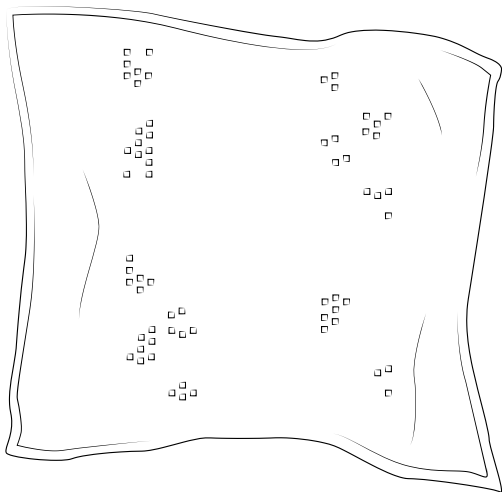


WOOL AND THE GANG

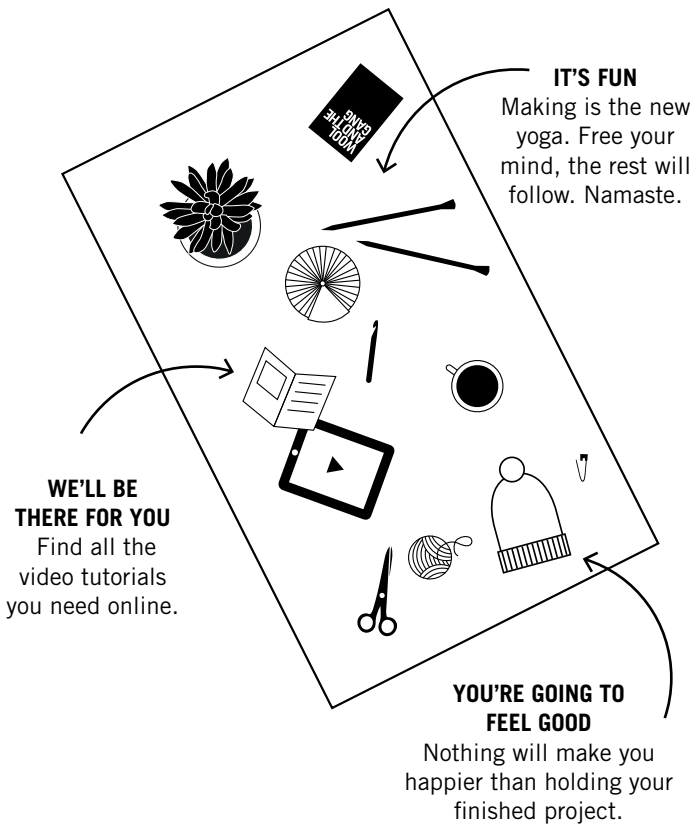
#MADEUNIQUE



BALOO BLANKET

EASY
5MM HOOK

YOUR ADVENTURE STARTS NOW



IT'S FUN

Making is the new yoga. Free your mind, the rest will follow. Namaste.

WE'LL BE THERE FOR YOU

Find all the video tutorials you need online.

YOU'RE GOING TO FEEL GOOD

Nothing will make you happier than holding your finished project.

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

WOOL SCHOOL

Pick up your hook & yarn and make the magic happen! For a little extra help, check out our Wool School at:

www.woolandthegang.com/t/how-to

5

#WOOLANDTHEGANG

When you're done - let the world know.

LET'S GET CROCHETING

Tool kit

- 3 balls of WATG's Shiny Happy Cotton
- 1 Baloo Blanket pattern
- 1 5mm crochet hook
- 1 sewing needle

Tension

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.

