Hooked

Online Amigurumi Learning by Doudouna

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A question I get a lot

“Can you teach me how to crochet?”

Being a self-taught crocheter and amigurumist, I love sharing my knowledge and motivating people to improve themeselves and explore new hobbies

For anybody who loves crochet,
anybody who wants to learn crochet, or is simply curious to know more about this world... this is for you!
I will be sharing interesting tips, techniques, patterns, tricks and much more!

I believe that everybody deserves to find a hobby that brings them inner peace, joy and relief!

Let’s start!

Hooked

“Hooked on” will be divided into different chapters guiding you through basic materials, toolkits, stitches and patterns.

This is for both the beginners and advanced crocheters.
If you are new to this, please don’t hesitate to start!
It’ll be extremely fun... I promise.

Mistakes happen,
don’t give up too soon

All it takes is patience, dedication and passion!

Enjoy!

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Introduction

Crochet & Amigurumi

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Crochet

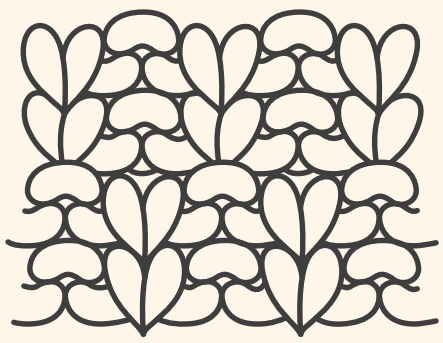
is the process of creating textiles or fabric by using a crochet hook. There are different **types of crochet stitches** such as single crochet, double crochet, puff stitch, shell stitch and more…



Single



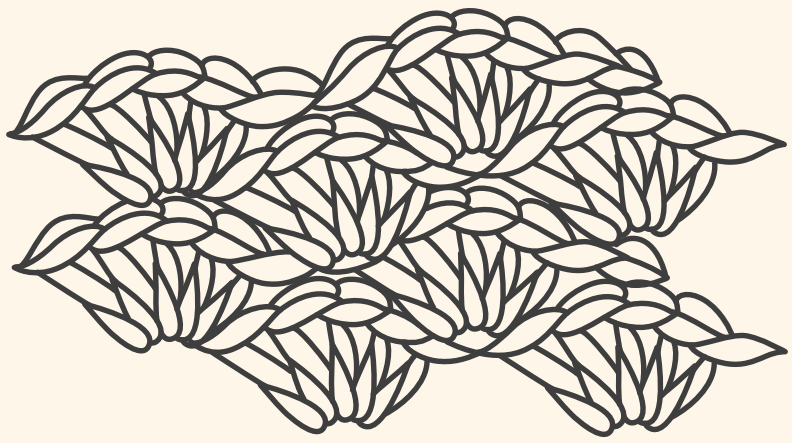
Double



Moss



Puff

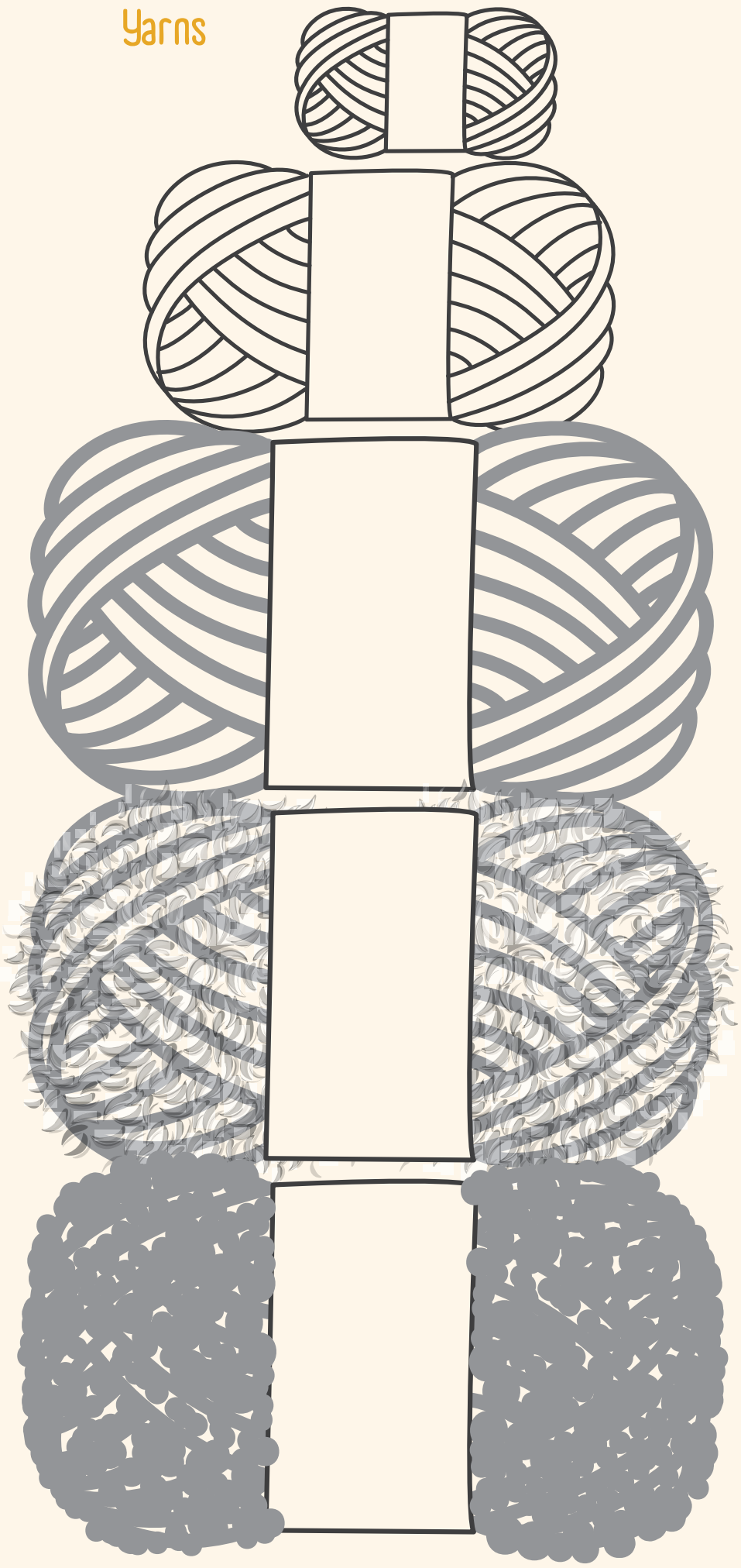


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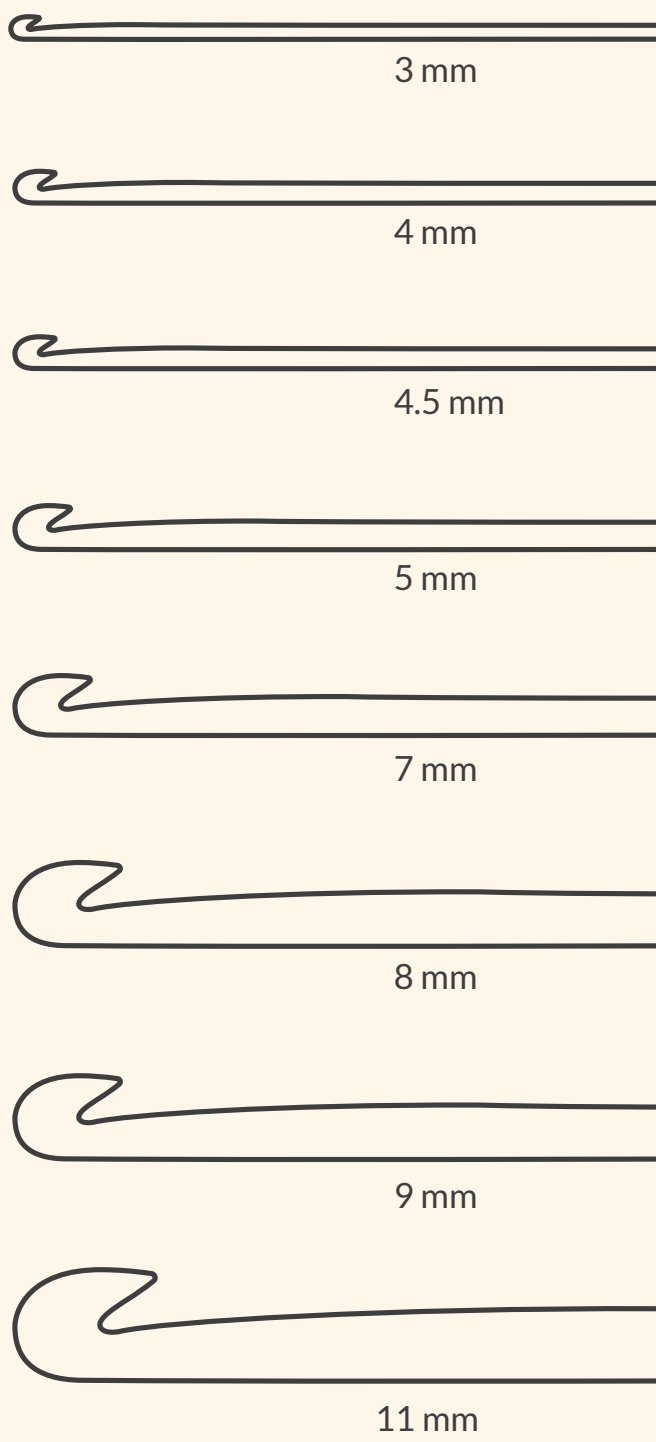
Crochet Stitches

can be used on different yarn materials (cotton yarn, wool yarn, velour yarn, etc…) with its correspondent crochet hook size depending on the piece you are working on such as hat, scarf, amigurumi,...

Yarns



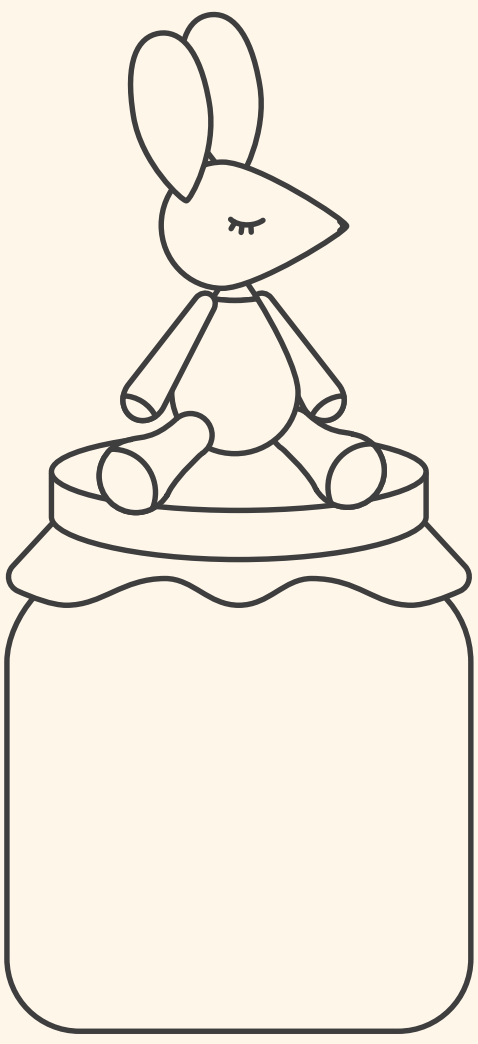
Hooks



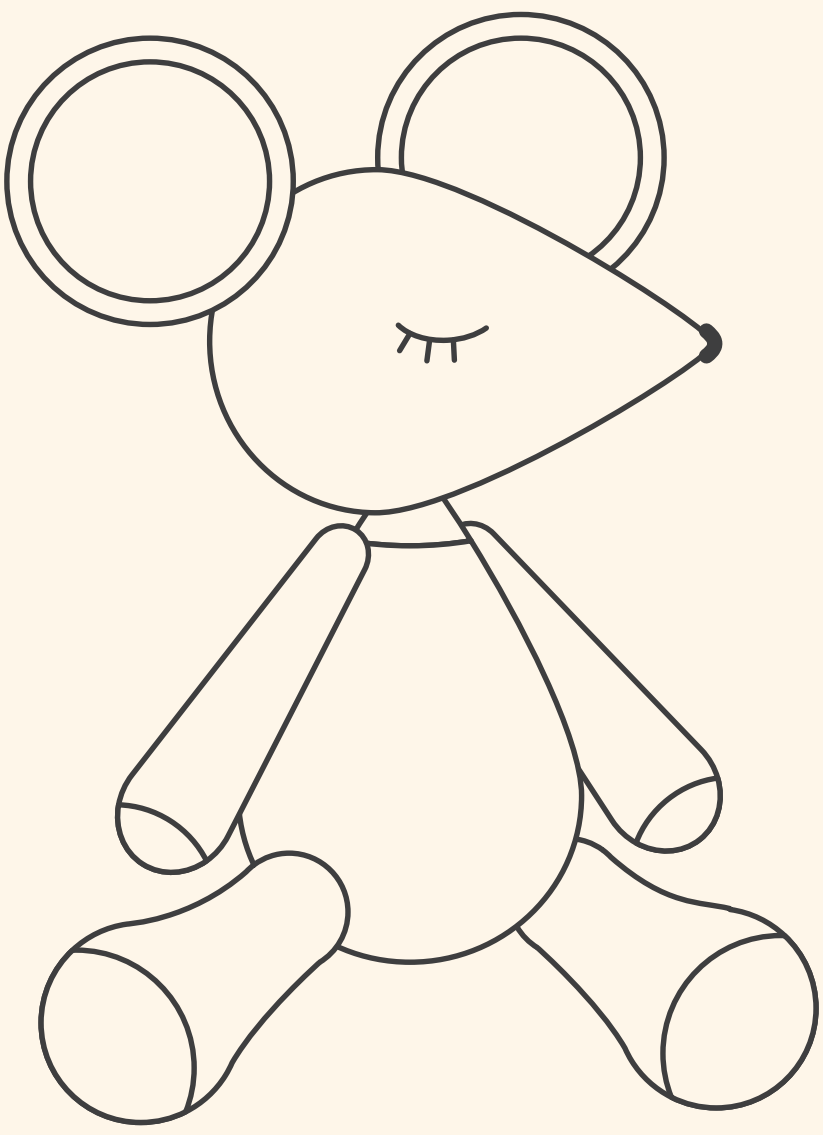

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Amigurumi

is the Japanese art of knitting or crocheting stuffed yarn creatures.
Amigurumi varies in size and there are no restrictions on size or look.



