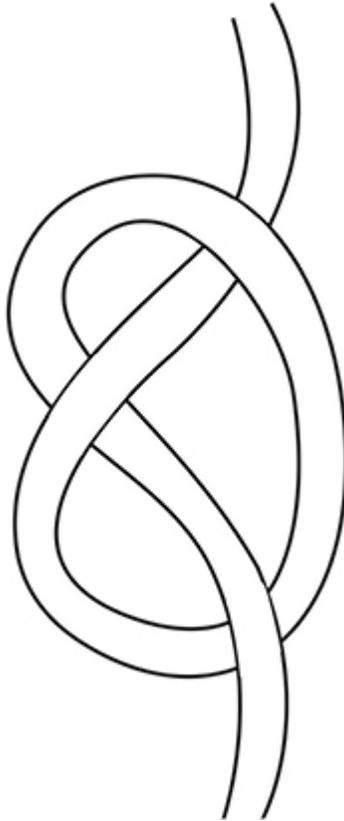
- 1.** Start by making a loop where you want your knot to be. Cross the working end in front of the standing end.

**STANDING END**

**WORKING END**



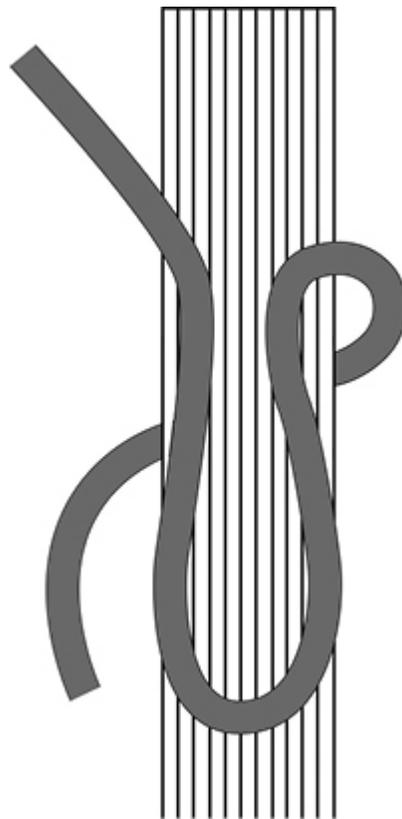
2. Now take the working end through the back of the loop and pull the two ends away from each other to tighten the knot.



