

Magic Loop

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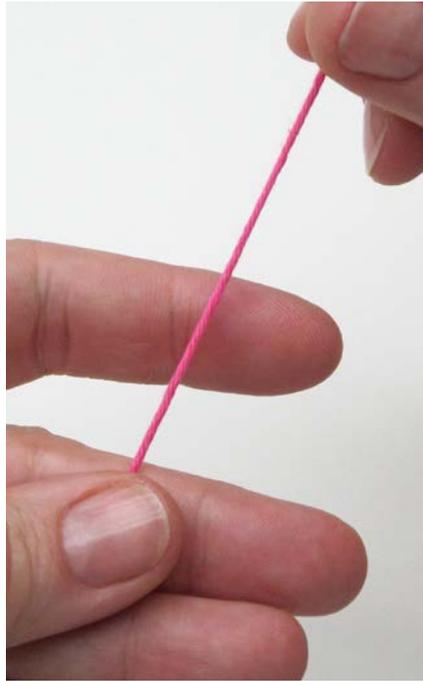
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When working in the round you can make a magic loop in place of a ring made from a sequence of chains. A magic loop is handy when you have a lot of stitches to deal with or are unsure when you start just how many you want to make. Another advantage of the magic loop is that the hole at the centre will be smaller than if you start with a chain.

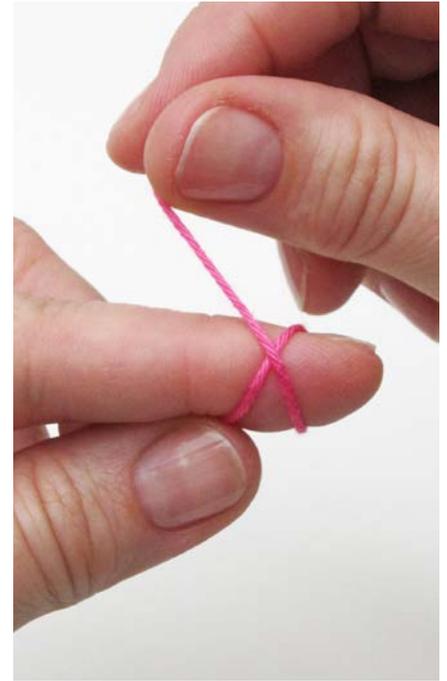
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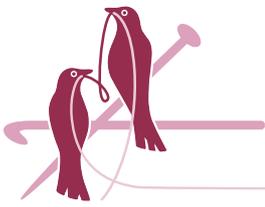
The magic loop technique is not usually abbreviated. It is also known as the magic ring or base ring.



Step 1: Hold the tail end of yarn in your left hand so that the yarn will wrap over your left index finger from front to back.



Step 2: Wrap the yarn around either your index finger, or the two middle fingers on your left hand, making sure to wrap from front to back. Make sure that you have crossed your yarns over so that a loop has formed on your fingers.

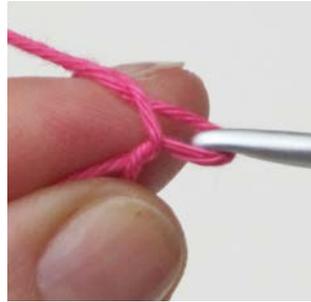


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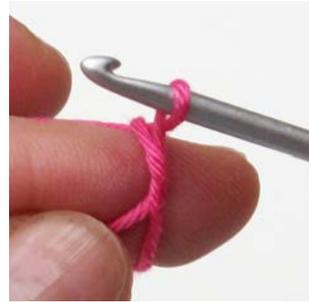
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Step 3: With the hook facing down and the 'cross over' held in place, insert your hook under the yarn loop nearest the tip of your finger.



Step 4: Use your hook to draw the yarn through the loop.



Step 5: Reposition the hook so that it is facing upwards.



Step 6: Make 1 ch.



Step 7: Release the loop from your finger/s, but DO NOT pull to tighten – you have made an open slip knot.



Step 8: Holding the loop open and making sure the tail end of yarn sits to the left, work the required number of double crochet stitches into the loop, working each stitch over two yarns at the same time (the loop and the tail).



Step 9: Pull the tail end of yarn to tighten your ring.



Step 10: Slip stitch to the first stitch to join.