

How to Crochet a Magic Ring for Beginners

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Warnings and Safety Information

STOP: Read Before Continuing



DO NOT EAT YARN



YARN MAY BE CHOKING HAZARD FOR INFANTS

Materials



Introduction

These instructions will teach a novice crocheter how to use a Magic Ring to form a circular disc, which is a foundational skill that can be useful by itself. This skill allows for a crocheter to create thousands of new patterns. The Magic Ring is typically used to begin patterns that are created in rounds, rather than rows. There are several ways to create a Magic Ring, and it can be applied to various patterns. This is simply one way to create the Magic Ring.

The audience will be provided with all required materials necessary for creating a disc and will need no prior experience. Written instructions as well as visual aids will be included. An image of materials is provided above. For a novice crocheter, the expected time for completion of the pattern is approximately one hour.

Steps

Step 1 - Make an X

Hold the loose end of your yarn with your thumb. Wrap the loose end of your yarn around your pointer and middle fingers going over the top and around the back of your hand, making an x on the palm side of your hand.

Alternatively: With your palm up, hold the end of the yarn with your thumb and wrap it around your pointer and middle fingers twice, making an x.



Figure 1: Making an X with yarn

Step 2 - Rotate Your Hand

Rotate your hand towards your body, palm down.

Note: There should be two strands parallel to each other.

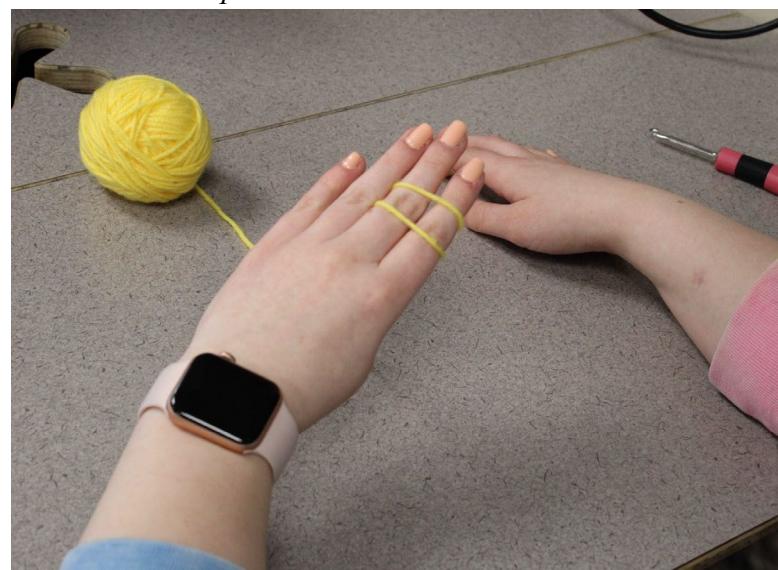


Figure 2: Parallel strands

Step 3 - Insert Your Hook

Using your crochet hook, hook facing down, go under the strand closest to your fingertips and grab the second strand with your hook.

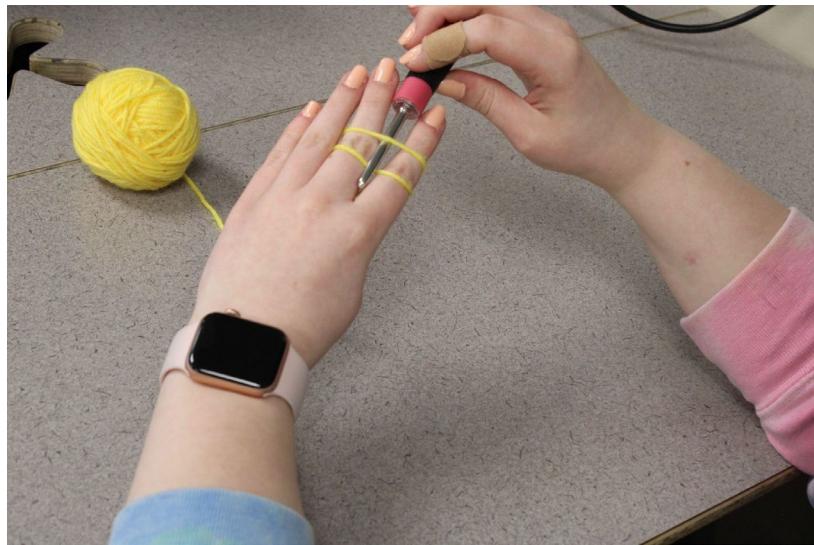


Figure 3: Hook positioning

Step 4 - Pull & Twist

Pull the hooked strand under the strand closest to your fingertips, twisting your hook and the strand so it is facing upwards, leaving the twisted loop on your hook.