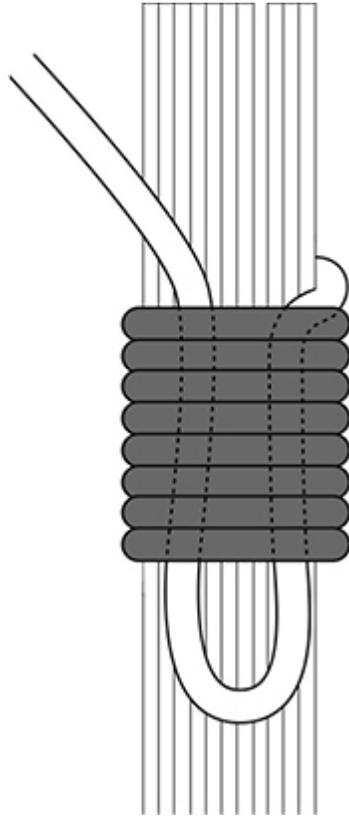
## WRAP KNOT

**THIS IS A GREAT KNOT FOR STARTING OFF A NEW  
MACRAME PROJECT OR CREATING A TASSEL.**

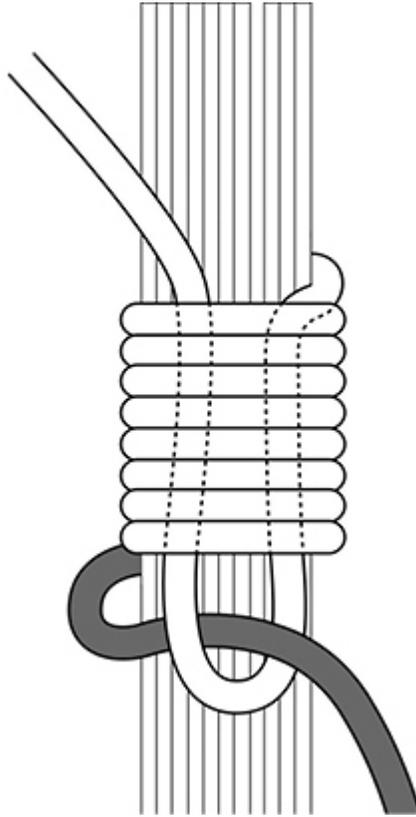
- 1.** Hold your main strands of yarn together (here 16 strands are shown, but follow the instruction in your pattern for the correct number to use for your project). Now take the shorter piece, and lay it on top of the other strands, creating a 'V' shape approx. 5cm/2" away from the trigger ring.



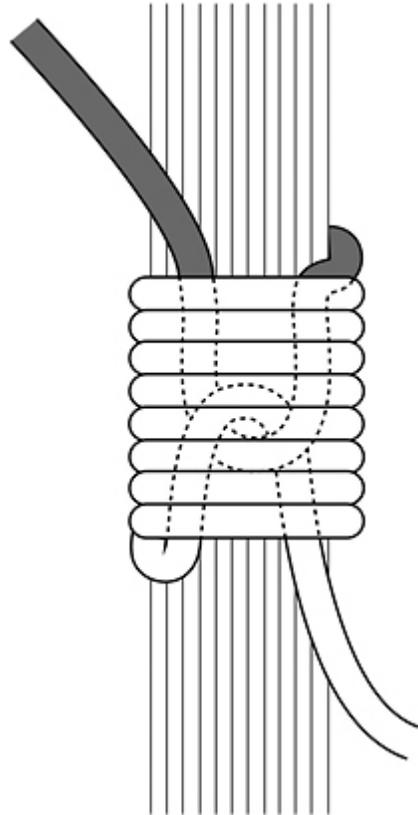
2. Wrap the long end of your working strand around the bunched strands, trapping the 'V' underneath. Wrap for 4cm/1.5" leaving, the bottom of the 'V' visible.



**3.** Pass the long end through the bottom of the 'V'.



4. Pull on the short strand at the top of the 'V' until the bottom of the 'V' has been pulled into the centre of the wrapped section. You have now secured your wrap knot. Trim the yarn ends close to the knot.