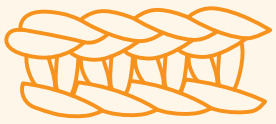
Small



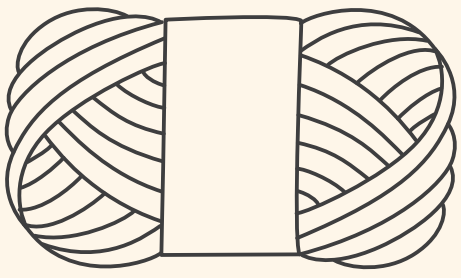
Medium/ Big

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We can integrate different stitch types or different yarn material to give it more style.

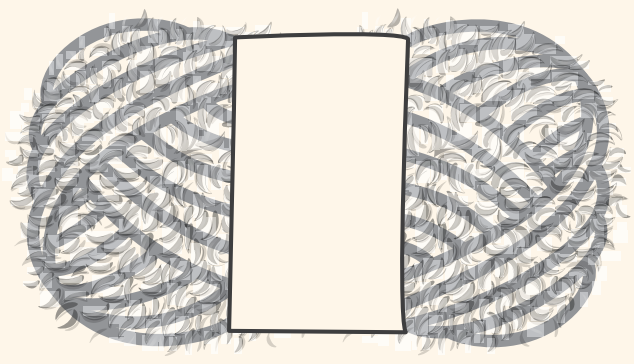
Same stitch, different yarns



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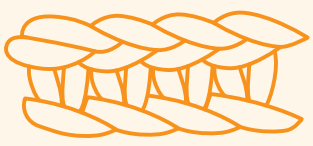


Cotton



Fluffy

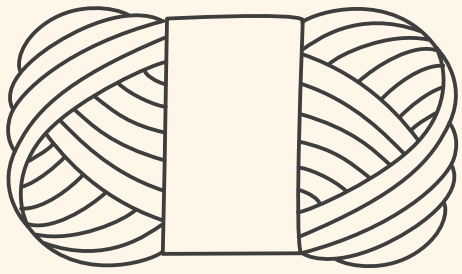
Different stitches, same yarn



Single



Puff

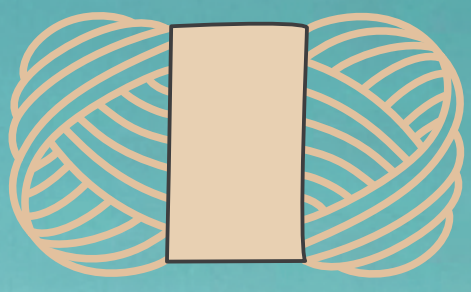


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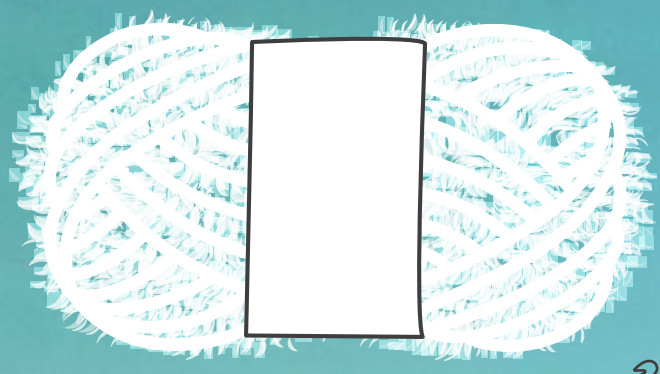
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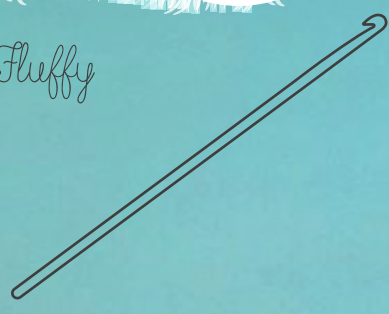
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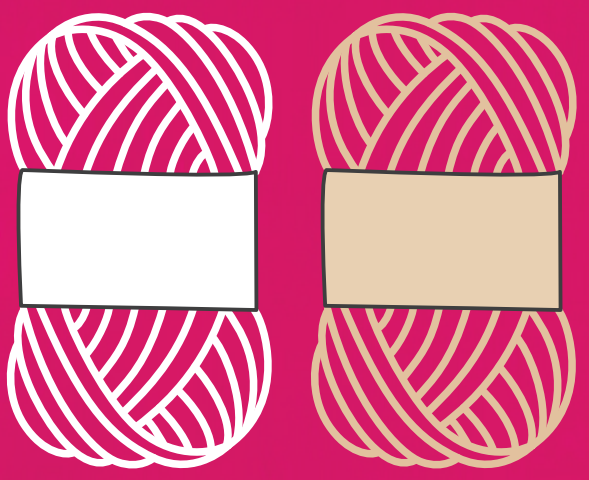
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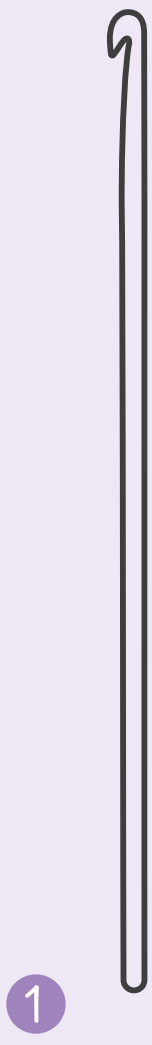




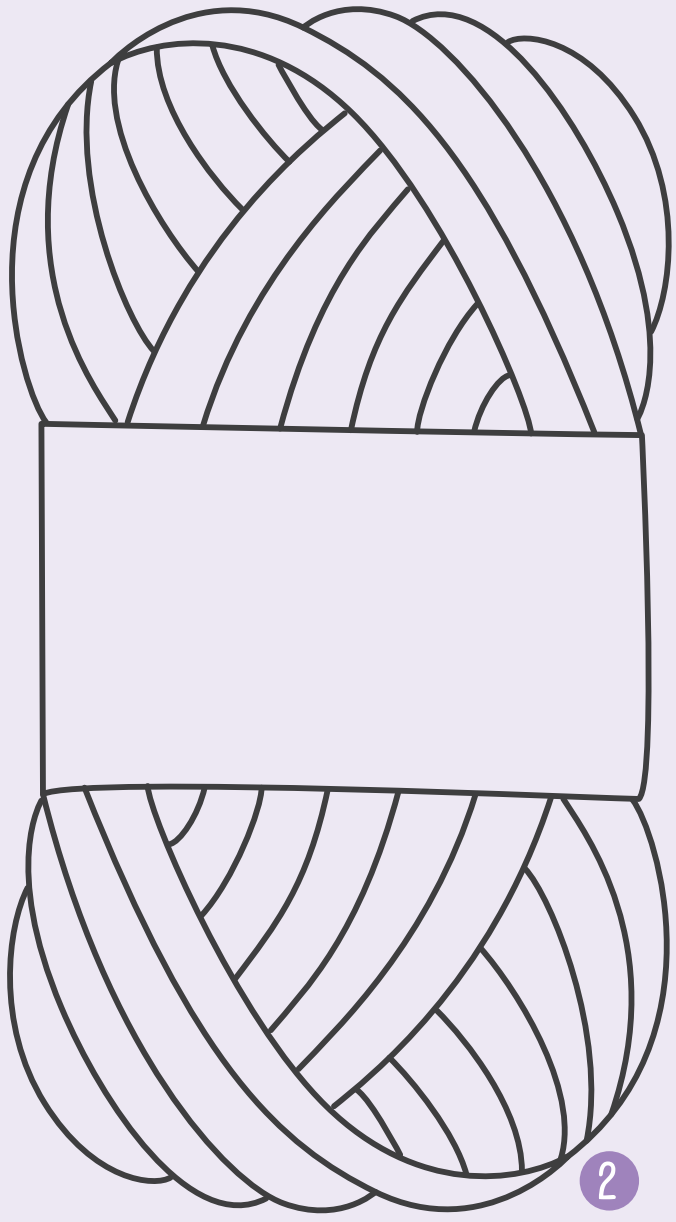
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Essential tools and materials

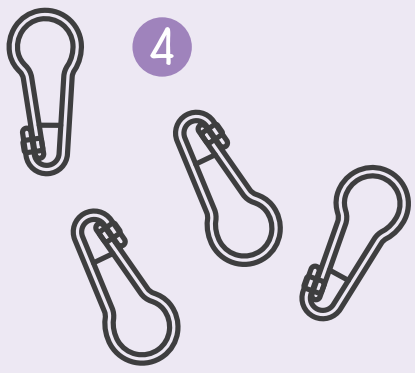
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2. Yarn
3. Scissors
4. Stitch Markers
5. Pins
6. Safety Eyes *(optional)*
7. Big Needles
8. Stuffing



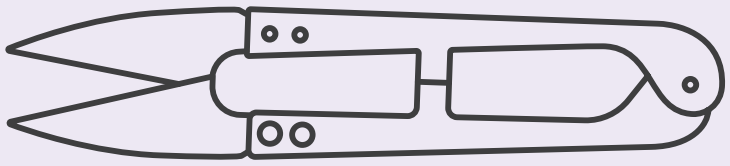
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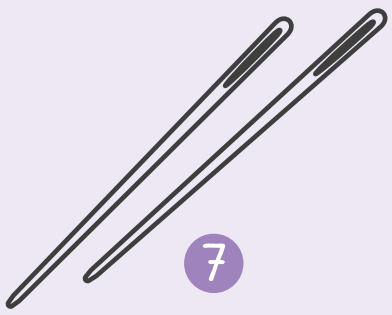
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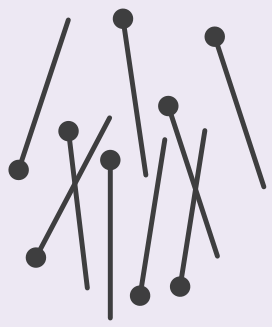
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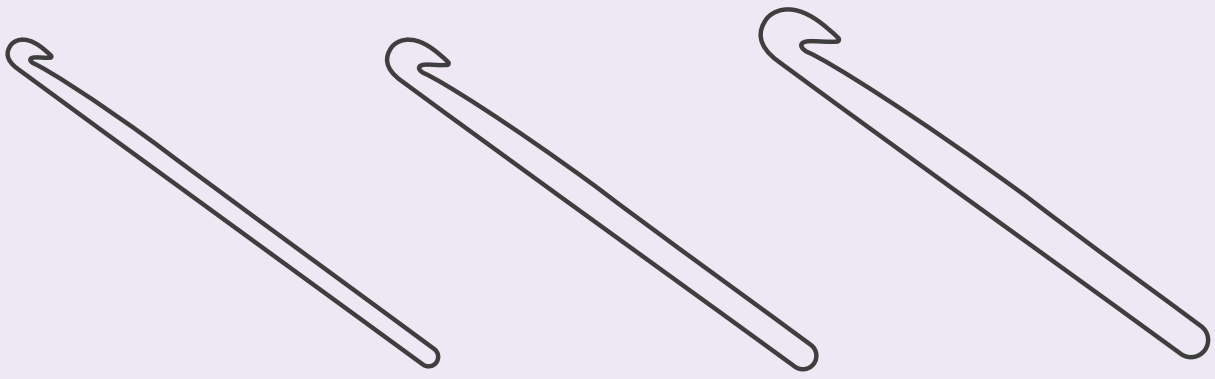






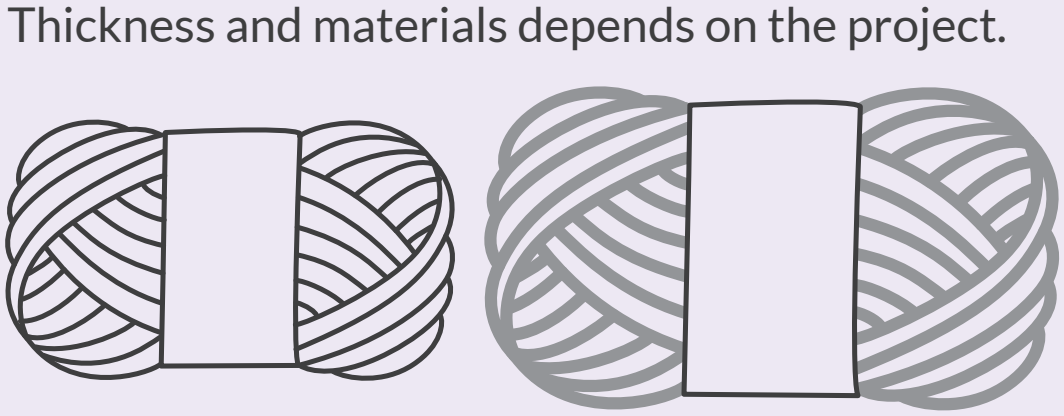
Crochet Hook

The size of the hook required for any project is determined by the thickness of the yarn.