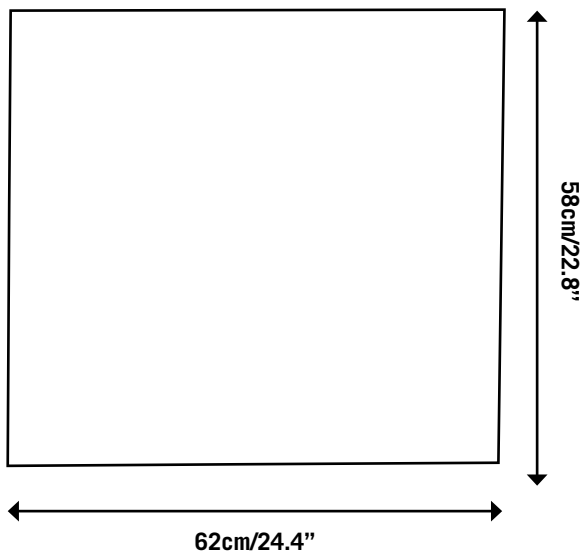
Double crochet through the front and back of the stitch

10cm/4" = 14 stitches

10cm/4" = 7.5 rows

All crochet techniques can be found at the back of the pattern.

MEASUREMENTS



Help's only a stitch away. Watch the video tutorials online at www.woolandthegang.com/videos

Pssst! Remember that you must not copy our patterns and sell, or even give them away for free, in accordance with copyright law.

HOW TO CROCHET YOUR BALOO BLANKET

- 1 Make a foundation chain of 88 chain stitches.
-
- 2 Work 1 double crochet into the 4th chain from your hook. Work in double crochet to the end of the row. (85 stitches.)

You will now start to work in rows of double crochet, alternating between working 1 row through the back of the stitch and the next through the front of the stitch.

-
- 3 **Right side row:** Make 3 chain stitches (this is your turning chain and counts as your first double crochet stitch). Work in double crochet through the back of the stitch across the row.

-
- 4 **Wrong side row:** Make 3 chain stitches (this counts as your first double crochet stitch), work in double crochet through the front of the stitch across the row.

-
- 5 Repeat steps 3 and 4 until your piece measures 12cm/4.7" from the foundation edge (approx. a further 3 times).

-
- 6 Make 4 chain stitches (this counts as your first double crochet and 1 chain stitch), skip 1 stitch, work 1 double crochet stitch.

★Make 1 chain stitch, skip 1 stitch, work 1 double crochet into the next stitch.★

Repeat the section inside the stars (★) to the end of the row.

- 7** Make 3 chain stitches (this counts as your first double crochet) stitch.

★Make 1 chain stitch, skip 1 stitch, work 1 double crochet into the next chain space.★

Repeat the section inside the stars until you have 1 stitch left of your row. Work 1 stitch in double crochet.

- 8** Repeat step 6 once more.
-

- 9** Make 3 chain stitches (this counts as your first double crochet stitch), work in double crochet to the end of the row.
-

- 10** Repeat steps 6 to 9 once more.
-

- 11** Repeat steps 3 and 4 until your piece measures 36cm/14" from the foundation edge. (Approx. a further 5 times.)
-

- 12** Repeat steps 6 to 9 twice more.
-

- 13** Repeat steps 3 and 4 until your piece measures 58cm/22.5" from the foundation edge. (Approx. a further 4 times.)
-

14 Cut your yarn approx 15cm/ 6" from the last stitch, pull on the final loop until the end pops through - you have now secured the last stitch. Weave in any loose ends.

15 With the right side of the blanket facing you, insert your crochet hook into the bottom right corner of the blanket. Make 3 chain stitches. Working from right to left, work in double crochet up the side edge of the blanket until you reach the top right corner (work 2 double crochet stitches into each edge stitch). Cut the yarn and secure the last stitch.

16 With the right side of the blanket facing you, insert your crochet hook into the top left corner of the blanket. Make 3 chain stitches. Working from right to left, work in double crochet down the side edge of the blanket until you reach the bottom left corner (work 2 double crochet stitches into each edge stitch). Cut the yarn and secure the last stitch.

17 Weave in any loose ends.

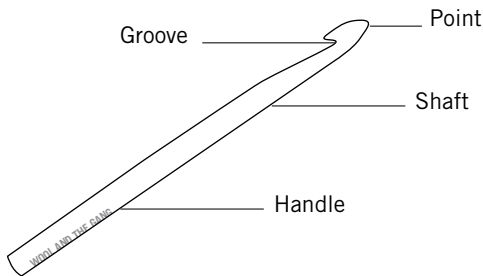
CROCHET TECHNIQUES



Help's only a stitch away. Watch the video tutorials online at www.woolandthegang.com/videos

Crochet hook

The crochet hook is your tool on the path to greatness! Your pattern may refer to different parts of the crochet hook - here is an illustration to help you understand it all a little better.