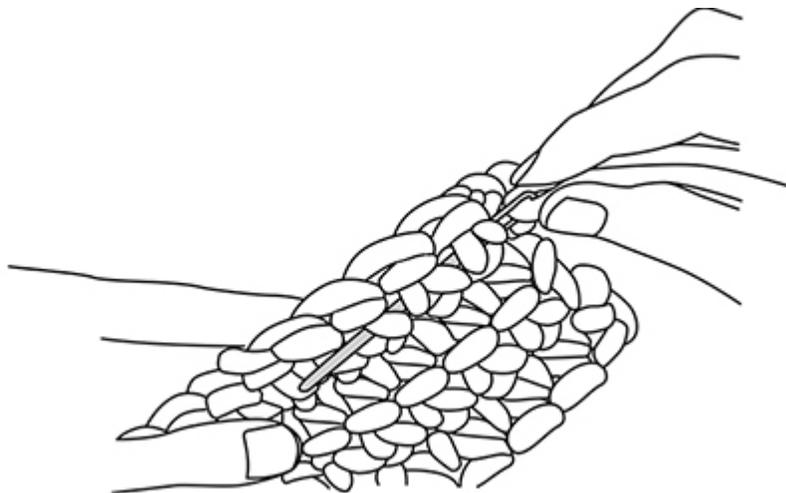


# FINISHING TECHNIQUES

## WEAVING IN YARN ENDS

**THIS IS A SIMPLE WAY OF HIDING YOUR YARN TAILS FOR A NEAT FINISH.**

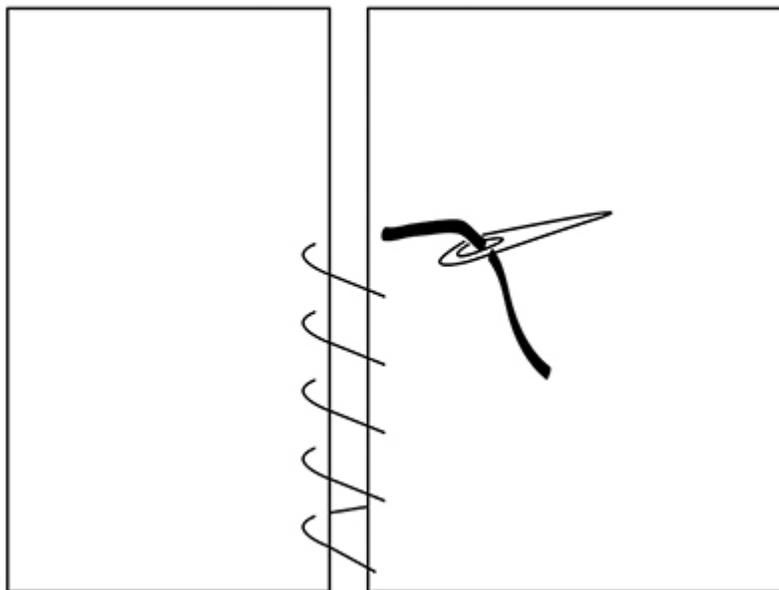
Turn your work so the wrong side is facing you. Thread your sewing needle with the yarn end, and sew horizontally across your work, inserting needle and yarn underneath the back two strands of your crocheted stitches. Work like this for a few stitches, then move down a row and work back in the opposite direction. Finally, cut the yarn close to the fabric.



# WHIP STITCH

## **THIS IS A SIMPLE WAY OF JOINING TWO PIECES OF CROCHET.**

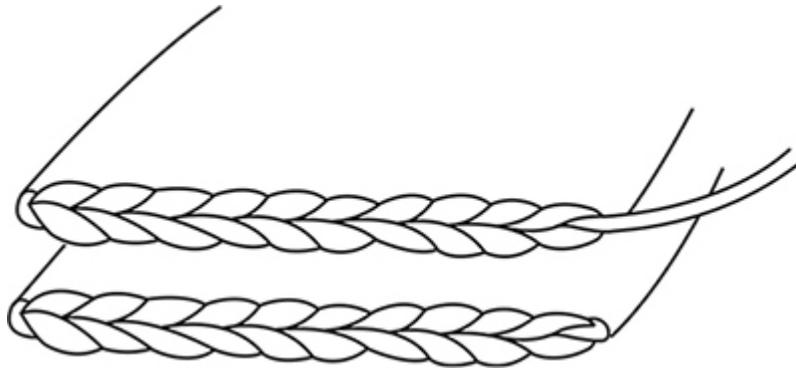
- 1.** Place the two crocheted pieces together with the right sides facing you.
- 2.** Thread your sewing needle with a strand of yarn, and secure it to the wrong side of the fabric.
- 3.** Insert your sewing needle through the first stitch of your row and, working from the inside of your piece to the outside, pull the yarn through your first piece.
- 4.** Insert your sewing needle into the next stitch in your second piece of fabric, and push it back from outside to inside. Pull the yarn through.
- 5.** Move back to your first piece and work from inside to outside once more.
- 6.** Continue in this way until your seam is done.