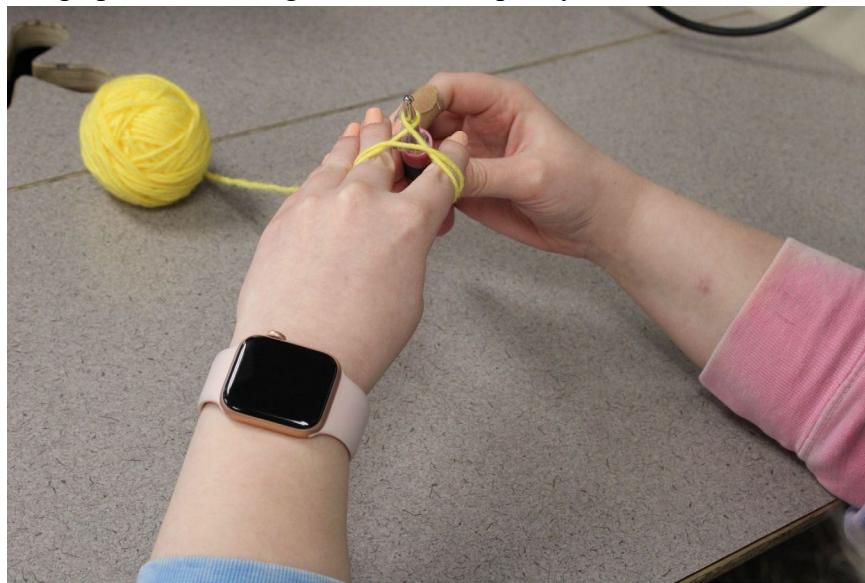


Figure 4: Starting the Magic Ring

Step 5 - Chain

Use the hook to loop the working end of yarn. Pull this working end through the twisted loop, leaving one loop remaining. Repeat this step once more.

Note: Working end is the yarn that goes into the ball.

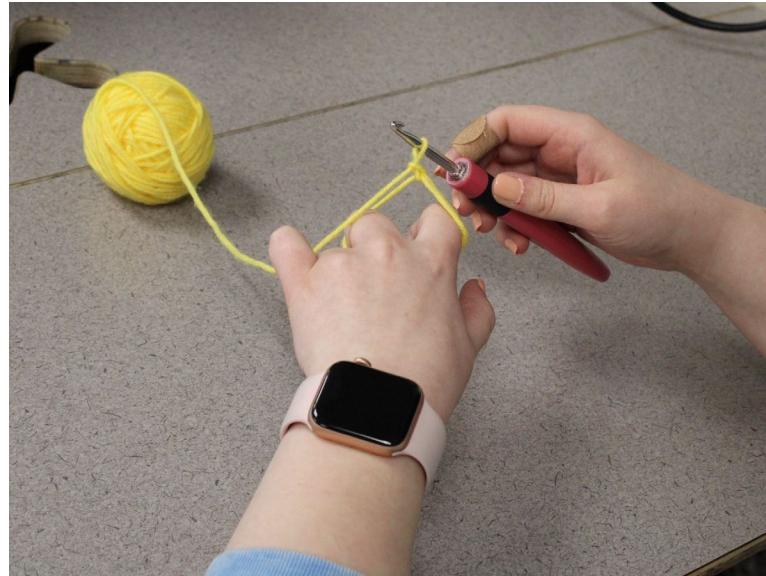


Figure 5: Chain 2 off Magic Ring

Step 6 - Start of the Ring

Remove the strands from around your two fingers, leaving the loop on the hook. Reorient your hand position according to Figure 6.

Note: This should look like a ring.