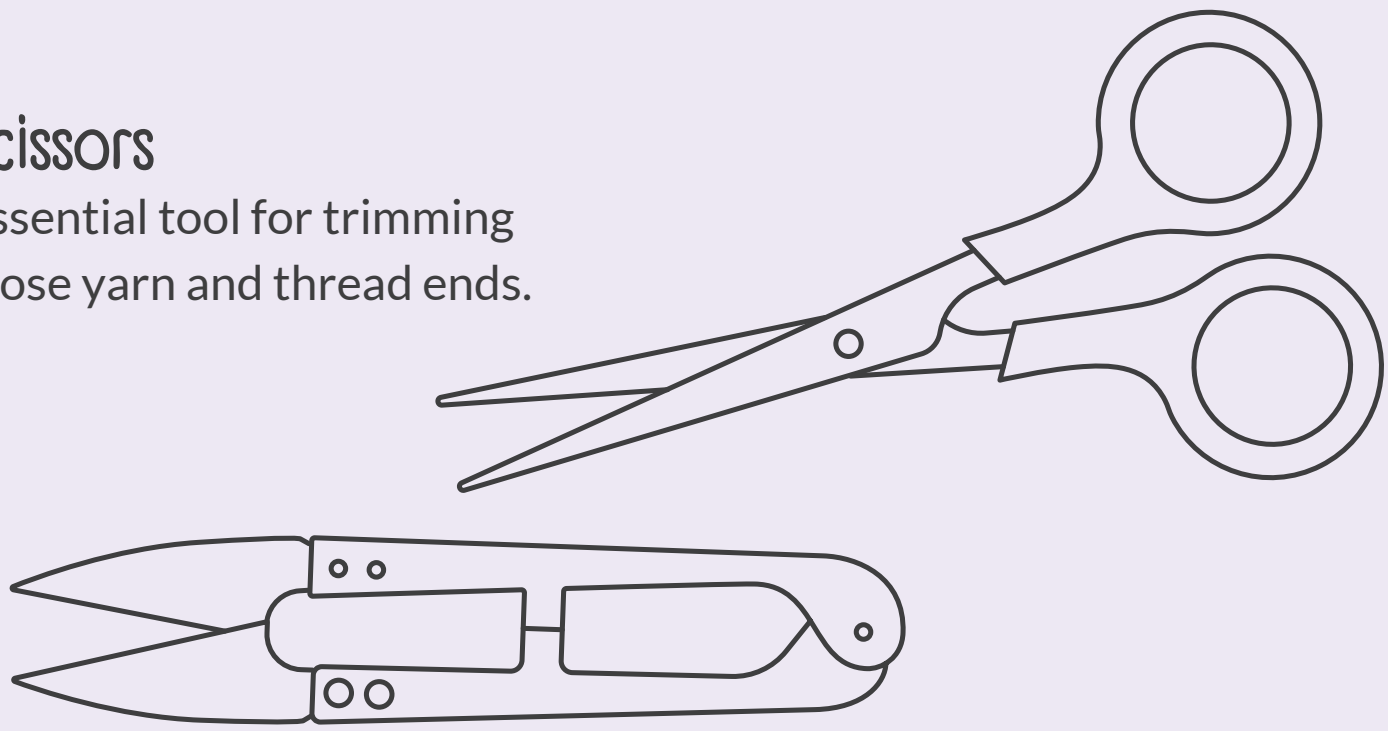
Yarn

Thickness and materials depends on the project.



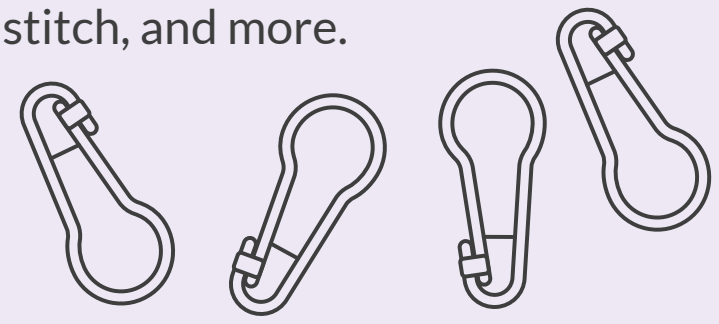
Scissors

Essential tool for trimming loose yarn and thread ends.



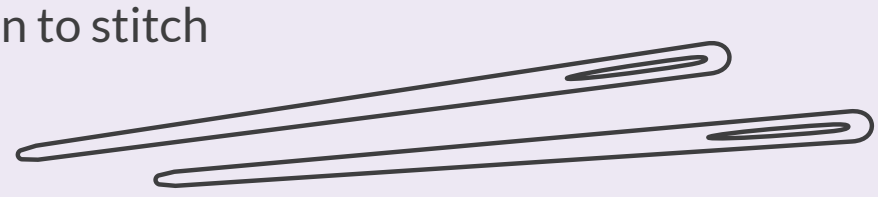
Stitch Markers

Used to mark a certain number of stitches, the beginning of a round, where to make a particular stitch, and more.



Big Needle

Used to attach the body parts of the amigurumi together or for small details. We use yarn to stitch them together, not thread.



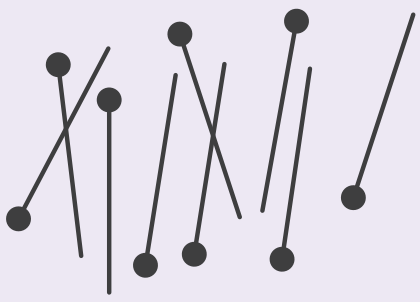
Safety Eyes

Give the amigurumi a nice look.



Pins

Used to hold the amigurumi parts together in the right place before sewing them.



Stuffing

Used to fill the amigurumi to take its final shape.

Now that everything we need is ready, it's time to start learning the essential crochet stitches.

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Essentials

- Holding the hook
- Holding the working yarn
- Slip Knot
- Chain Stitch

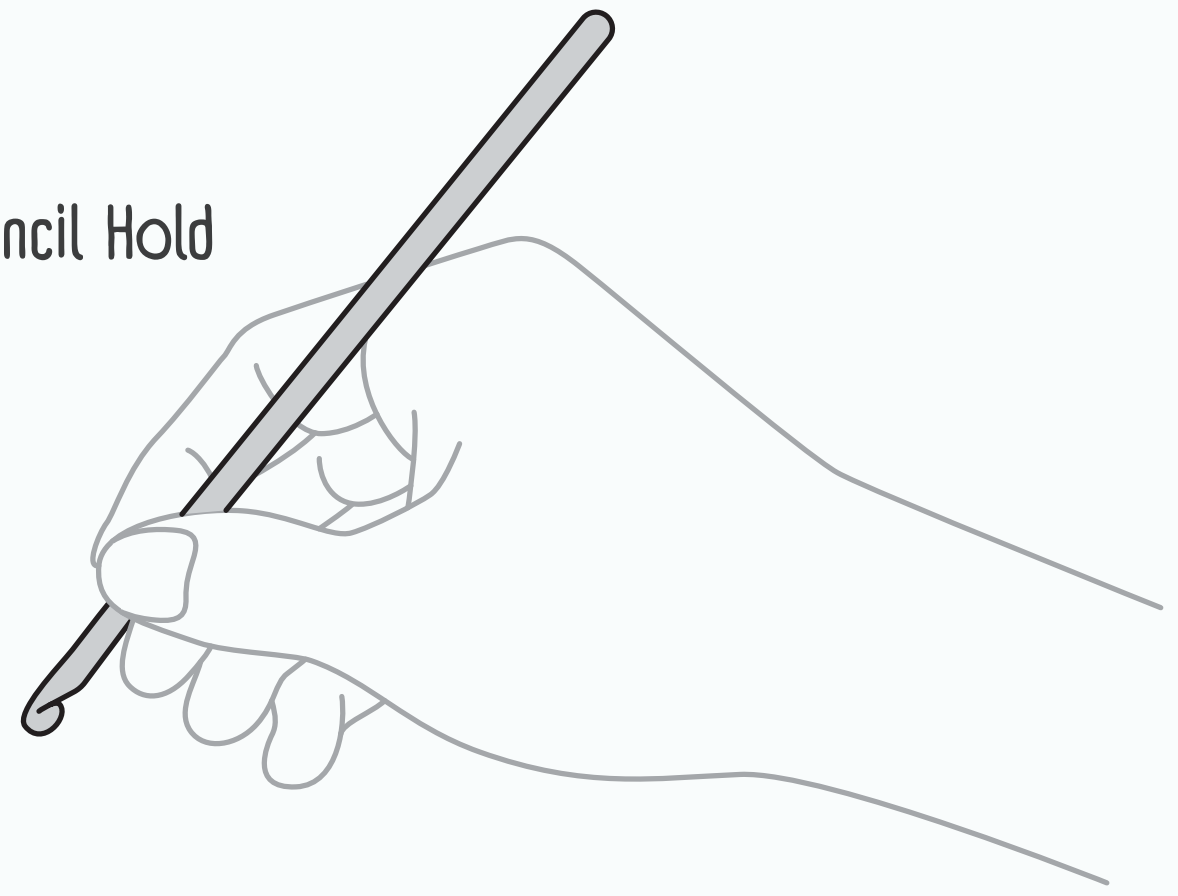
Holding the hook

There are two methods for holding a crochet hook, the overhand **knife hold** and the **pencil hold.**

Knife Hold



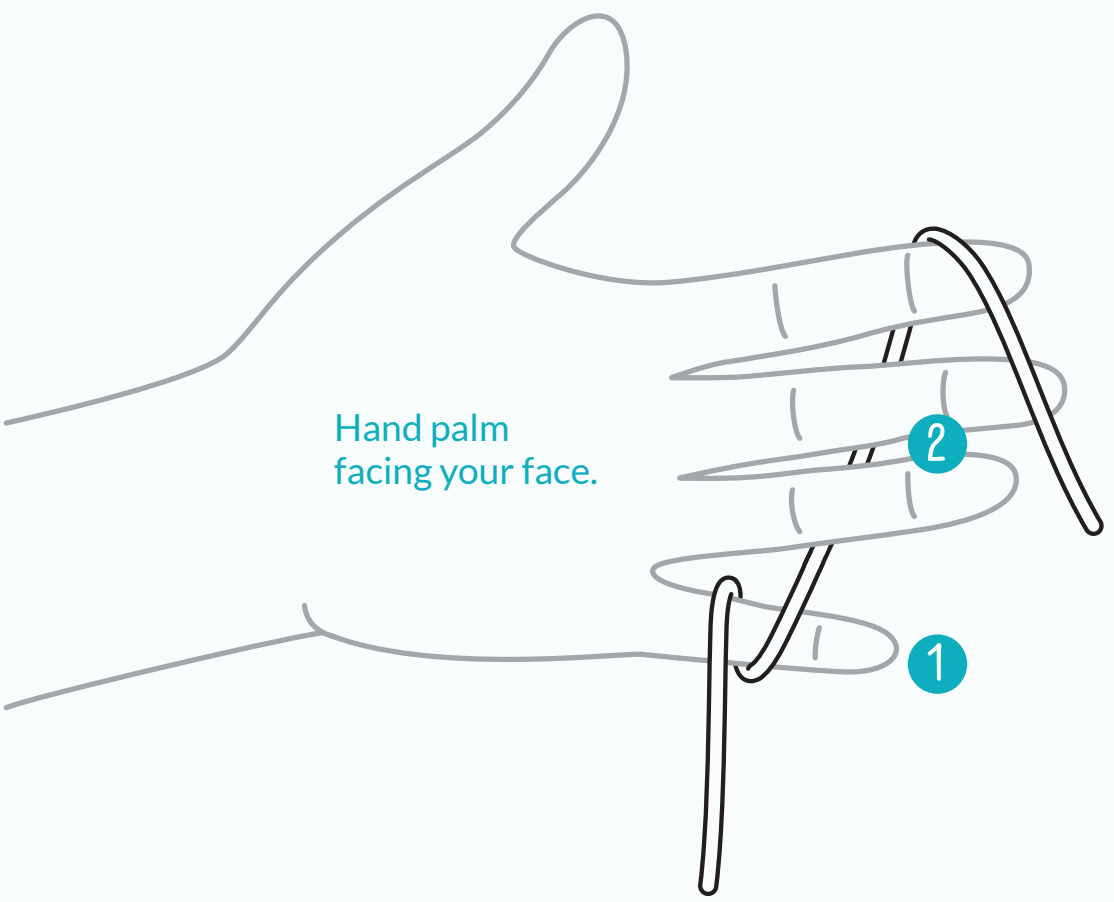
Pencil Hold



Holding the working yarn

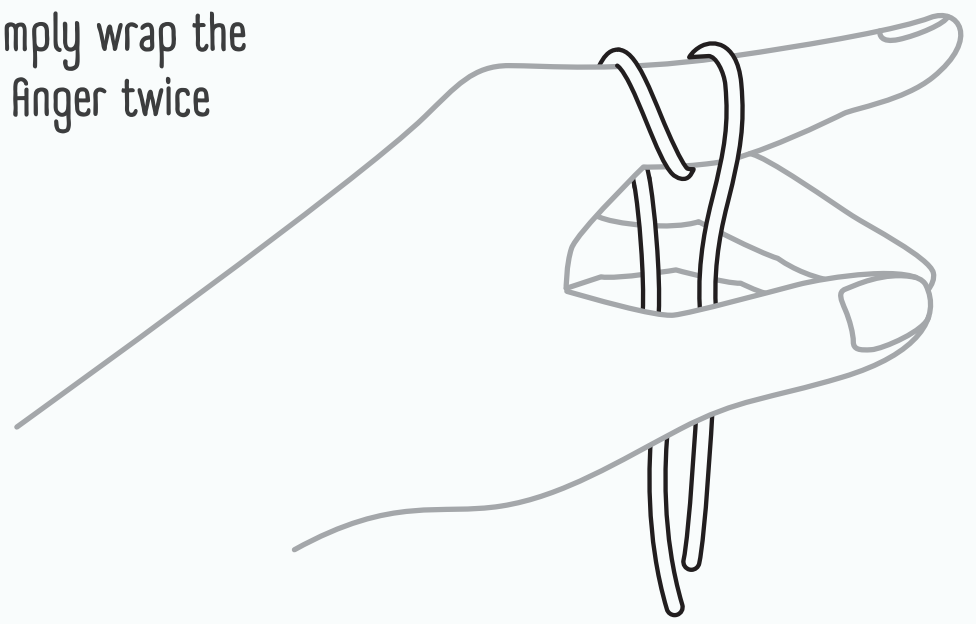
Hold the working yarn, weave it through your left hand as follows:

