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Letter from the Editors

Dear Crocheter,

No matter what time of the year it is, it's always a good idea to learn something new. By mastering a new stitch you not only better yourself as a crafter, but you also open yourself to a whole new realm of patterns.

With this awesome collection of new stitches, you can teach yourself a new technique and crochet your way to new scarves, afghans, and so much more. These crochet stitches will help you learn to crochet all those patterns that you've seen but didn't know how to create. Take a few hours each week to practice each one of these stitches, and you'll be on your way to being a master crocheter in no time.

You can find more illustrated crochet stitches, patterns, tips, tutorials and videos for free at <http://www.allfreecrochet.com>.

Our eBooks, like all our crochet patterns, are absolutely FREE to members of our crochet community. Please feel free to share with family and friends and ask them to sign up at our website for our [free e-mail newsletter](#).

Happy Hooking,

The Editors of All Free Crochet

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[Learn Tunisian Crochet](#)

By: Tamara Kelly from [Moogly](#)

If you're looking for a new technique for crochet, why not Learn Tunisian Crochet? This easy crochet tutorial will teach you this easy technique. The tutorial even uses variegated yarn so you can easily see the different steps for each row. Grab your crochet hook and yarn to learn this beautiful style. You'll regret putting it off for so long when you see how truly easy this technique is.



Learn Tunisian Crochet

This image courtesy of [mooglyblog.com](#)

Materials:

- J/10 or 6 mm hook
- (4) Medium Weight/Worsted Weight and Aran (16-20 stitches to 4 inches)

Tunisian Foundation Rows:

1. Row 1: Chain to desired length – any number you like. Then working into the second loop from the hook, insert the hook and pull up a loop from each chain to the end. At the end you should have as many loops on the hook as you had chains.



2. Row 2: Yarn over and pull through the first loop – this is like a chain 1. *Yarn over and pull through 2 loops, repeating from * to end.



Tunisian Simple Stitch:

After making the Foundation Rows, proceed as follows:

1. Row 3 (Forward Pass): The loop already on the hook counts as the first loop or stitch of this row. So insert your hook, right to left, under the second vertical loop from the previous row. Yarn over and pull up a loop. Repeat in each remaining vertical loop to the end. For the last vertical loop you can go under just the one front as before, or under both loops – try both and see which you like better.



2. Row 4 (Return Pass): Repeat Row 2 of the foundation rows. Repeat Rows 3 and 4 until you have reached the length desired, then bind off.



Slip Stitch Bind Off:

Insert the hook under the second vertical loop of the previous row just as in Row 3. Yarn over and pull up a loop, then pull that same loop through the other loop on the hook – just like a slip stitch! Continue in this manner to the end, then break yarn and weave in ends.

[Vertical Crocodile Stitch](#)

By: Mary Kathryn Vaughn for [What is Crochet Chic?](#)

Learn how to crochet the Vertical Crocodile Stitch with this step by step tutorial. The crocodile stitch is a fun stitch that can add design to any pattern. Crochet flip flops or a fancy scarf using this stitch.



Vertical Crocodile Stitch

This image courtesy of [crochetchiq.blogspot.com](#)

How to do the vertical crocodile stitch :

1. Start by Chaining 3 and Double crocheting into the 3rd chain from the hook like so



2. Next Chain 1 then DC around the dc you just did, dc a total of 5 times around the first dc post like so



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3. Then 4 dc along the other side



4. Then chain 2, sc chain 2. The chain 2 and sc count as your last dc in every scale but the last scale of your project.



5. Next you DC in the center and chain 1



6. Repeat this process until you have the length you need. On the last scale do 5 dc ch1 and slip in the middle.



[Crocheting a Picot Stitch](#)

By: [Emi Harrington](#)

The Picot Stitch is usually used as an edging, added onto a finished garment. Follow this tutorial and learn how to make three different picot stitches.



Small Picot Stitch:

1. Work along the edge of a finished item. (To make a length of picot edge to add to a ready-to-wear purchased item, begin with a chain, or a strip of single crochet or double crochet.)



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2. Single crochet in the first stitch.



3. Chain 3, single crochet in the next stitch.



4. Single crochet in the next 3 stitches. Chain 3, single crochet in the next stitch. (Picot formed).



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5. Repeat step 4 across the row.



Medium Picot Stitch:

1. Repeat the instructions for small picot stitch, but chain 5, instead of chain 3.
2. To make a slightly flared picot edge, as shown in the photo to the right, do the sequence of single crochet, chain 5, single crochet in the same stitch.
3. This will flare out slightly, and could be useful for the bottoms of tank tops, or skirts, on the edges of sleeves, or hats.



