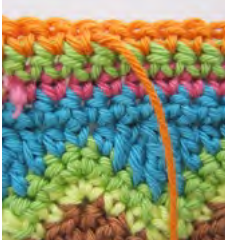


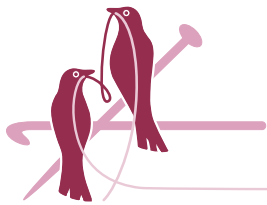
# Joining in new yarn



*TECHNIQUES SHEET: Dealing with yarn ends*

*There are several occasions on which you may wish to join in new yarn. It could be you have come to the end of a ball of yarn, you may wish to change the shade of the yarn and fasten off the old yarn or carry it up the edge of your work. The placement of the join may also vary – it could be into a chain-space or a stitch. But in general the method does not change very much. A few golden rules will make sure that joining in new yarn is not a trial.*

- *Joining in a new yarn by working 1ch*
- *Joining in a new shade of yarn when working in rows*
- *Joining in a new shade of yarn when working in the round*
- *Joining in a new shade of yarn into a chain-space*



# Joining in a new yarn by working 1ch

JANIE CROW

*Use this technique when working on stitches where the last yarn has been fastened off. This technique can be used when working in rows or when working in rounds.*

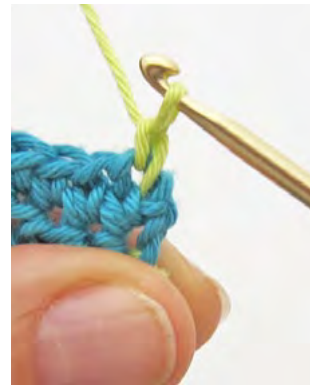
## Working in rows



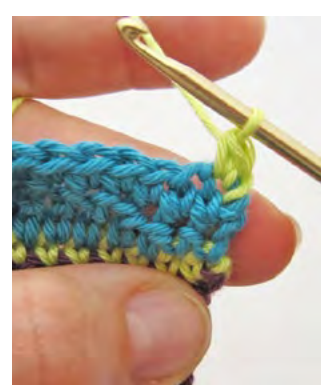
**Step 1:** Insert hook into the top of the last stitch.



**Step 2:** Draw the new yarn through the stitch.



**Step 3:** Complete one chain to join in the yarn.



**Step 4:** You may be asked to work 1dc into the same stitch.

## Working in rounds

The images right show the same process worked in the round.



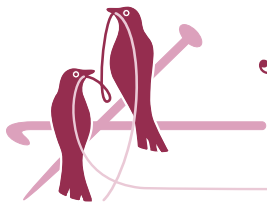
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# Joining in a new shade of yarn when working in rows

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*When working in rows of crochet, if you want to join in a new yarn without fastening off the previous row, you need to do it at the end of the row before the new shade of yarn is required.*



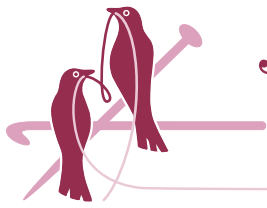
**Step 1:** Work the row in the current colour up until the final step of the last stitch so that 2 loops of yarn remain on your hook and the final stitch remains un-finished.



**Step 2:** Draw the new yarn (which is required by the next row) through the two loops left on the hook so that the stitch now left on the hook is worked in the new shade of yarn.



**Step 3:** Make the required number of turning chain in the new colour.



## Joining in a new shade of yarn when working in rounds

JANIE CROW

*If you are working in the round and you wish to change your yarn shade without fastening off the previous round, then you can change yarn shade as you complete your rounds. This is not quite as neat as fastening off each time, but is less time consuming and – depending upon your yarn – can be as effective.*

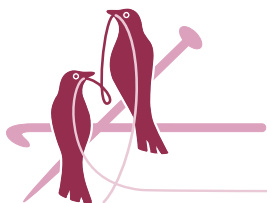
*When working in the round, you will need to work a slip stitch at the end of each round before you start the next one. This is a simple process, but when you also want to change yarn shade you need to think about your colour change one step ahead of the next round.*



**Wrong:** The image to the left shows a slip stitch worked in the usual way – note how the yarn loop left on the hook is yellow.

If you change yarn shade at this point (once you have already completed your slip stitch) the first chain of the number of chain required for the next round will be a yellow one.





## Joining in a new shade of yarn when working in the round

JANIE CROW

The step by step images show the process worked in treble crochet – the same process is used on all stitches, but you will need to work a different number of chain st the beginning of the round.

To make sure that your turning chain is worked in the correct shade of yarn and therefore looks consistent with your other stitches, the slip stitch needs to be made in the colour which is to be used on the next round and not in the colour that you are using to complete the working round.



**Step 1:** Complete the round as far as the slip stitch.



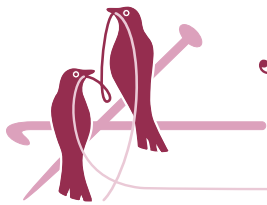
**Step 2:** Insert hook into the 3rd chain of the 3 chain stitches.



**Step 3:** Holding the new yarn at the reverse of the work, draw the yarn through the stitch.



**Step 4:** The yarn loop on your hook will be the correct colour to start the next round.



# Joining in a new shade of yarn into a chain-space

JANIE CROW

*The process for joining a new shade of yarn into a chain space is no different from that for joining into a stitch in the round.*



**Step 1:** Hold new yarn at the back of the work.



**Step 2:** Insert hook into the chain-space.



**Step 3:** Draw the new yarn through the chain-space.



**Step 4:** Work a chain stitch to complete the join.