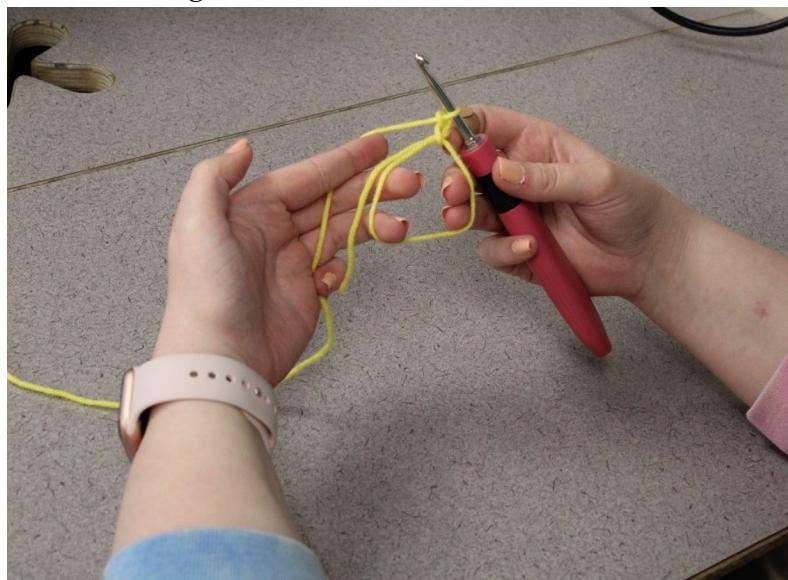


Figure 6: Orientation of Magic Ring

Step 7 - Insert Your Hook

Wrap the working end around your hook, hook going under the working end. Insert the hook (with two loops on it) into the ring.

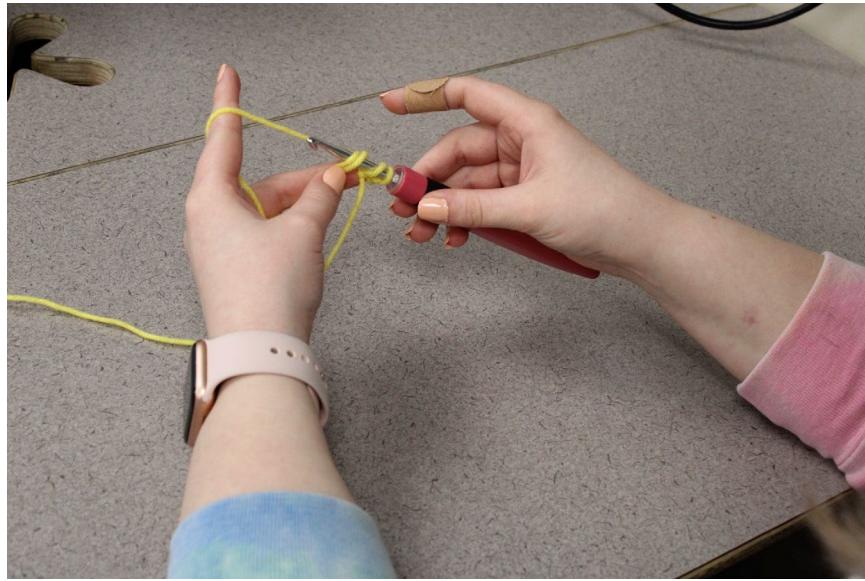


Figure 7: Four loops on hook

Step 8 - Three Loops on Hook

Wrap another strand of the working end onto your hook, and rotate back through the ring.

Note: There will now be three strands on your hook.

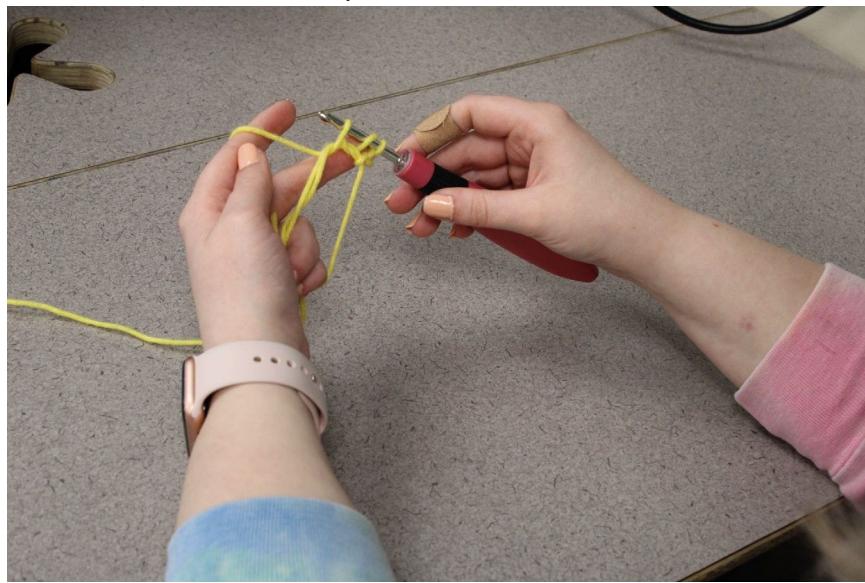


Figure 8: Three loops on hook

Step 9 - Pull Through

Wrap another strand of the working end onto your hook and pull through the first two loops.