1. Loop the yarn twice over your little finger
2. Take it on top of the ring, middle and index finger



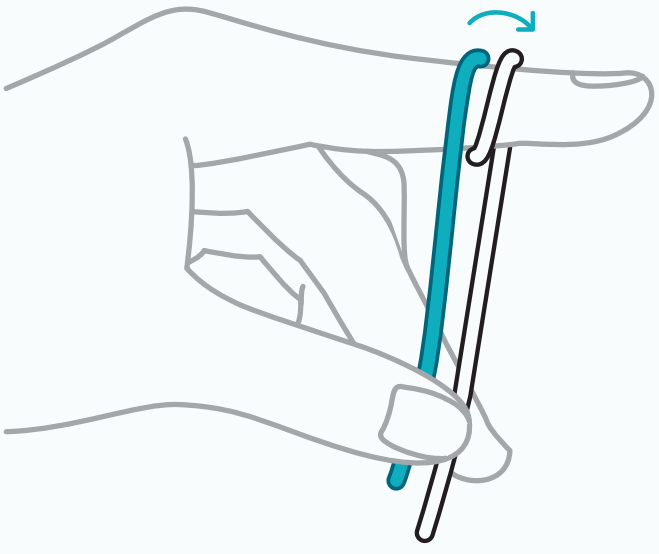
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Another method is to simply wrap the yarn around your index finger twice



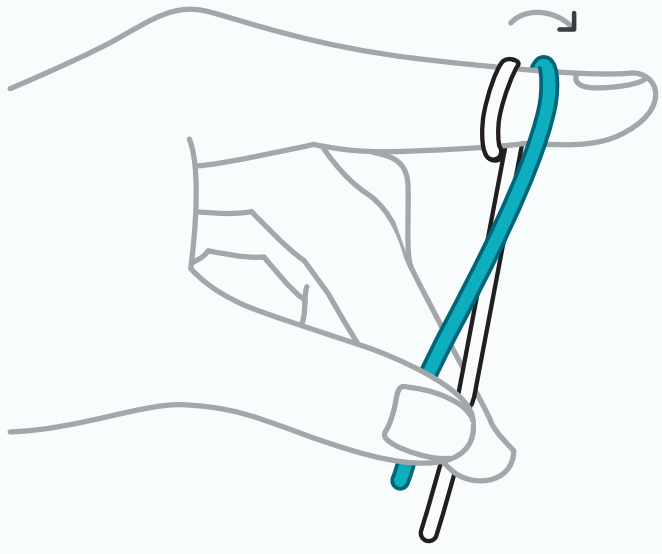
Slip Knot

The slip knot is used as a starting point for crochet

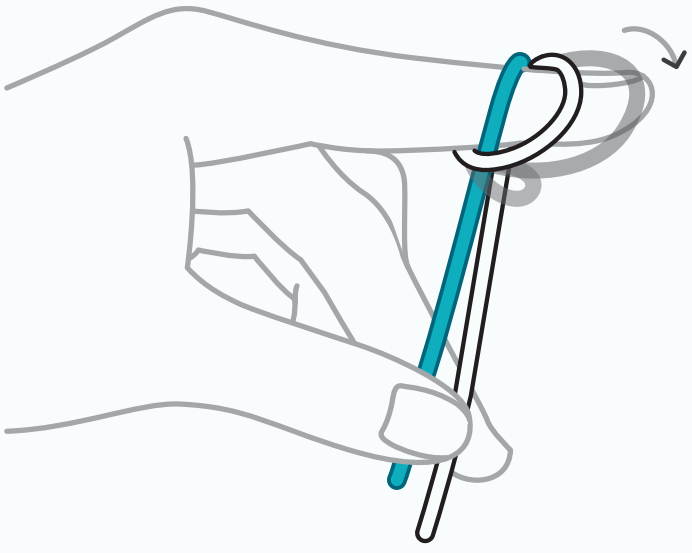


1 Loop the yarn twice over your finger.

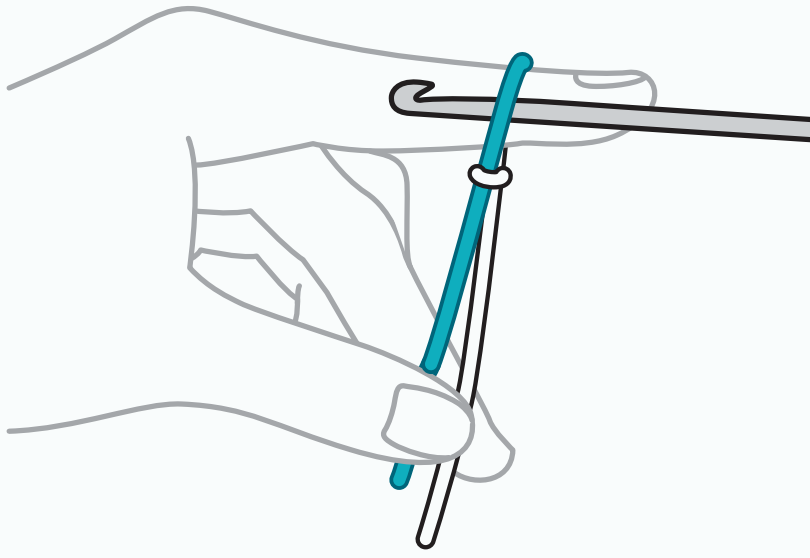
2 Pull the back loop over the front loop without letting it fall off your finger.



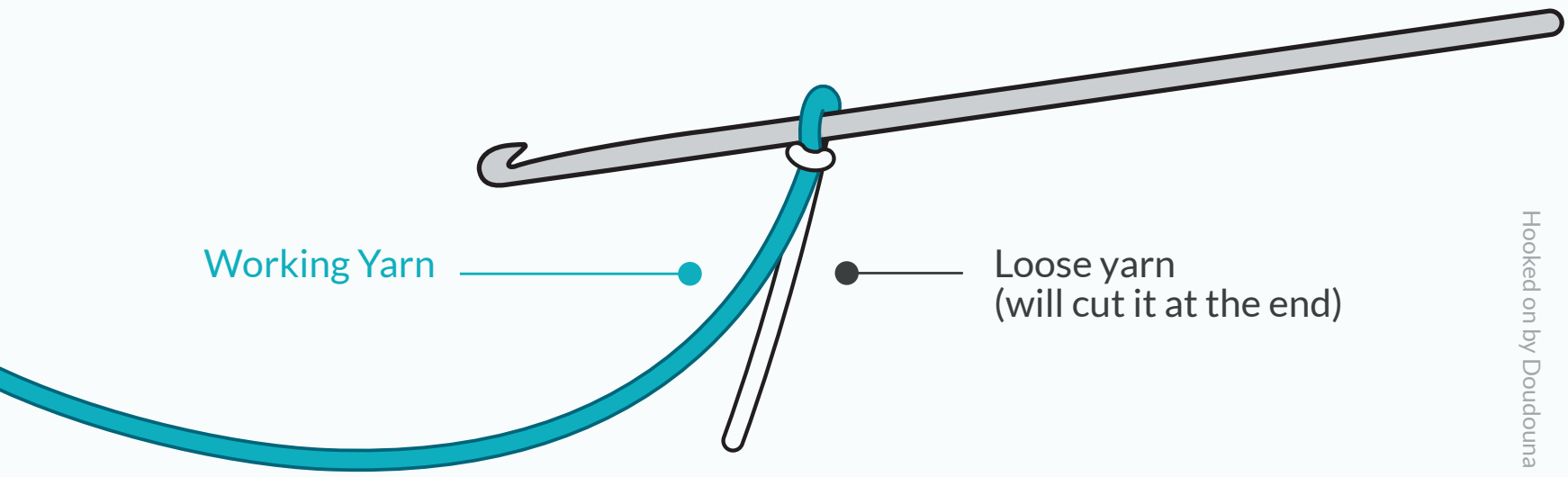
3 Then pull the now back loop over the front loop



4 Push up on the loop with your finger to tighten the knot.



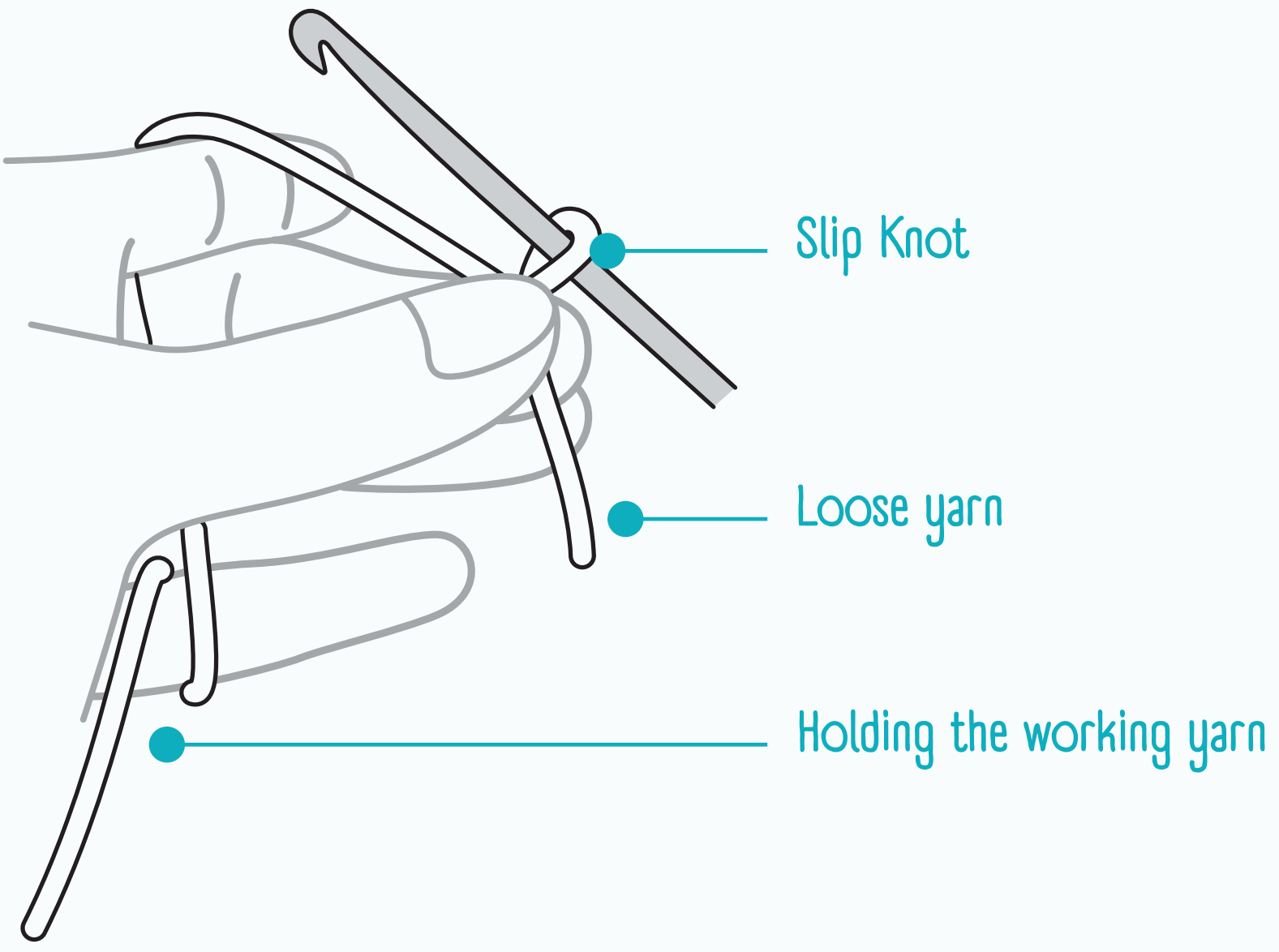
5 Insert your hook into the loop and tighten



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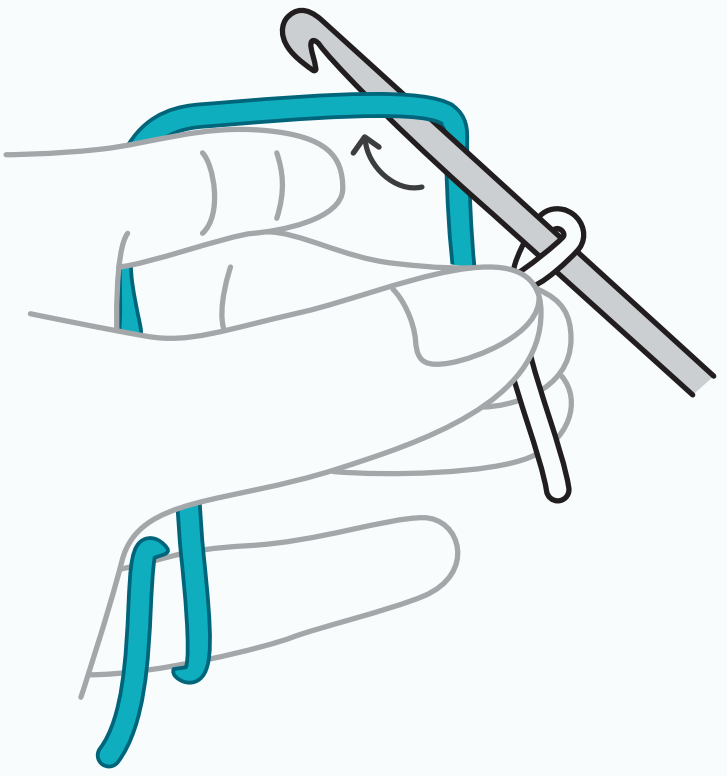
Chain Stitch