Bauble Ended Picot Stitch:

1. Follow the instructions for the small picot stitch, except chain 7 instead of chain 3.



2. Slip stitch in the 6th stitch from the hook.



3. Slip stitch in the last stitch of the chain. Single crochet in the next 3 stitches.



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4. Repeat steps 1, 2, and 3 across the row.



[How to Crochet a Crazy Shell Stitch](#)

By: [Emi Harrington](#)

Follow this step by step tutorial to learn how to make a crazy shell stitch. You first begin in a chain with multiples of three, but you'll read that in the tutorial. This is a beautiful stitch you will want to learn.



Instructions:

First Row:

1. Begin with a chain, in multiples of three, plus one extra. For example, 15 plus 1, or 18 plus 1, or 21 plus 1. Make 3 double crochet in the 4th stitch from the hook.



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2. Skip the next 3 stitches, single crochet in the next stitch.



3. *Chain 3



4. Make 3 double crochet in the same stitch, skip the next 3 stitches, single crochet in the next stitch.



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5. Repeat from * across the row. End with a single crochet.



Second Row:

1. Chain 3 and turn. Make 3 double crochet in the single crochet of the previous row. (The same stitch as the chain 3 just made.)



2. Single crochet in the next chain 3 space. (You will find it on the opposite side of the next double crochet cluster of the previous row.)



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3. *Chain 3, make 3 double crochet in the same chain 3 space. Single crochet in the next chain 3 space.



4. Repeat from * across the row.

Third Row:

1. Repeat the 2nd Row until you achieve the required size of your project.



Raspberry Crochet Stitch

By: Candy Lifshes from Meladora's Creations

Learn how to crochet the Raspberry Crochet Stitch with this step by step tutorial. Included is a video tutorial to help explain. The stitch can be made using any sized hook and yarn weight.



Raspberry Crochet Stitch

This image courtesy of meladorascreations-com.webs.com

Instructions:

To make the stitch, work a sc, dc, sc all in the same stitch.

Skip 2 stitches and repeat sc, dc, sc all in the same.



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When ending and beginning your first round, you want to slip stitch into the first sc then sc into stitch as shown in Picture 1. Then work the stitch as normal, putting a DC and a SC to finish the stitch as shown in Picture 2.



(Picture 1)



(Picture 2)



(Picture 3)

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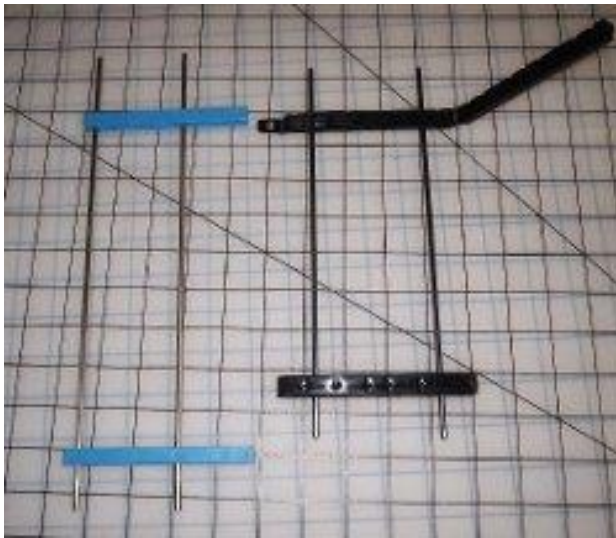
Then skip two stitches and repeat the Raspberry stitch (SC, DC,SC) into the first sc of the next raspberry cluster. Continue all the way around, remember from here on out, there is no need to sl st into the beginning stitch of a round, just continue in one continuous round.

After a few rounds, you should be able to see the pattern start to form. How fun!

[How to Crochet with Hairpin Lace](#)

By: Shellie DeYoung Dunn

Okay, you're ready to strike out and try your hand at more advanced crocheting with free crochet patterns. You've seen an intriguing tool either online or at your favorite yarn shop, but how do you crochet with it? It looks like 2 sticks (or metal bars) with cross braces: one at the top and one at the bottom. How do you work with it and where does the yarn go? It seems impossible. The photos you've seen of hairpin lace are amazing. But when you look at the crochet instructions – oh my! Rotate? Flip? Twist? How can this possibly work? Don't panic. Working with a hairpin lace loom is actually easy and once you get into a rhythm.



Instructions:

1. Set the loom to the correct width. Some patterns state “set the loom to 3 inches”, some just state “2 inch hairpin staple” (which translates to “set the loom to 2 inches”). I use my trusty measuring tape and measure from metal pin to metal pin.
2. Make a slip knot and slide on left side pin. If you are using a loom similar to the blue loom, just slide one bar out of the cross piece and slip your slip knot onto the bar and then reinsert. Now comes the tricky part.
3. Gently pull the loop loose, so that the knot portion sits in the center between the two metal pins. You will want your work to stay centered between the 2 pins. This is not as difficult as it sounds, as the technique itself keeps the crochet work centered.
4. Take yarn and wrap around right pin from front to back. You will have your slip knot and one loop on the left pin and the yarn around the right pin from front to back.