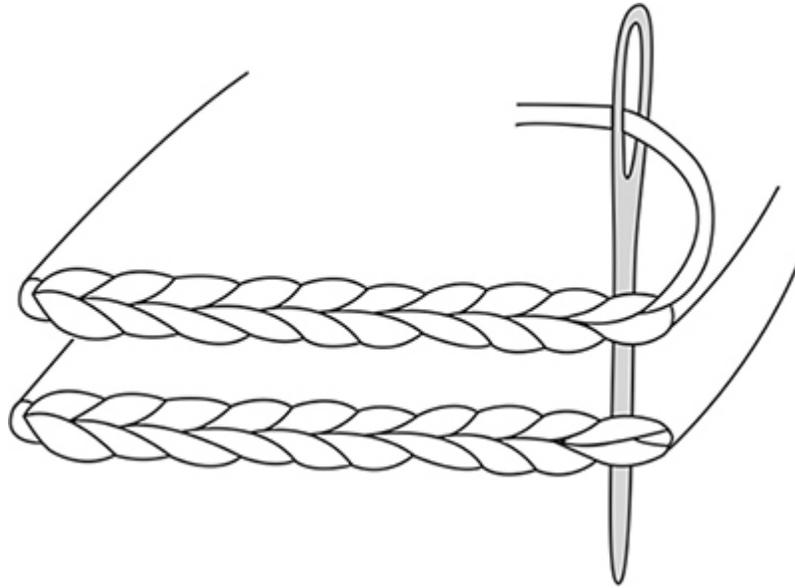
# RUNNING STITCH

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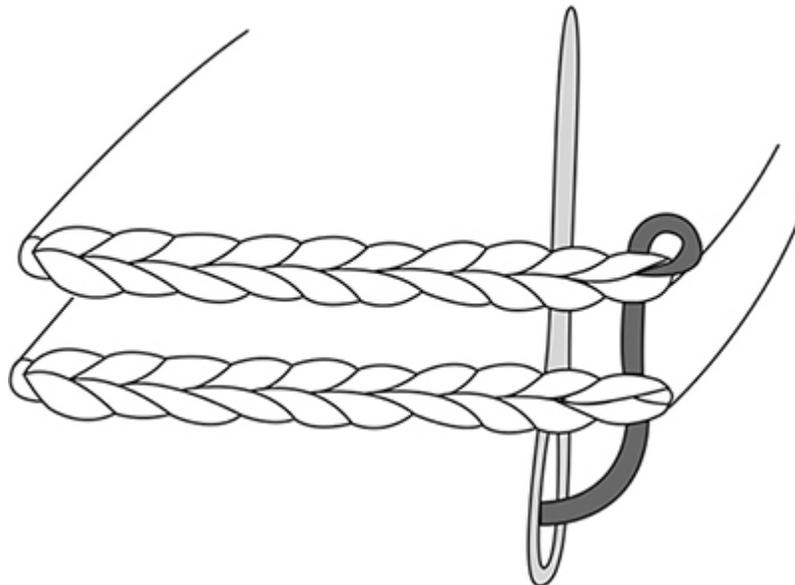
- 1.** Place the two pieces on top of each other, wrong sides touching. Thread your sewing needle with a strand of yarn that is twice the length of the joining edge.