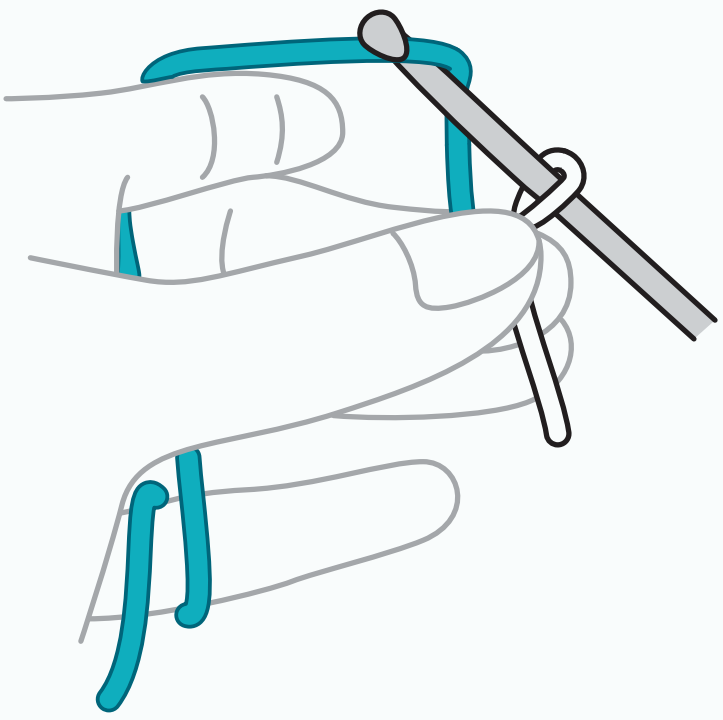
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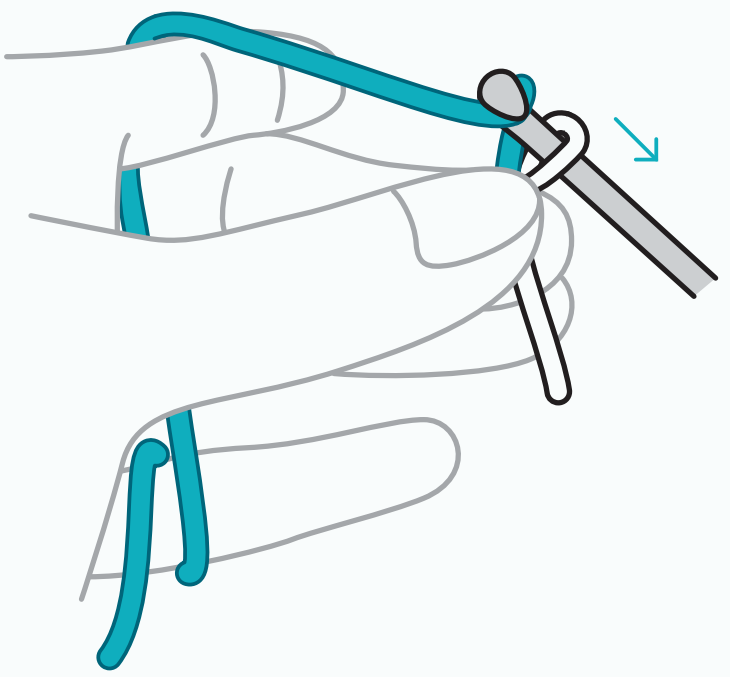
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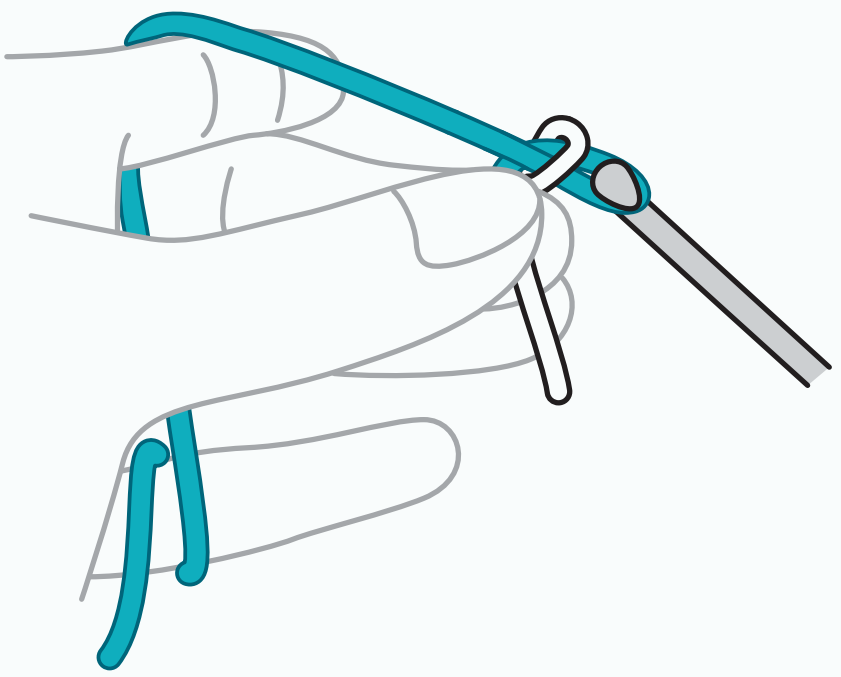
Let's do our first stitch >>



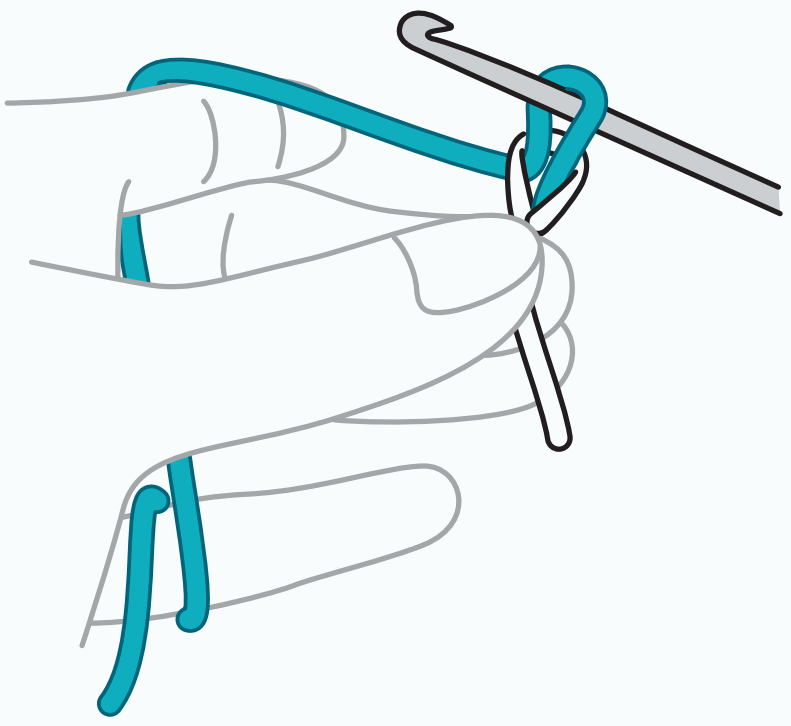


1 Bring the hook under the yarn from the back and grab it.



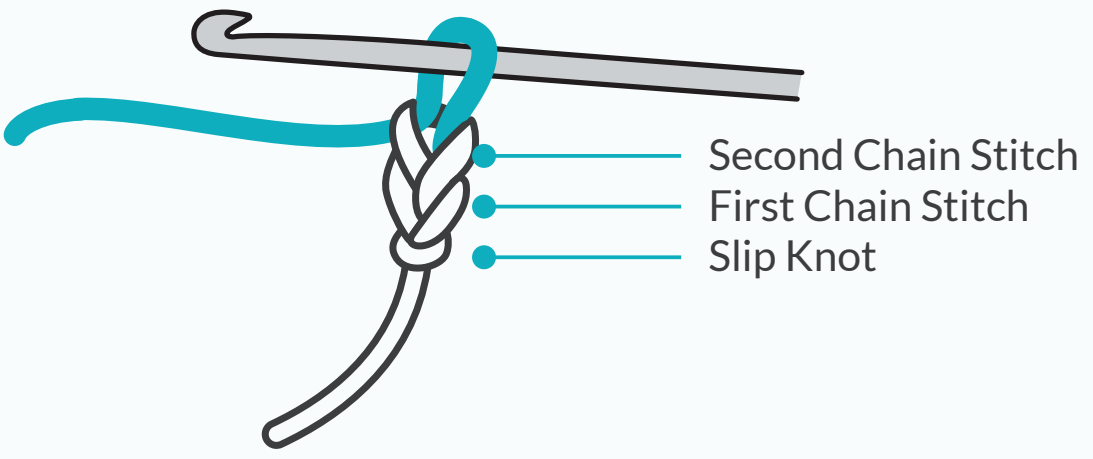


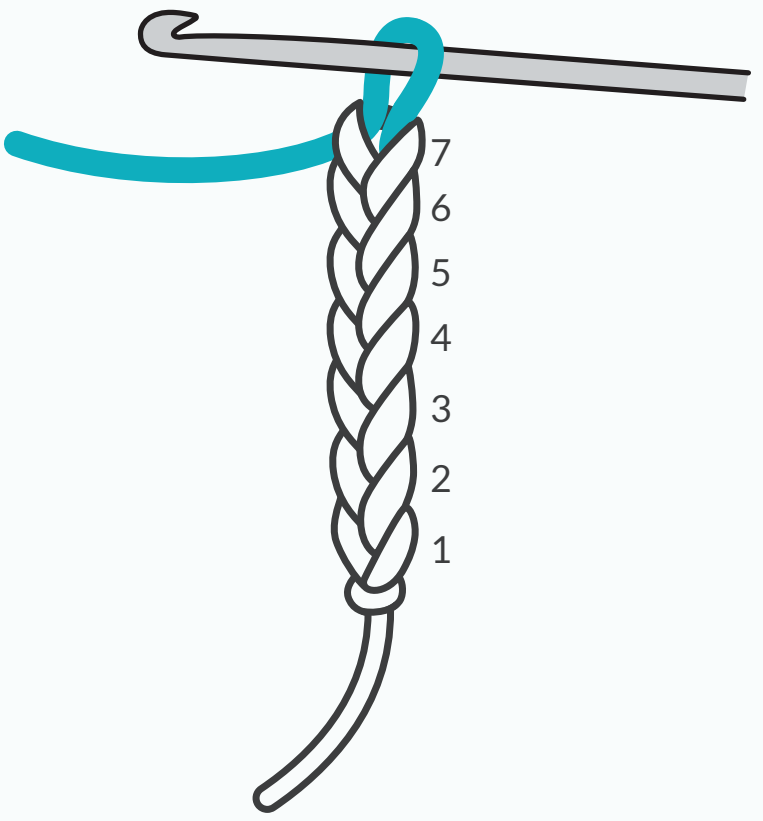
2 Pull the grabbed yarn through the slip knot stitch



You Just
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STITCH!!

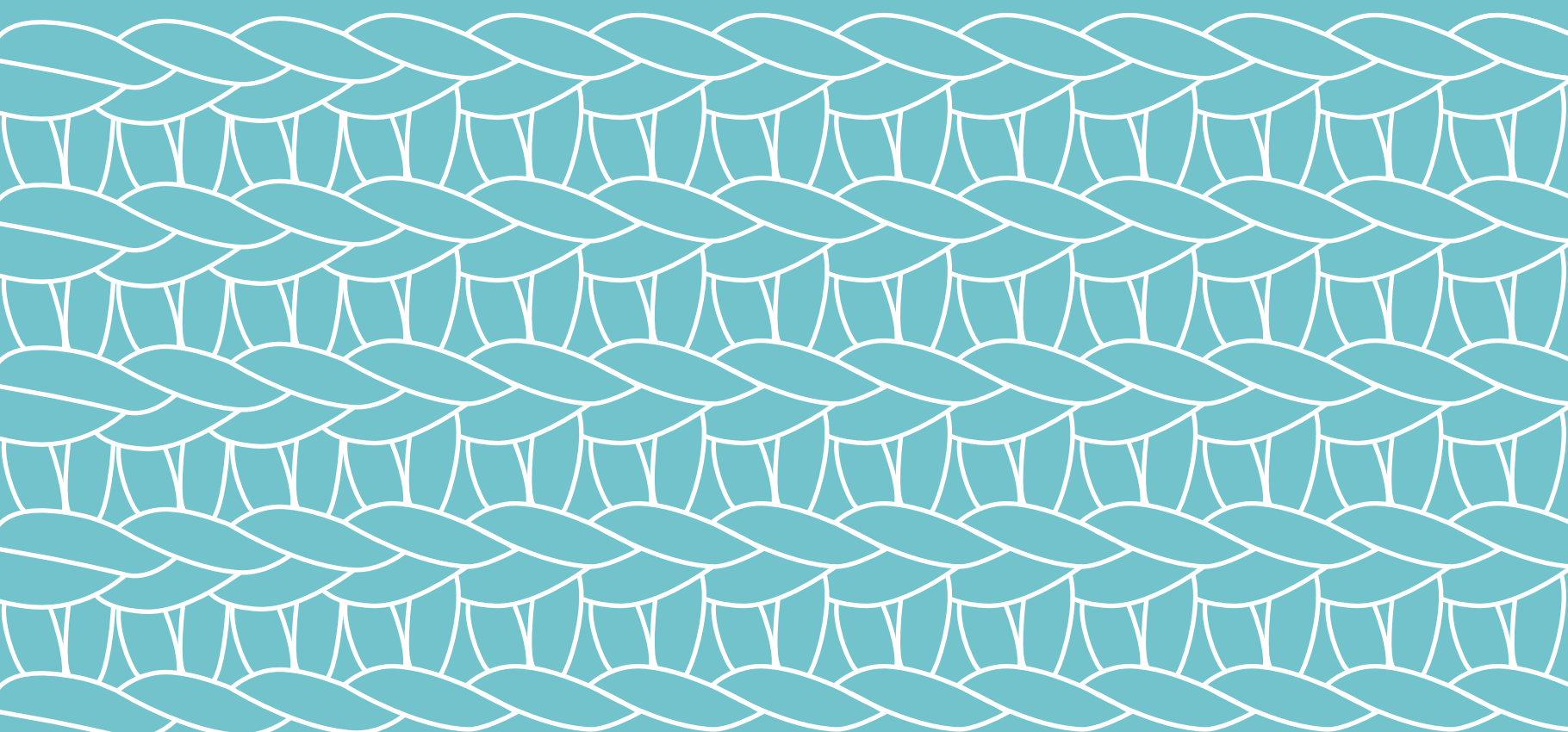
Keep repeating the same steps until you reach the required number of stitches





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Now that you got the essentials,
get a hook, a yarn and start practicing!