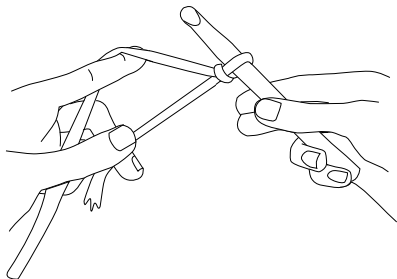


Turning chains / Online video tutorial

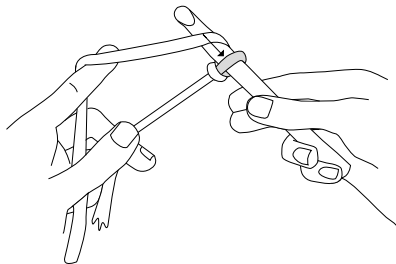
When working in crochet, you often need to do a 'turning chain' at the beginning of your row. This creates a stitch that 'lifts' you up to the next level, so you're ready to crochet the next row. The turning chain is made up of chain stitches, and the number of stitches varies between different types of stitches. (Your pattern will tell you how many stitches to use for the stitch you're working in.)

Chain stitch / [▶ Online video tutorial](#)

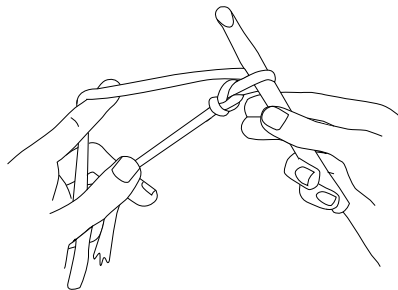
This is the foundation of most crochet work and can also be used as a technique on its own.



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

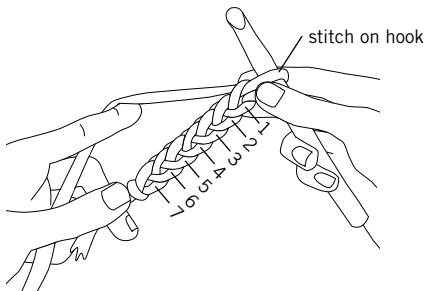


2. Move the point of the crochet hook UNDER the yarn from left to right, then move it OVER the yarn from right to left. The yarn is now looped around your crochet hook.



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 one chain stitch.

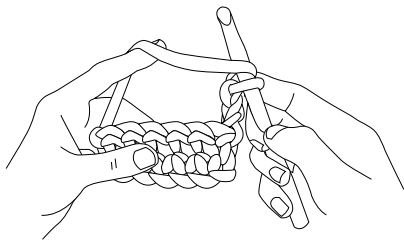
Repeat steps 2 and 3 to keep creating new stitches. Take care not to pull your stitches too tightly! When counting your stitches, count each of the loops except the one on your hook.



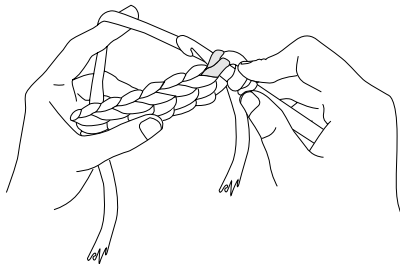
To make a chain stitch in the main body of your piece (for example, to make a turning chain), repeat steps 2 and 3.

Double crochet / [▶ Online video tutorial](#)

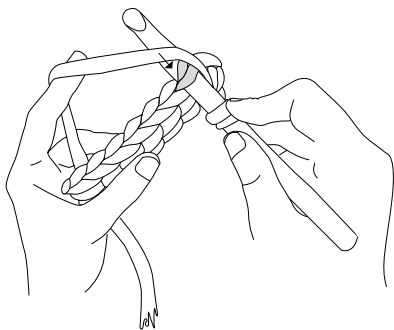
This stitch is taller than both single and half double crochet. It uses a turning chain of 3 stitches.