Note: There will be two loops remaining on your hook.

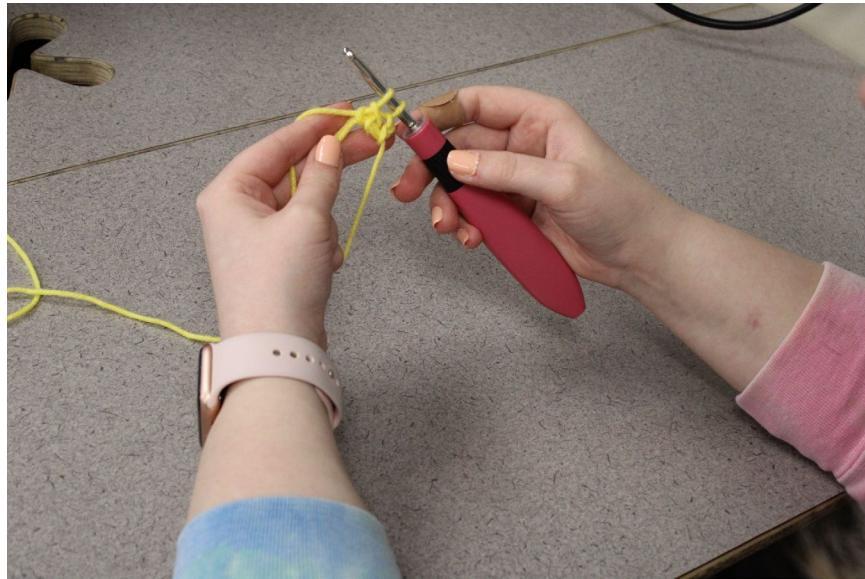


Figure 9: Two loops on hook

Step 10 - Complete Double Crochet

Wrap another strand of the working end onto your hook and pull through the last two loops, leaving that loop on your hook.

Note: This completes what is known as a double crochet.



Figure 10: One double crochet in Magic Ring

Step 11 - Repeat Steps

Repeat steps 5-10 five more times.

Step 12 - Pull Loose End

Pull the loose end to tighten the ring.



Figure 11: Tightening the Magic Ring

Step 13 - Go Back Into Ring

Insert your hook into the first stitch of the ring according to Figure 12. Wrap the working end around the hook once, pulling back through the first stitch

Note: You should have two strands on your hook according to Figure 13.

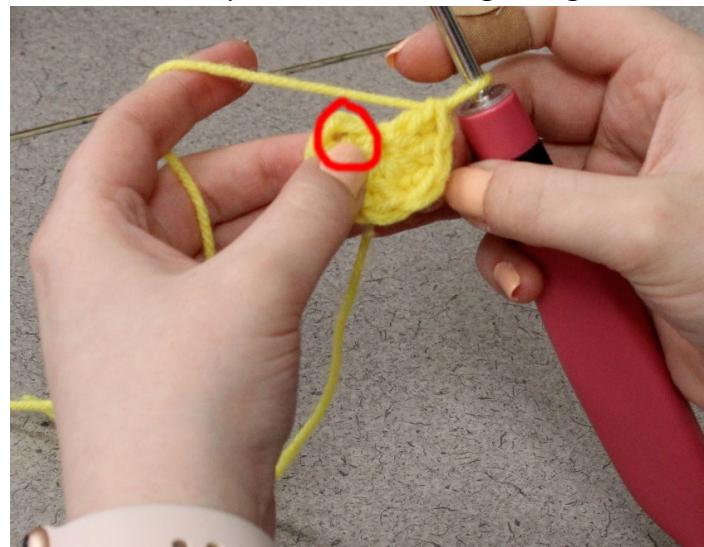


Figure 12: First stitch location



Figure 13: Slip stitch

Step 14 - Close Ring

Pull the working end through the stitch (two strands will be on your hook) and pull this working end through the remaining stitch on your hook.



Figure 14: Tying off the circle

Step 15 - Tie Off

Optional: Wrap the working end around your hook and pull it through the remaining loop. Pull this so your loop is large. Remove your hook, cut the loop and tuck in the loose end created.