

Magic Ring Tutorial

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What is a Magic Ring and why do I need one?

A magic ring is an option to start out round works. It is often used in amigurumi patterns because it forms a tighter circle. The more traditional method leaves a small hole at the center of the circle. This keeps stuffing from showing, or if you are like me, you just do not like having a hole there. I personally find this an easier method if you are starting with a large number of stitches in the ring.

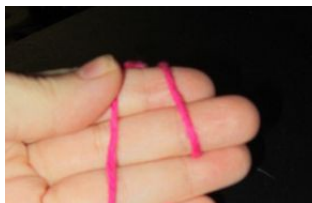


This technique can be used for any round pattern, with any yarn or hook required.

I would like to point out that I have seen a couple of ways to do this. This is the way that has worked best for me.

Step 1

Take the end of the yarn and make a ring around two fingers. You want the tail to be on the left, and the skein of yarn to the back. While you are still unfamiliar with this method you should leave a very long tail.



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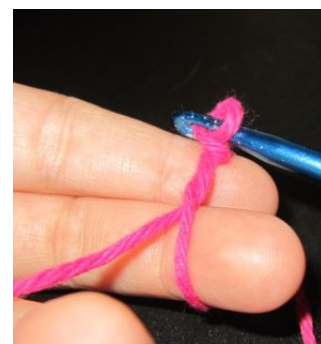
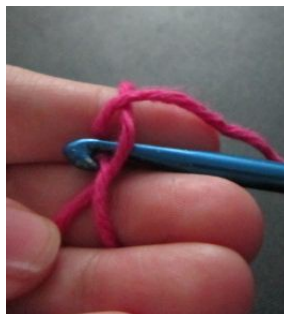
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Step 2

Insert the hook under both strands of yarn.



Pull the strand on the left under and then hook the one that was on the right to create a loop on your hook.



Yarn over and chain one. This does not count as a stitch.



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Step 3

If you are working with double or treble crochet chain one or two more times. Crochet number of stitches needed to start your round. When you are making your stitches be sure to cover both strands. Make sure the strands do not get tangled, and stay parallel or it will not tighten properly.



Step 4

Pull the tail of the yarn tightly. This will draw everything together in a nice ring. Join with a slip stitch (Unless your patterns says not to.), and continue your pattern.