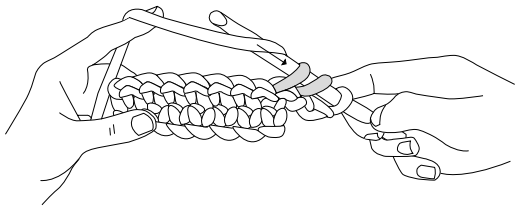
1. Wrap the yarn around the hook.



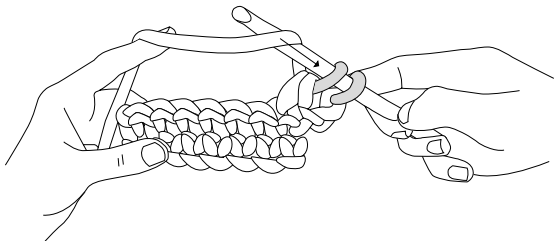
2. Insert the hook into the the next stitch, underneath both strands of the sideways 'V' at the top.



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



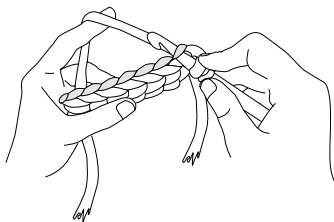
4. Loop the yarn around the hook again, and pull the yarn through two of the three loops on your hook. You now have two loops left on your hook.



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 1 to 5.

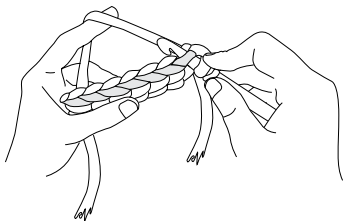
Double crochet through the back of the stitch / [▶ Online video tutorial](#)

This is a decorative technique that adds texture to your crochet. Start by wrapping the yarn around your hook and then inserting the 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. Loop the yarn around your hook and pull it through. Complete the stitch in the usual way.



Double crochet through the front of the stitch / [▶ Online video tutorial](#)

Start by wrapping the yarn around your hook and then inserting the 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.



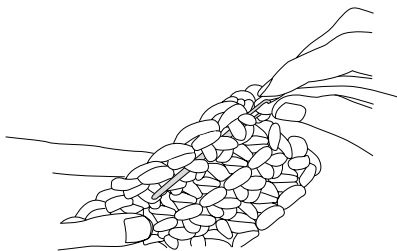
Chain spaces / [▶ Online video tutorial](#)

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.

FINISHING TECHNIQUES

Hiding your yarn ends / [📺 Online video tutorial](#)

To hide the tail of your yarn, 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.



MAKING MEMOIRS

STARTED ON

FINISHED ON

WHERE I MADE IT

-

-

-

MADE FOR

Me

COLOUR COMBO

.....

THIS PROJECT WAS

() easy peasy () nice () challenging () hardcore

I FEEL    

OTHER THOUGHTS

.....



Wool and the Gang



@woolandthegang



@woolandthegang



WATGsnaps

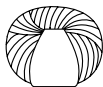


Wool and the Gang



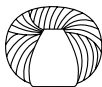
woolandtheganghq

YOUR PROJECT DESERVES SOME SEXY YARN



CRAZY SEXY WOOL

100% Peruvian Wool



HEAL THE WOOL

100% Recycled Wool



LIL' HEAL THE WOOL

100% Recycled Wool



JERSEY BE GOOD

98% Cotton
2% Elastane



MIXTAPE YARN

80% Cotton
20% Polyester



BILLIE JEAN

100% Upcycled Denim



TAKE CARE MOHAIR

78% Kid Mohair
13% Wool / 9% Polyamide



FEELING GOOD

70% Baby Alpaca
7% Merino / 23% Nylon



SHINY HAPPY COTTON

100% Peruvian
Pima Cotton



SUGAR BABY ALPACA

100% Baby Alpaca



TINA TAPE YARN

100% Tencel®

WWW.WOOLANDTHEGANG.COM

**WOOL
AND THE
GANG**

V082456462

