

Hello!



Welcome to *Simply Knitting's* guide to crochet. It's one of the oldest forms of crafting with yarn, that's easy to pick up and used all over the world.

Crochet is an extremely versatile and popular technique, and as with knitting, once you have learnt a few basic stitches they can be combined to create fantastic garments and accessories for the home.

To crochet, all you need is a hook and some yarn. First you make a basic chain (see page 4) to create the foundation row, on which all your other rows or rounds are worked. Crochet stitches are made by wrapping the yarn around the hook to make loops. The loops are then drawn through the wrapped yarn to make the stitches. You can also use the chain stitch foundation to make cords or drawstrings for knitting projects.

As well as using crochet to create whole garments, it can also be used to make pretty edgings on knitting. And as with knitting, lightweight yarns will create a delicate fabric, and a thicker yarn will produce a denser fabric. Crochet is easy to learn and your work will grow very quickly, so you'll be making beautiful items in no time. Go on give it a go!



Debora

Debora Bradley, Editor
simplyknitting@futurenet.co.uk

The basic kit: crochet hooks come in a range of sizes and materials, scissors, a tape measure and glass-head pins.