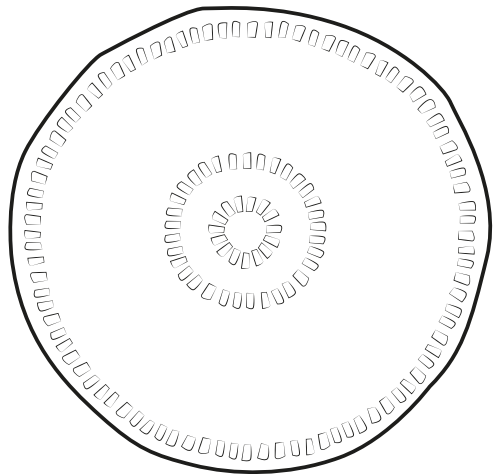


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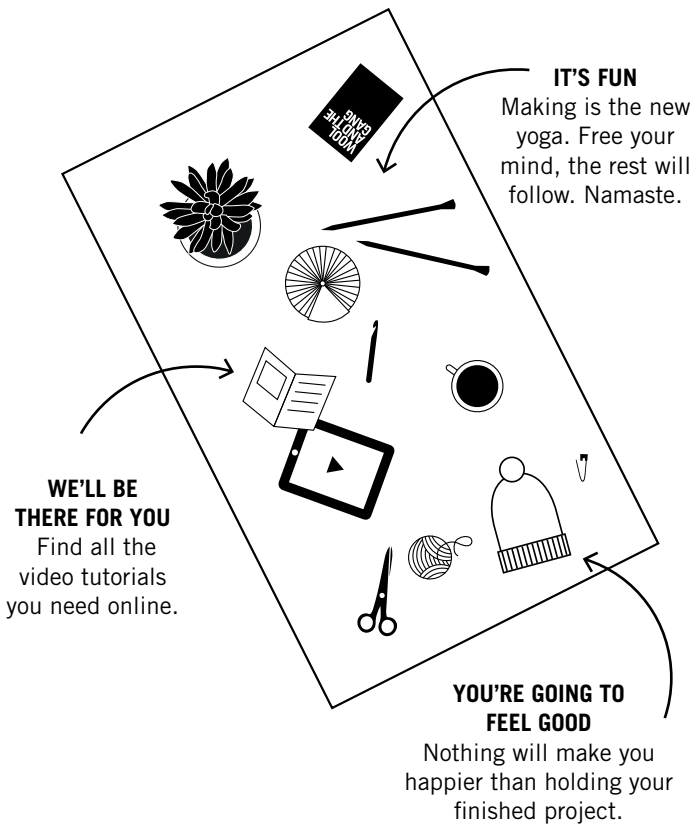
## PERFECT ILLUSION PLACEMAT

**EASY**

**4.5MM CROCHET HOOK**

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# YOUR MAKING ADVENTURE STARTS NOW



# RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

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## **GET YOUR TOOLS READY.**

Everything you need to get knitting.

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## **FAMILIARISE YOURSELF WITH THE TECHNIQUES.**

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

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## **GET TO KNOW YOUR YARN.**

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

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## **WOOL SCHOOL**

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

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## **#SHAREYOURKNITS**

When you're done - let the world know.

# LET'S GET CROCHETING

## Tool kit

- 1 roll of WATG's Ra-Ra-Raffia
- 1 Perfect Illusion Placemat pattern
- 1 4.5mm crochet hook
- 1 sewing needle

## Tension

To ensure your knitting has the same measurements as the pattern, it is a good idea to make a tension swatch before you start crocheting your project. A tension swatch is a small sample of your crochet where you count the stitches and rows and check them against the measurements (cm/in) 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.

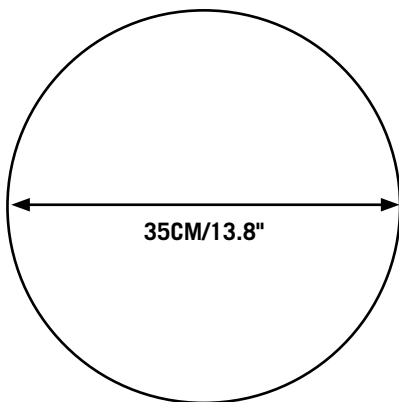
## Double crochet:

10 cm/4" = 16 stitches

10 cm/4" = 8 rows

**You can find all the techniques at the back of the pattern.**

## MEASUREMENTS



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# HOW TO CROCHET YOUR PERFECT ILLUSION PLACEMAT

One roll of Raffia is enough to make 2 placemats.

- 1 Start by creating a magic loop and working 12 stitches in double crochet around it. Join the round by making a slip stitch into the first stitch.

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.

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- 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. ●

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. ★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.

●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.●

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.

●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.●

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.

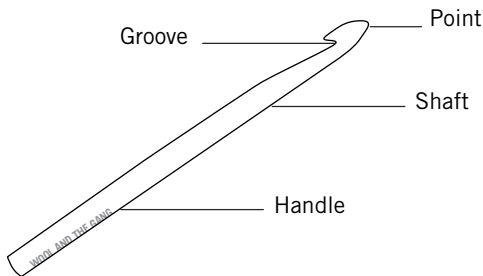
## CROCHET TECHNIQUES



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### 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.