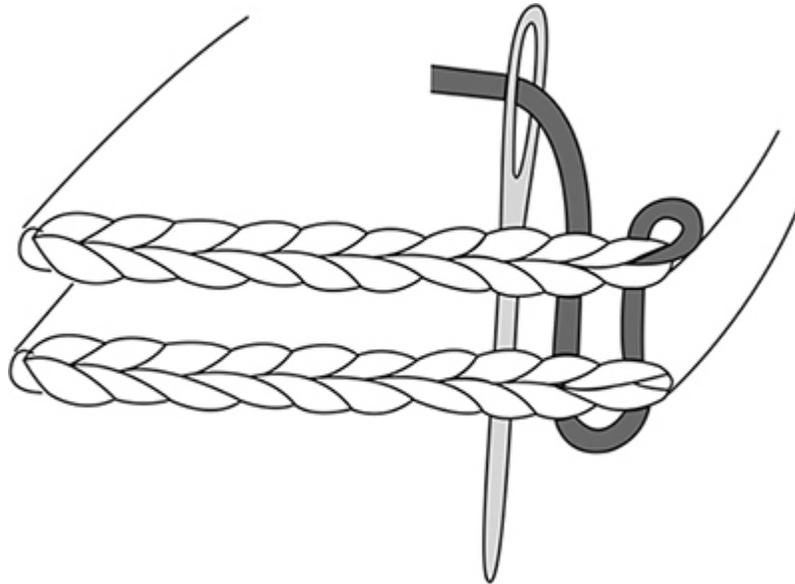
2. Insert your sewing needle through the first stitch of your top piece. Push it through both pieces so it comes out on the right side of the bottom piece.



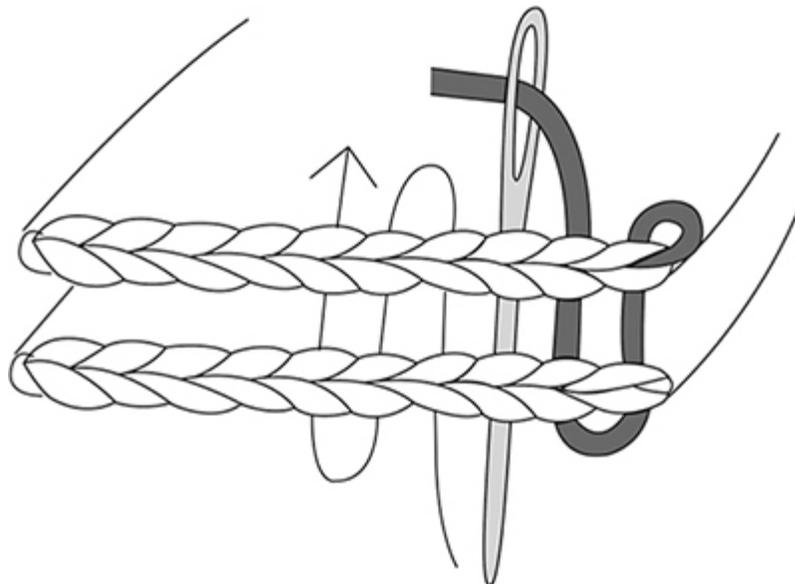
3. Staying on your bottom piece, insert your needle into the next stitch and push it up through both pieces so it comes out on the right side of the top piece.



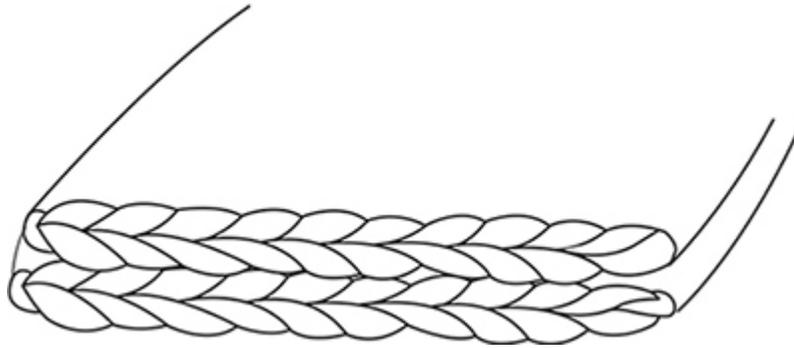
- 4.** Staying on your top piece, move along one stitch, insert your needle, push through to the bottom piece.



- 5.** Continue in this way, joining the two pieces by working back and forth between top and bottom pieces.



6. When you reach the end of the work, thread your needle and yarn to the wrong side of the piece and secure by tying a knot or simply weaving in the ends.



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