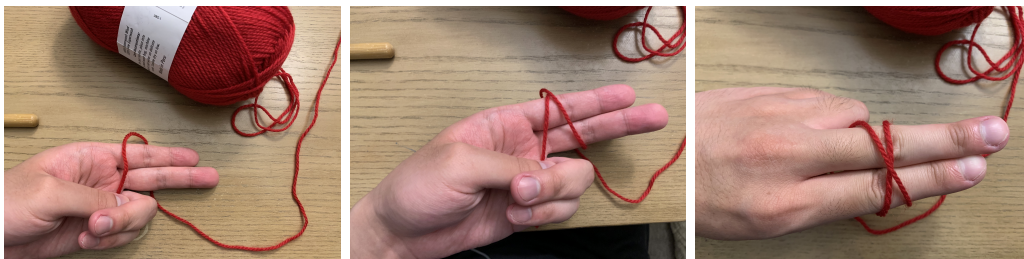




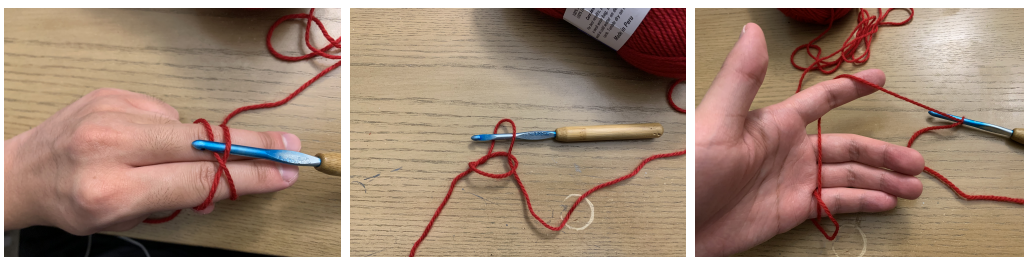
Slip Knot



N.B. If you're a left-handed crocheter, mirror going left to right.

Whether knitting or crochet, our work begins with the slip knot.

1. Start by holding the yarn tail over your left hand, where your palm meets your fingers. The tail should be by your fifth finger with the ball end draped over your second finger down the back of your hand.
2. Take the ball end of your yarn in your right hand pull it up around your second and third fingers, then down the back of your hand making sure to cross it over the yarn that was already around your fingers.
3. Turning your hand over, the yarn should form an *X* over the back of your fingers.
4. Now pass your crochet hook, lip pointing up, under the yarn nearest the ends of your finger and over the yarn further.
5. Turn your crochet hook to catch the further yarn and pull the work off your fingers.
6. Tighten the slip knot around your hook by pulling both the tail end and ball end of your yarn.
7. To hold your working yarn, take the tail end and drag it around the fifth finger with your palm facing towards you. Pull it up over the front of the fourth and third fingers and behind the second finger.



N.B. From now on, you shouldn't need to touch the tail end of your yarn.

Chain Stitch (ch)



Pop quiz: how many chain stitches are in the picture on the right?

Now that we have yarn on our hook, we make a row of Chain Stitch, which creates the foundation on which our work is built.

1. Holding your hook, lip pointing up, loop your working yarn over the hook (yarn over). N.B., I like to hold the tail end of the yarn with my thumb and middle finger for stability.
2. Draw the yarn through the loop on your hook, turning the hook towards you slightly as you do by about a quarter-turn.
3. Return your hook to its initial position and repeat until you have as many chain stitches as needed.

Single Crochet (sc)



N.B. Remember to begin your sc row with a chain stitch.

The Single Crochet is one of the most common stitches used in crochet.

1. Insert the hook into the next stitch.
2. Yarn over and pull up a loop like you did on the chain stitch. There should now be two loops on your hook.
3. Yarn over and pull through both loops.