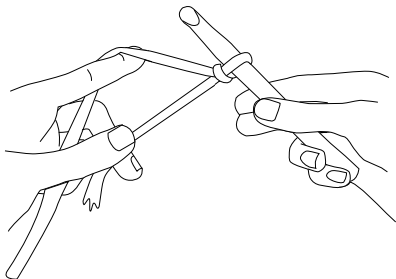


### Turning chains / [Online video tutorial](#)

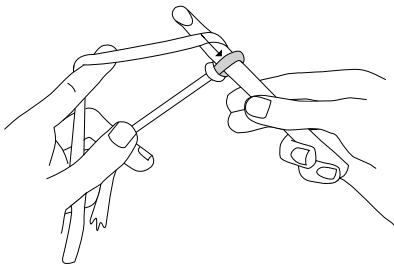
When working in crochet, you often need to do a 'turning chain' at the beginning of your row. This creates a stitch that 'lifts' you up to the next level, so you're ready to crochet the next row. The turning chain is made up of chain stitches, and the number of stitches varies between different types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

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

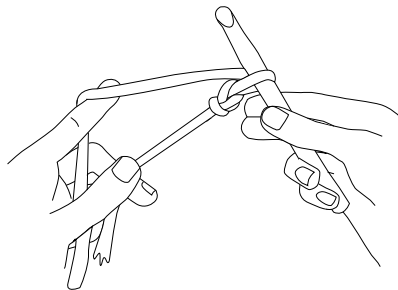
This is the foundation of most crochet work and can also be used as a technique on its own.



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.

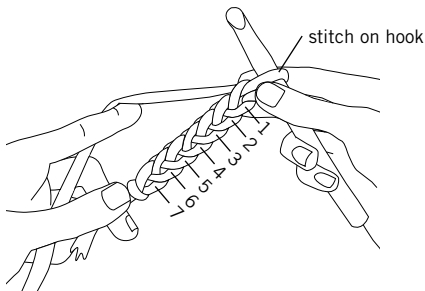


2. Move the point of the crochet hook UNDER the yarn from left to right, then move it OVER the yarn from right to left. The yarn is now looped around your crochet hook.



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.

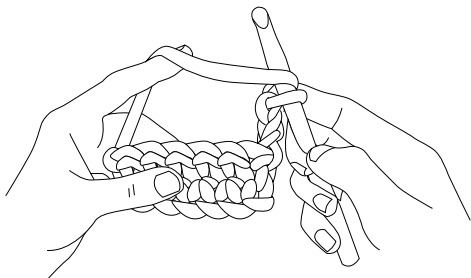
Repeat steps 2 and 3 to keep creating new stitches. Take care not to pull your stitches too tightly! When counting your stitches, count each of the loops except the one on your hook.



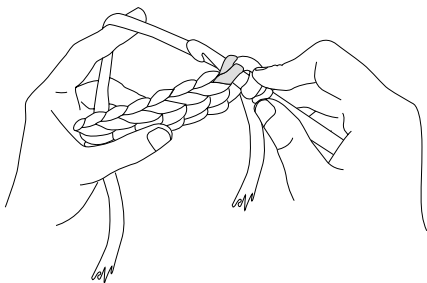
To make a chain stitch in the main body of your piece (for example, to make a turning chain), repeat steps 2 and 3.

## Double crochet

This stitch is a taller version of the single crochet. It uses a turning chain of 3 stitches.

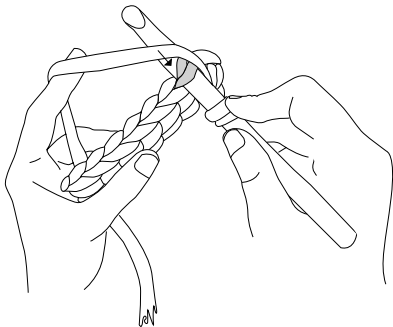


1. Make 3 chain stitches (this is your turning chain). Starting with the hook in front of the yarn, move the hook underneath the yarn, and then over it, so the yarn ends up looped around the shaft of the hook.





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.

### **Slip stitch / [▶ Online video tutorial](#)**

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.

## **Adding a new ball of yarn / [▶ Online video tutorial](#)**

To add a new ball of the same colour, start your stitch in the regular way, but stop before working the final wrap-around (for single crochet: 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.

## **Chain spaces**

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 / [▶ Online video tutorial](#)**

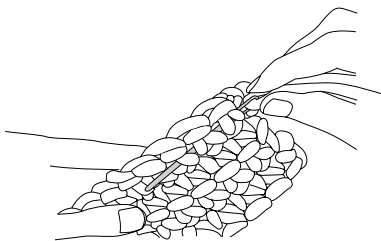
Yarn markers are used to mark specific points in your crochet – they are a great way to let you off the hook when it comes to counting stitches as you work! Instead, you just continue working away until you reach your marker.

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 crochet 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.

## FINISHING TECHNIQUES

### Hiding your yarn ends

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

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THIS PROJECT WAS

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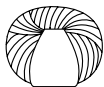


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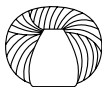
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