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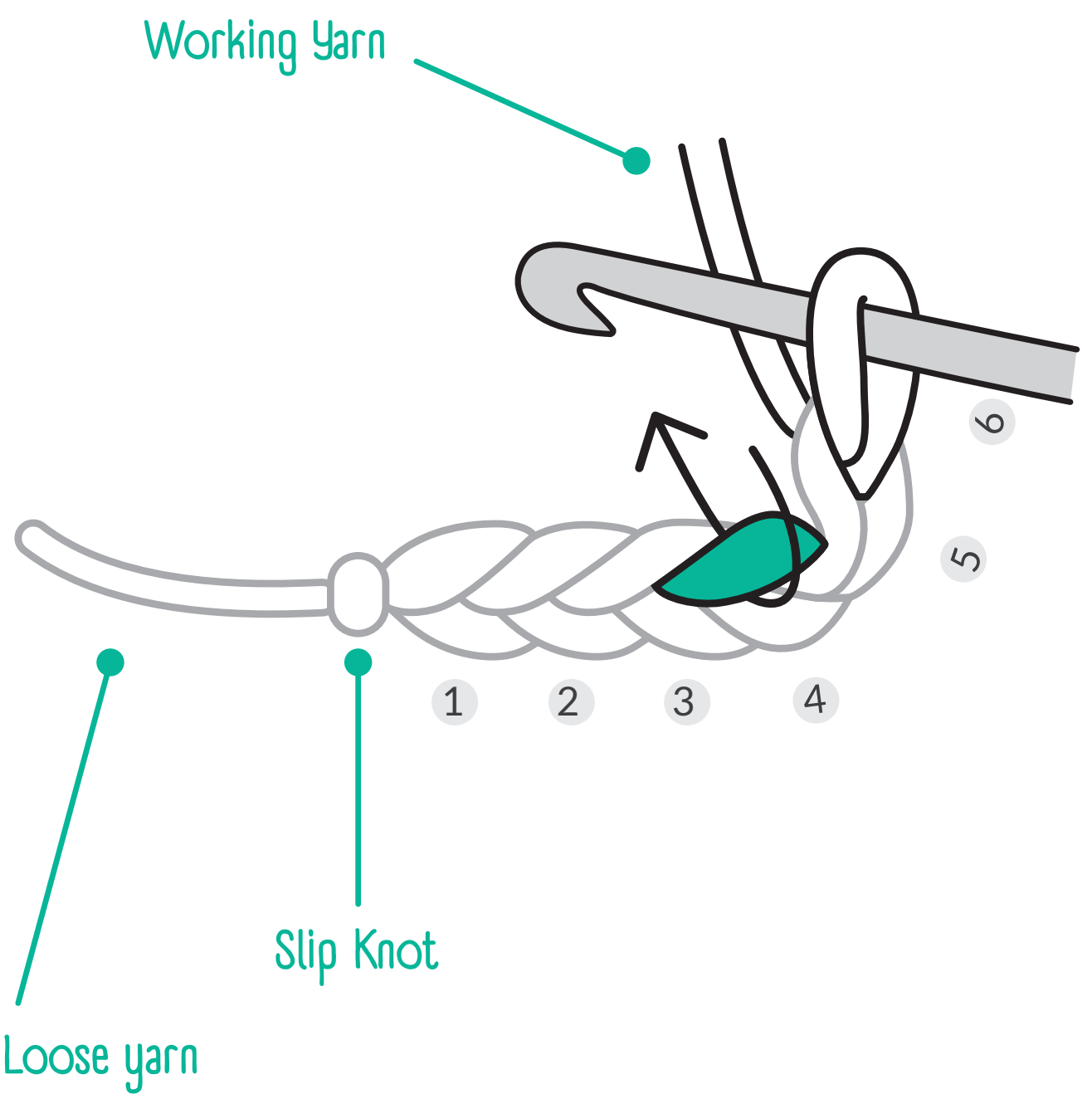
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Single Crochet

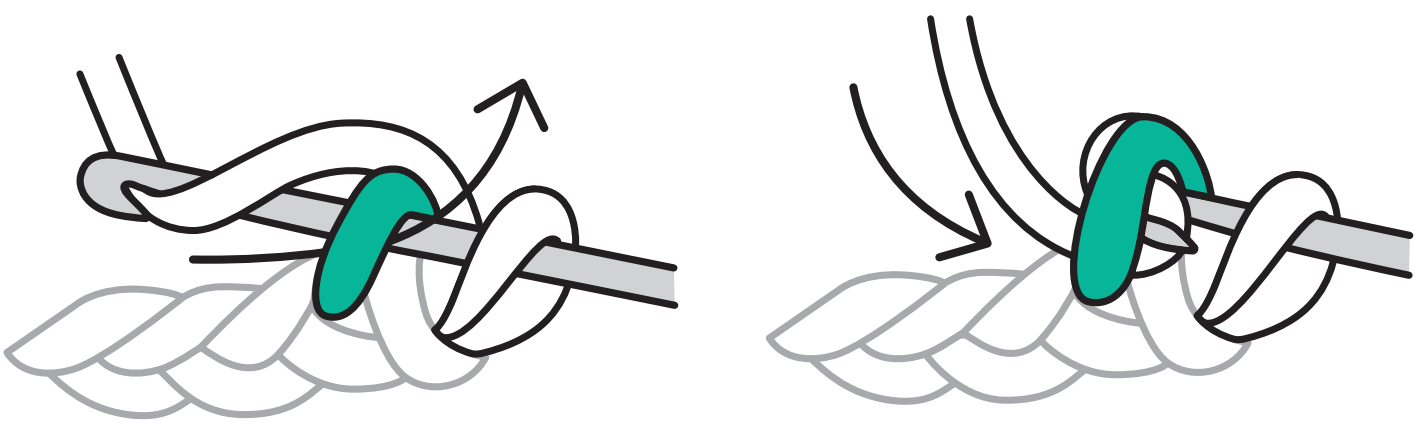
Single Crochet

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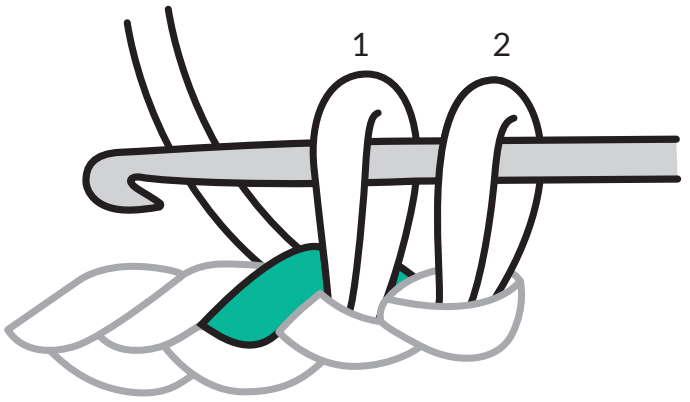
Start by creating a Chain Stitch



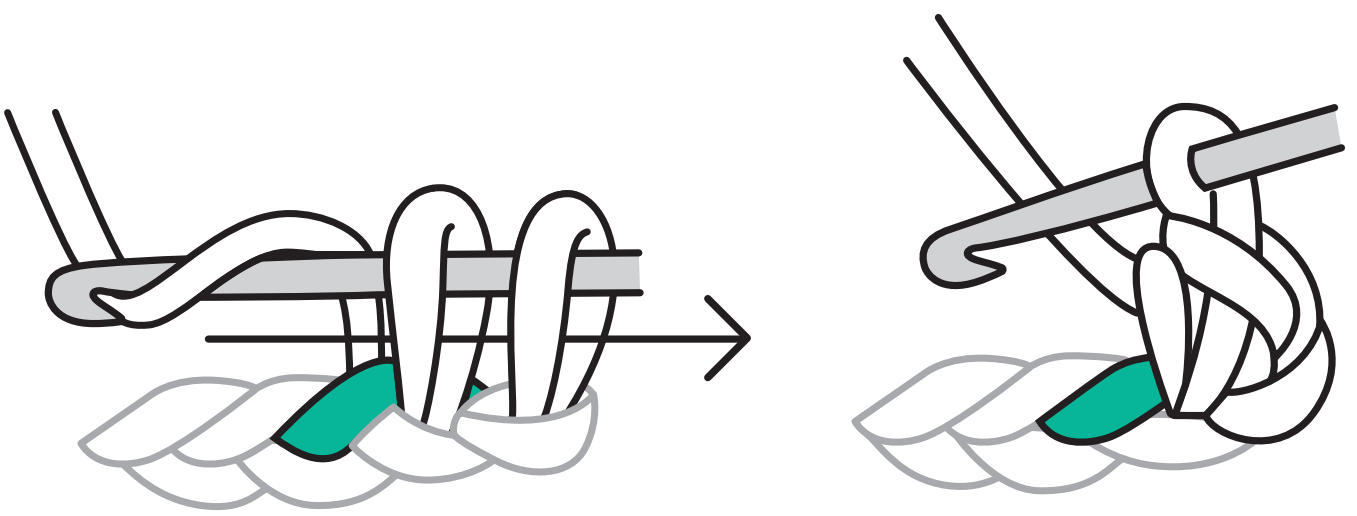
Creating our first crochet row



1. Skp a stitch and Insert the hook into the next one (green stitch).
2. Yarn over once and draw through the green loop.



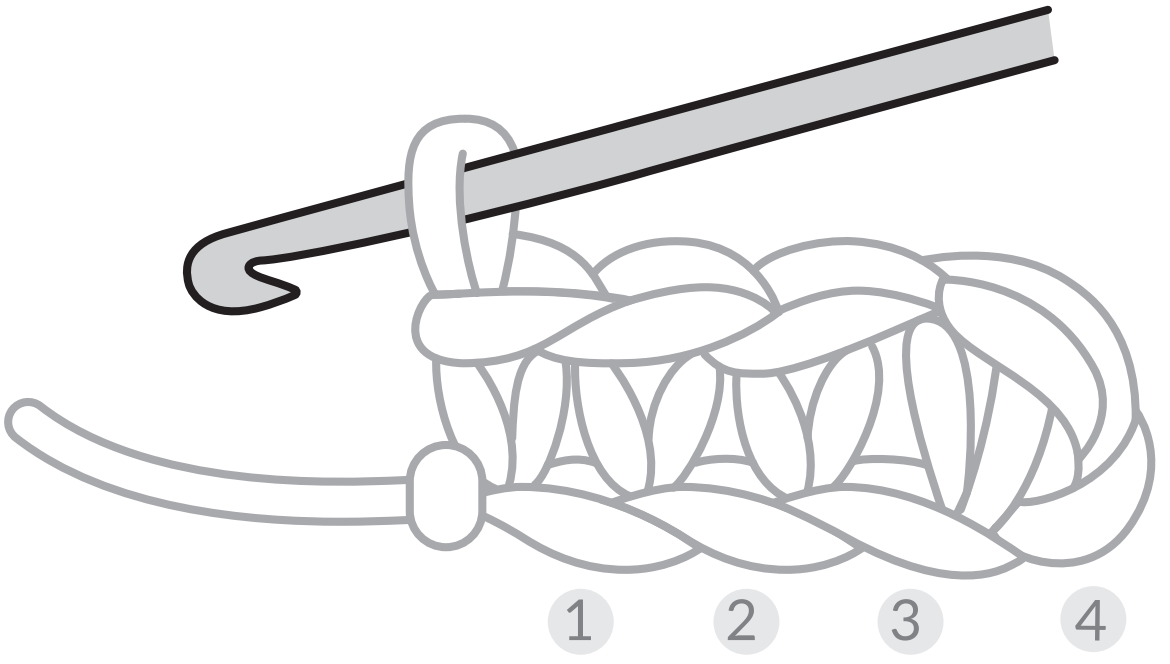
(You will have 2 loops on the hook).