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5. Slip crochet hook into the left loop from underneath – yarn over – draw the hook back out, yarn over and draw through 2 loops (create a sc).
6. Keep loop on hook and (now comes the odd part) rotate hook to back of loom. I keep the loops at the bottom of the loom and lift the hook between the metal pins, handle up and pass to the back.
7. Rotate loom clockwise so that hook is back in front, slip hook into the left loop formed in the rotation, make another sc.
8. Keep creating loops on each pin, following the pattern for the exact number called for. If you are creating a large project such as a shawl, you may be creating more than 100 loops in a strip. A great tip is to take safety pins (standard size is perfect) and slide the safety pin through groups of 10 loops and fasten.



9. After you have reached the correct number of loops (on both pins) you will have a completed strip. Here you will fasten off your yarn. Now the beautiful patterns begin.
10. You will work down one side of loops (be careful not to twist the strip). Each pattern will have you take a specific number of loops (the shawl created in these images is worked in 5 loop groups.)

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11. Attach your yarn in the first 5 loops of your strip from right to left. Create a sc. Now you will often make chains between this first group of loops to the next set of 5 loops. You will create another sc in the 5 loop group (or however many loops the pattern calls for). You can see the chain edging begin in the top of the photo below.



This chain edge will continue the entire length of the strip, across the top and down the other side of the strip. From this point, you will follow the specific pattern crochet instructions for building a framework around your strips. Some patterns will have you edge each strip with your pretty twisted loops and then join the strips together later.

Broomstick Lace

By: Tamara Kelly from [Moogly](#)

There are endless variations on Broomstick Lace, also known as Jiffy Lace, and ways it can be combined with other stitches to create wonderful fabrics. The version demonstrated here is the most basic of these - master this and you can do the rest! For broom stick lace you will need one extra tool in addition to the usual yarn and hook - a dowel, large knitting needle, or even an actual broomstick! For the purposes of these instructions, it will be referred to as the needle.



Broomstick Lace screen capture

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Instructions:

Row 1 Forward Pass: This pass is worked from left to right. Pull up the active loop on the hook, and place it onto the end of the needle without twisting. Remove the hook. In the next st to the right work into the back loop only, yarn over and pull up a loop, and place it onto the needle, removing the hook. Repeat in each st across, working to the right and into the back loop only of each st. At the end of this pass you'll have as many loops on the needle as you had sc sts in the previous row. Do not turn.

Row 2 Return Pass: This pass is worked from right to left. Carefully pull 3 loops off the end of the needle with your hook. Be sure to keep the loops taut so they keep their height. Ch 1 and work 3 sc into the loops, going through the center of the loops to make each st. (The reason we work 3 sc here is because we are working a group of 3 loops.) Pull the next group of 3 loops off the hook and work 3 sc through the center of these 3 loops (do not ch 1 again - the only ch 1 is at the very beginning of this pass). Continue working groups of 3 sc in each group of 3 loops to the end, until all sts are off the needle and there are the same number of sc sts in the Return Pass as there were loops in the Forward Pass.

At this point you can work another stitch if desired, or repeat Rows 1 and 2 to the length desired.

Single Color Crochet Brioche Stitch

By: Tamara Kelly from [Moogly](#)

There are several different stitches that are called crochet brioche stitch. Sometimes it's a version of crocheting in the loop behind the back loop, sometimes it's slip stitch crochet, but this version uses post stitches. These instructions give you a look similar to single color knit brioche, though it's not as reversible as the knit version. However, both sides are attractive, and you may find you prefer the "wrong" side to the "right" side!



Single Color Crochet Brioche Stitch

This image courtesy of [mooglyblog.com](#)

Special Stitches:

Fpdc - front post double crochet: Insert the hook from the front of the fabric, from right to left, around the post of the indicated stitch. Yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through two, yarn over and pull through two.

Bpdc - back post double crochet: Insert the hook from the back of the fabric, from right to left, around the post of the indicated stitch. Yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through two, yarn over and pull through two.

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Instructions:

Row 1: Chain to desired length. Skip the 1st 3 ch (counts as 1st dc of the row), dc in the 4th ch from the hook. Dc in each remaining st to end. Turn.

Row 2: Ch 2 (counts as 1st st), fpdc around the next st. *Bpdc around the next st, fpdc around the next st. Repeat from * until 1 st remains. Dc in the last st. Turn.

Row 3: Ch 2 (counts as 1st st), fpdc in next st and each st until 1 st remains. Dc in the last st. Turn.

Row 4: Repeat Row 2.

Row 5: Repeat Row 3.

Continue repeating Rows 2 and 3 to length desired.



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