How to Crochet a Magic Circle

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What's the difference between the magic circle, the magic ring crochet technique, and the magic loop? They're all ways to start a crochet project in the round and... they're all different names for the same technique!

The crochet magic circle, also known as the magic ring and the magic loop, allows you to pull the hole closed for a more defined look. Follow this crochet tutorial to learn this stitch. Magic circle crochet patterns can be used for a variety of patterns including crochet hats, scarves, bags, and more.

When crocheting in the round, there are several ways to start: you may chain 4, slip stitch to join and form a ring, you can chain 3 and make double crochet stitches in the 3rd stitch from the hook, or you can begin with the magic crochet circle.

The first two methods will leave a hole in the center of your work, but the 'magic ring' crochet technique will allow you to pull the hole closed, letting you work into an adjustable ring until you've increased your stitches enough to close up the hole.

Materials Needed:

Crochet Hook

Yarn of choice

Yarn needle for weaving in ends

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1. To make the magic loop and learn how to crochet circles, first begin in the same manner as usual in crochet: Make a loop.

2. Pick up the yarn.

3. Pull through the first loop.
4. Pick up the yarn again to make a chain stitch.

5. Pull through the loop. (Chain stitch completed).

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6. Pick up the yarn again to begin a single crochet stitch.

7. Pull through the loop.

8. Pick up the yarn again, and finish the single crochet stitch.

9. Continue to make single crochet stitches in the main loop.

10. At the end of the round of single crochet stitches, pull on the yarn end to gather the hole closed, and continue with your pattern.

11. Photo shows the magic circle finished, with the hole gathered closed.