3. Yarn over once again and draw through both loops from back to front.

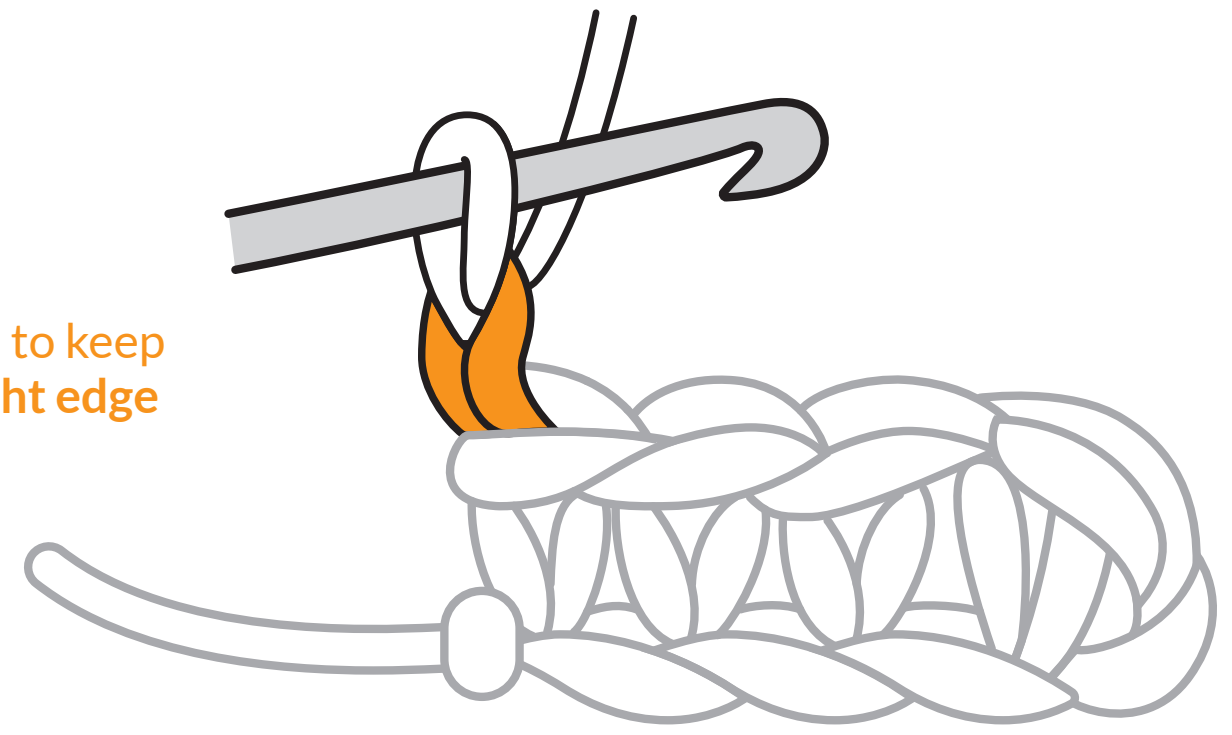
First row

Repeat step 1 2 3 in the next stitch until you reach the number of stitches requested.



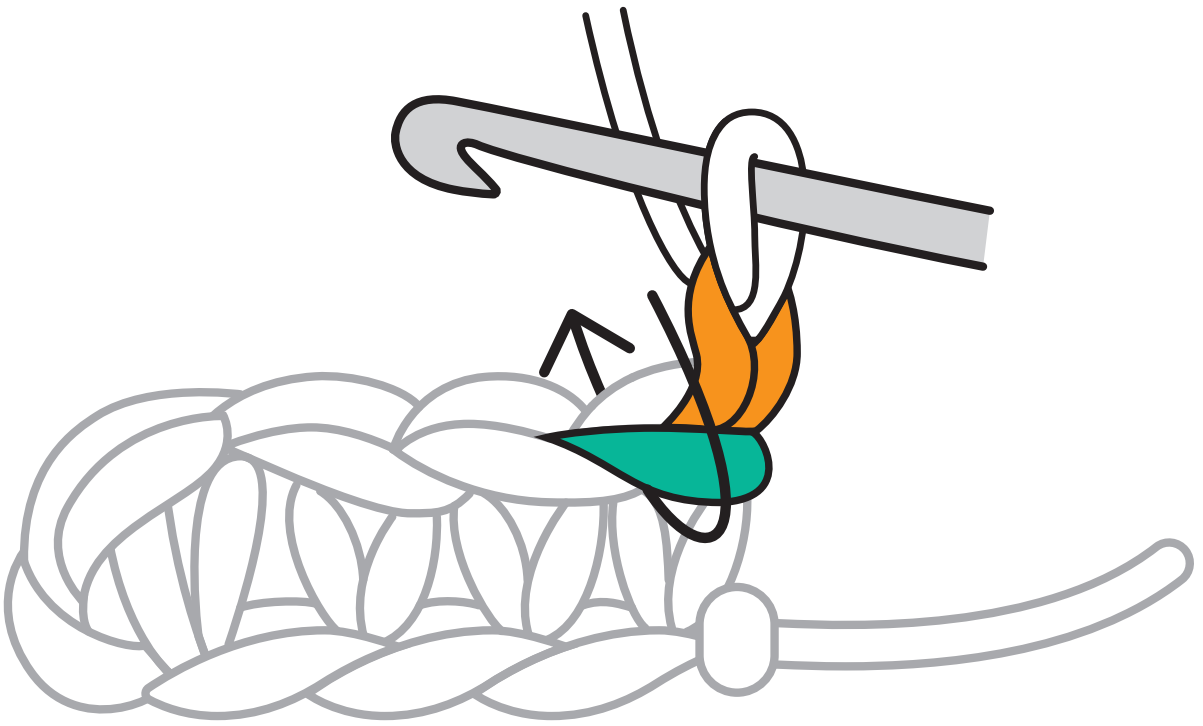
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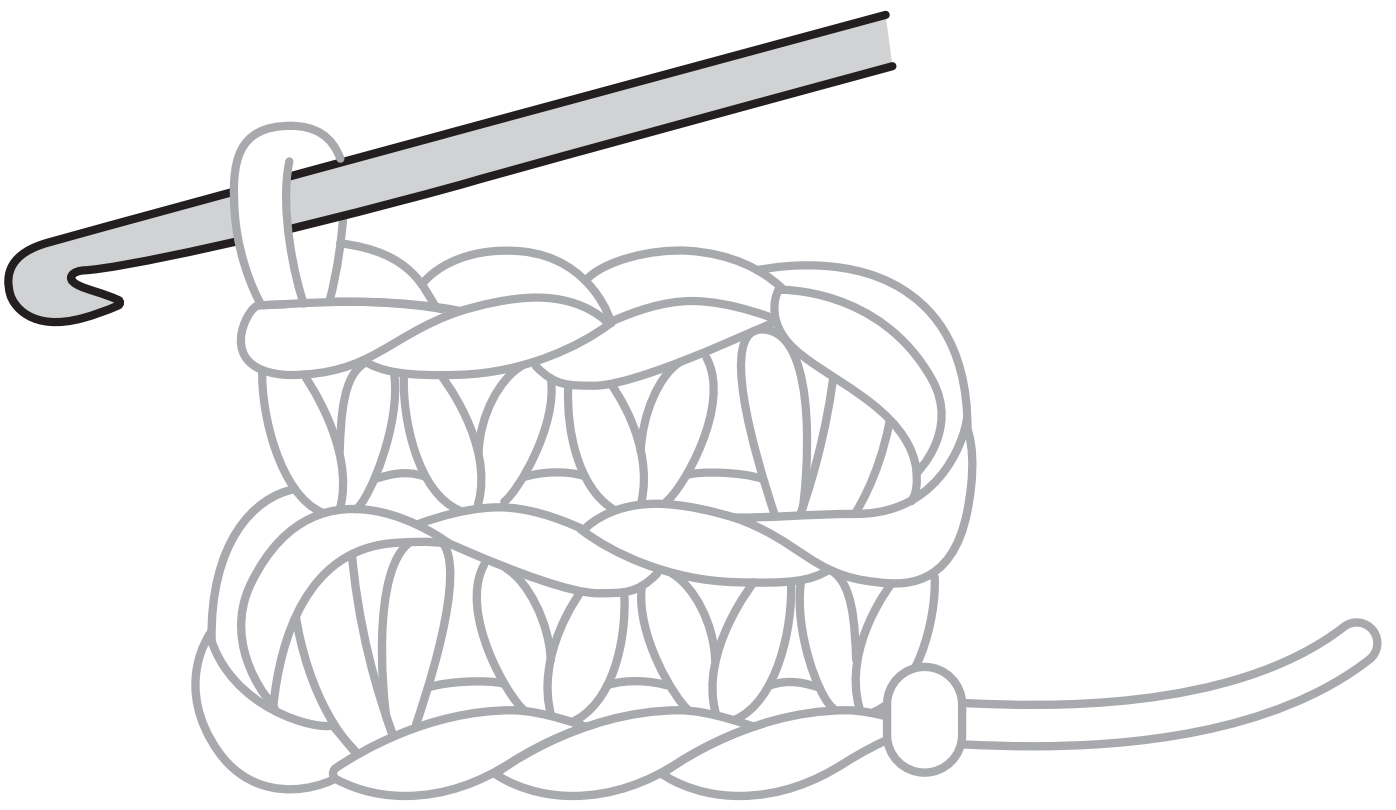


