Basic Crochet Stitches

Slip Stitch (sl st)

**Right-handed version**

**Left-handed version**

**DIRECTIONS:** Pull the yarn up through both your project and the active loop on your hook. The two photos at left show the slip stitch in progress, while I am working on pulling the loop through.

**Join with Slip Stitch to form ring**

**Right-handed version**

**Left-handed version**

**DIRECTIONS:** Another example: Let's say you'd like to crochet a project that begins with a ring in the center, such as a granny square or hexagon pattern. Your project might begin with a small number of chain stitches that are joined to form this ring. Usually, you would use a slip stitch to create the join.

**Single Crochet (sc)**

**Right-handed version**

**Left-handed version**
DIRECTIONS: Insert the hook from front to back into the second chain from the hook. Yarn-over and draw up a loop. There will be 2 loops on your hook. Yarn-over and draw through both loops on your hook. Single crochet is complete.

**Double Crochet (dc)**

![Double Crochet (dc) - Right-handed version](image1)

![Double Crochet (dc) - Left-handed version](image2)

DIRECTIONS: Yarn-over. Insert hook into indicated stitch. Yarn-over and draw up a loop. There will be 3 loops on your hook. Yarn-over and draw through 2 loops on your hook. There will be 2 loops left on the hook. Yarn-over and draw through the last 2 loops on your hook. Double crochet is complete.

**Half Double Crochet (hdc)**

DIRECTIONS:

Half double crochet stitches are exactly what they imply! They are half of a double crochet stitch. Here is how to make a half double crochet stitch: Yo, insert hook into stitch, yo, draw through 1 lp, yo, draw through all 3 lps on hook

Here is a picture tutorial for a more detailed explanation. This tutorial is for both right and left handed people. **For left handed pictures, roll your mouse over the image and it will change for you.**

Step 1: **Yarn over** (wrap the yarn around your hook)

Step 2: **Insert your hook into the stitch you want to make your half double crochet in.**

Step 3: **Yarn over** (wrap the yarn around your hook)

Step 4: **Pull the strand of yarn through 1 loop on your hook.** You should now have 3 loops on your hook.

Step 5: **Yarn over** (wrap the yarn around your hook)

Step 6: **Pull the strand of yarn through all 3 loops on your hook.** You should now have 1 loop on your hook.
Right-handed version:

Left-handed version:
Triple Crochet (tr)

**Right-handed version**

**Left-handed version**

DIRECTIONS: Yarn over hook twice, then insert hook into next stitch. Yarn over hook and draw yarn through stitch - (there are four loops on the hook). Loop yarn over hook and draw through two loops, (there are now three loops remaining on the hook). Yarn over hook and draw through two loops. Again, loop yarn over hook and draw through the last two loops on the hook (there is now one loop remaining.) This completes one treble crochet.

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