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Crocheting in the Round Starter Guide

Everything you need to begin circular projects with confidence

What Does “Crocheting in the Round” Mean?

Instead of working in straight rows, you’ll be working in a spiral or joined circle—great for hats, baskets, coasters, amigurumi, and more!

It might feel a little different at first, but once you get the hang of it, it opens up so many fun projects.

You’ll Learn:

- How to start with a magic ring or chain loop
- When and how to join rounds
- How to increase evenly
- Tips for keeping your circle flat and smooth

What You’ll Need:

- Worsted weight yarn
- Size 5.0 mm (H-8) crochet hook
- Yarn needle & scissors
- Stitch marker (optional, but very helpful!)

Two Ways to Start in the Round

Option 1: Magic Ring

Wrap the yarn into a loop

Insert hook into the loop

Yarn over and pull up a loop

Ch 1 (or more depending on stitch)

Work stitches into the ring

Pull tail to close center tightly

This gives you a nice, closed center—great for hats or amigurumi!

Option 2: Chain Loop

Ch 4

Sl st into first ch to form a ring

Ch up (usually 1–3 depending on your stitch)

Work stitches into the center of the ring

Easier to learn than the magic ring, and works well for bags and baskets.

Joining Rounds vs. Spiral Rounds

- Joined Rounds
- Finish each round with a slip stitch
- Often used in hats, mandalas, or anything with clear rows
- Cleaner look, easier for beginners

Example:

Sl st to top of beginning ch-3 to close round

Spiral Rounds

- Continuous round without joining
- Common in amigurumi or baskets
- Use a stitch marker to track the start of each round!

Example:

Work continuously in each stitch—no joining, just keep going

Basic Round Pattern to Practice:

Ch 4, sl st to first ch to form a ring

Round 1: Ch 3 (counts as dc), 11 dc in ring. Sl st to join. (12 dc)

Round 2: Ch 3, 1 dc in same st, 2 dc in each st around. Join. (24 dc)

Round 3: Ch 3, 2 dc in next st, 1 dc in next, rep around. Join. (36 dc)

You now have a flat circle — use it as a coaster, base of a bag, or a mini mandala!

Beginner Tips:

Use a stitch marker to mark the start of each round

Count your stitches every round to avoid unintentional increases

If your circle starts to ruffle or curl, you may need to adjust your tension or stitch count

You're Ready to Go in Circles!

Whether you're starting a cozy hat or a handmade basket, crocheting in the round gives you so many possibilities. Don't worry if it feels tricky at first—it's just a new shape for your stitches to explore!

You're doing so well. Keep practicing. ❤️