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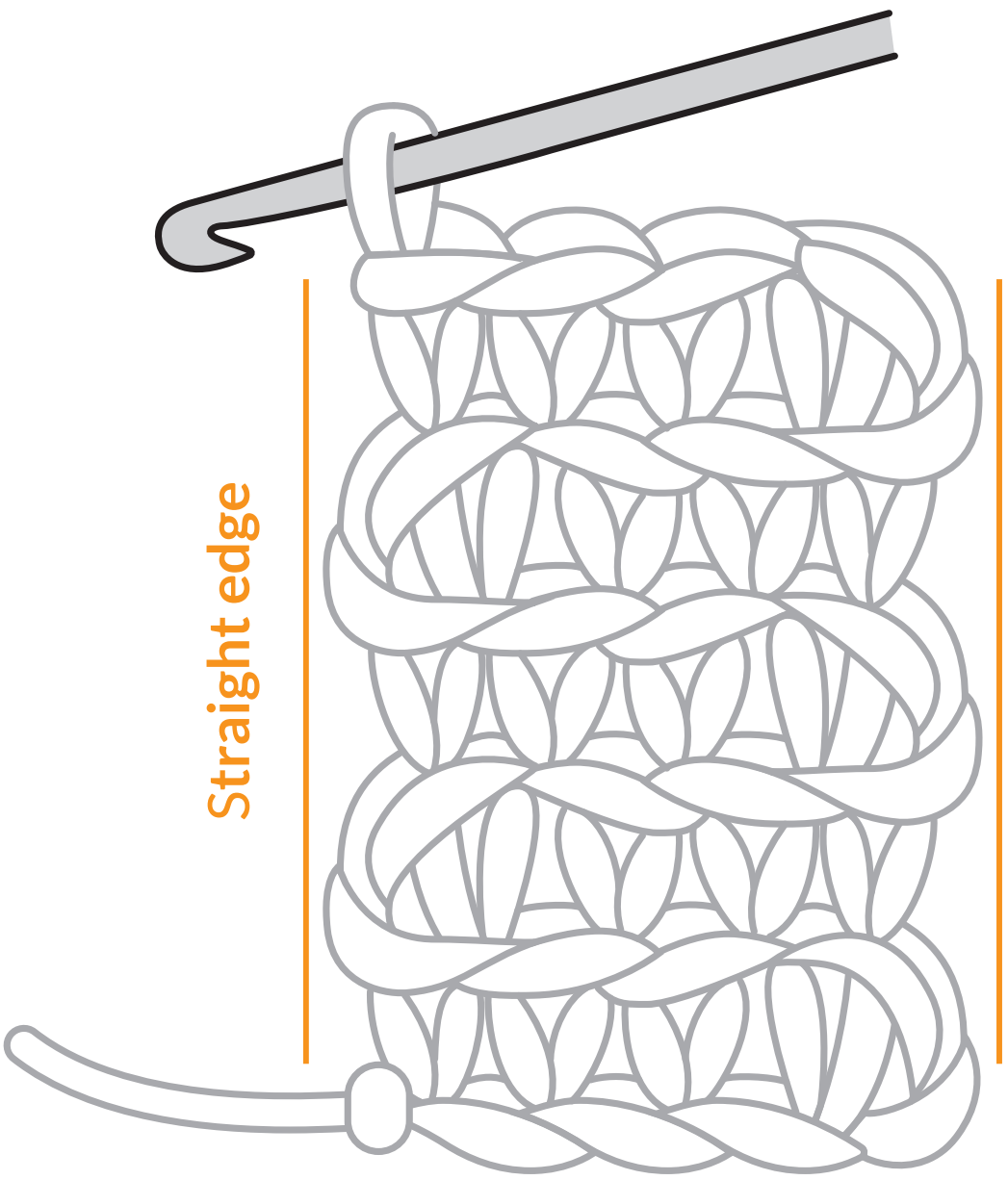
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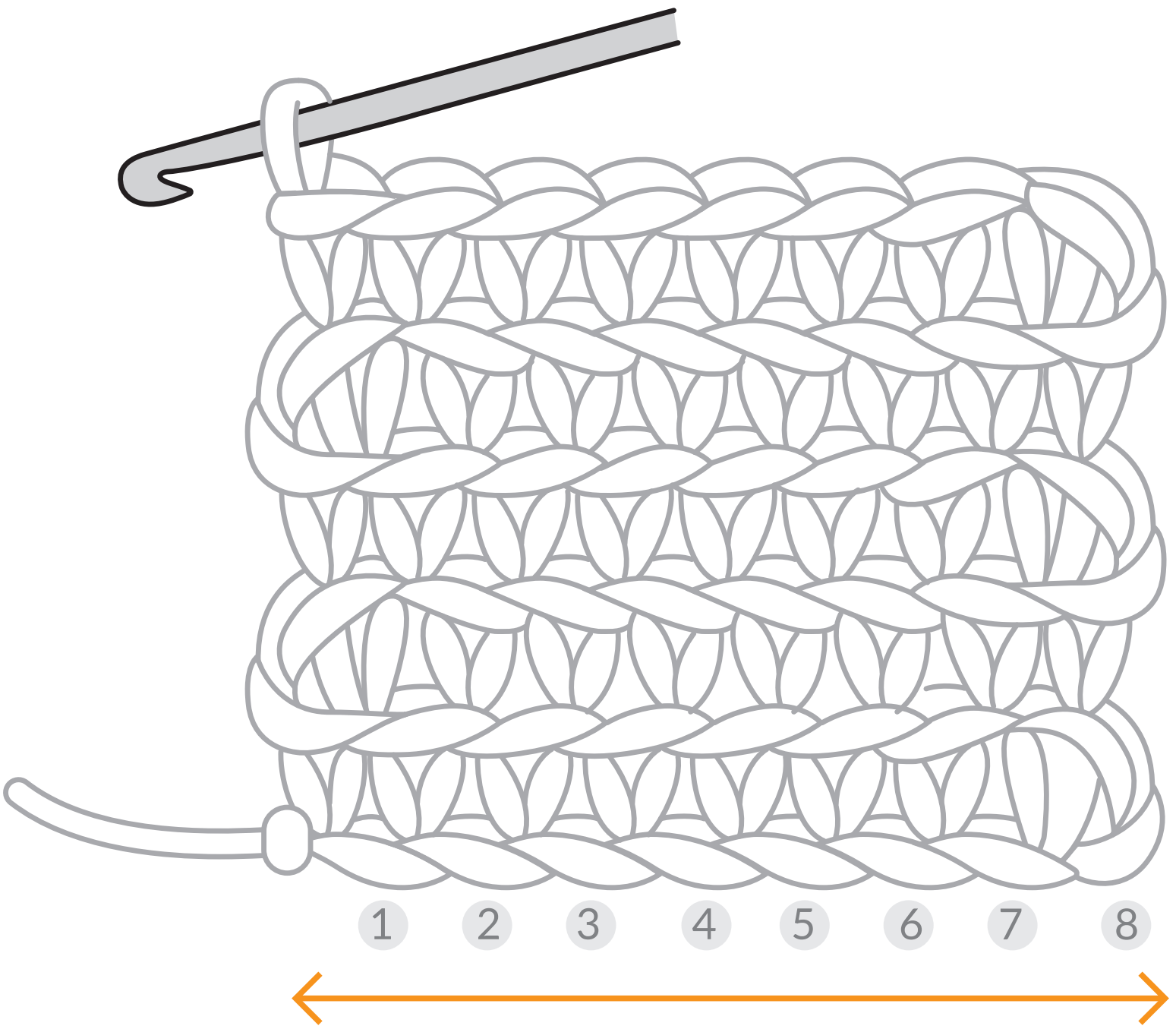
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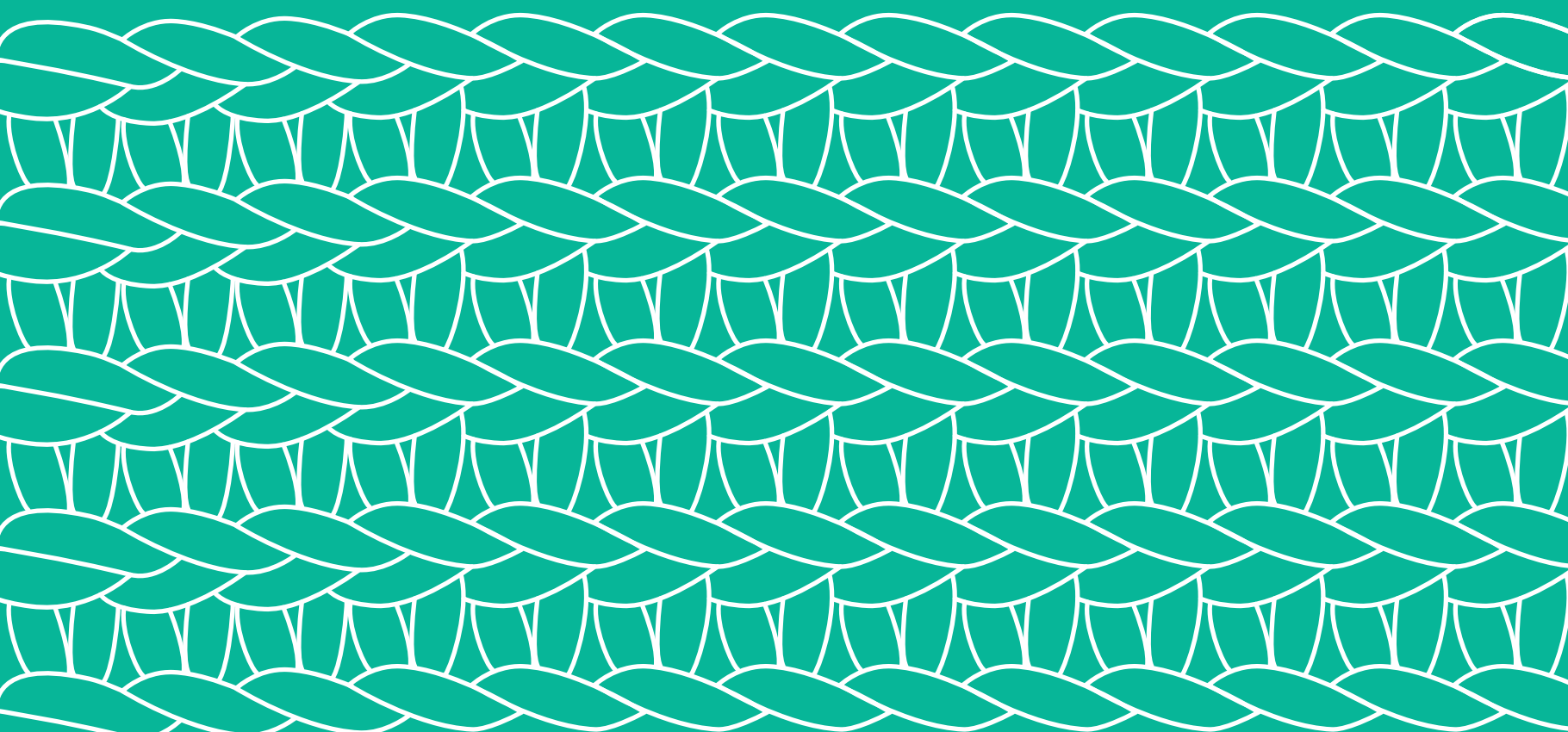


Width = Number of stitches in the chain stitch





The fun part has just begun.



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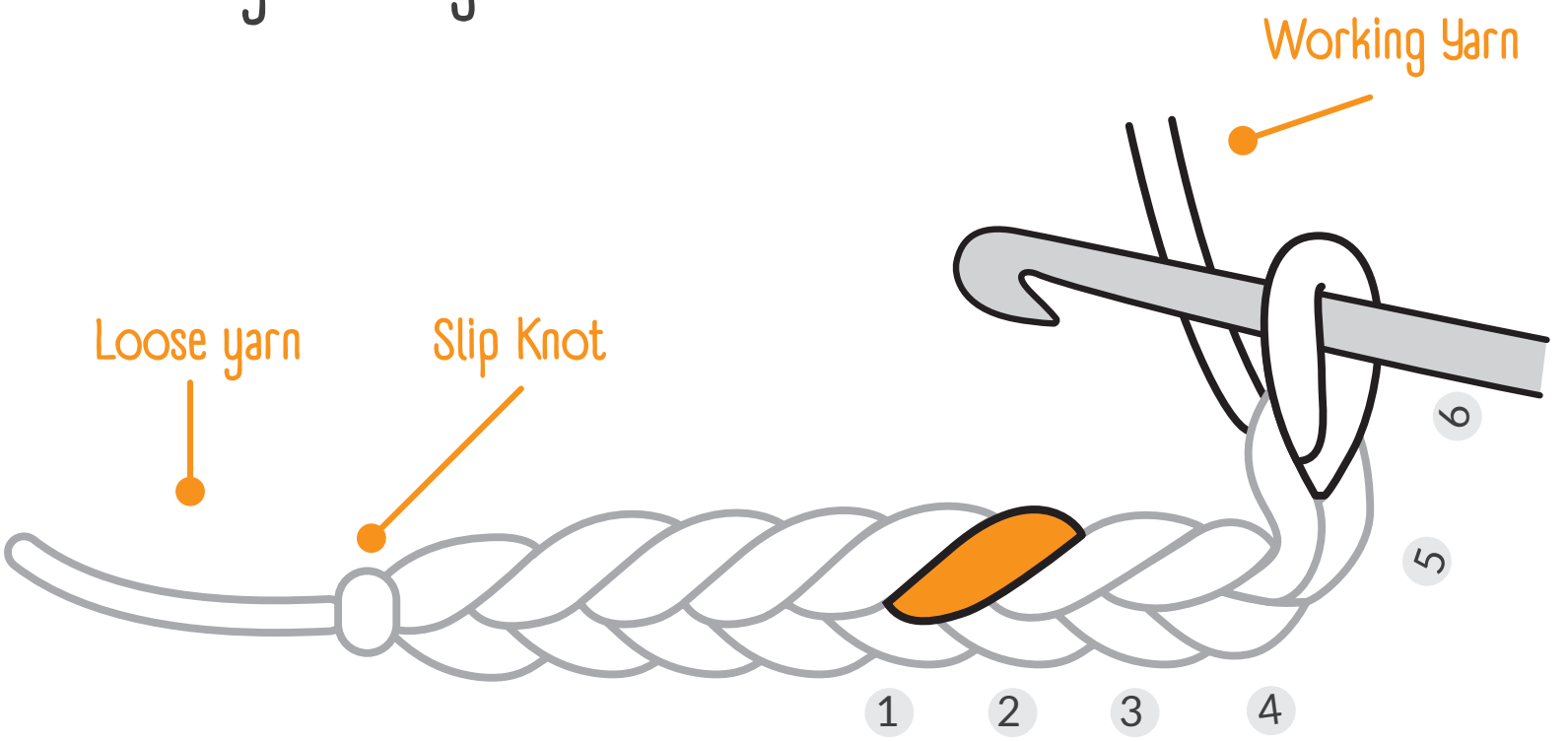
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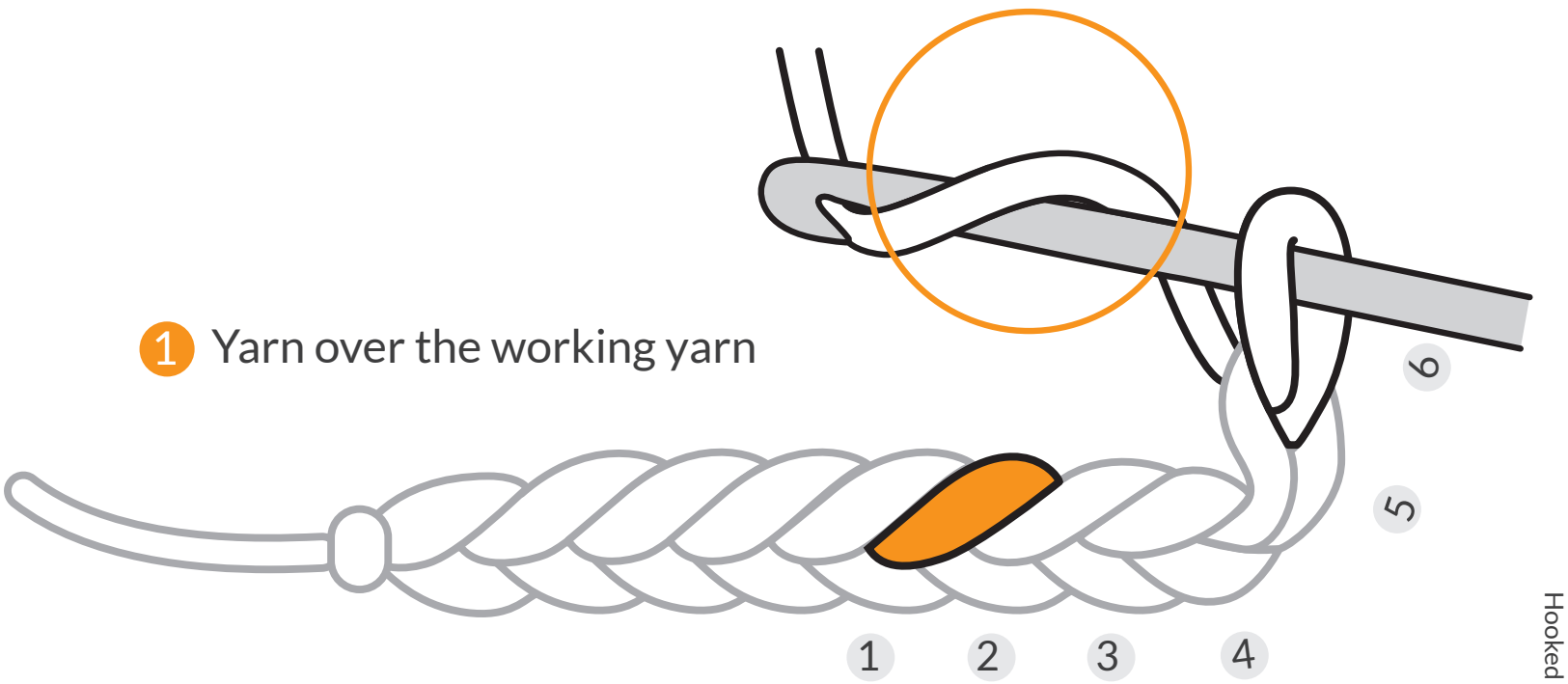
Double Crochet

Double Crochet

Double crochet is a very common crochet stitch.
It is taller than single crochet, and is abbreviated dc.

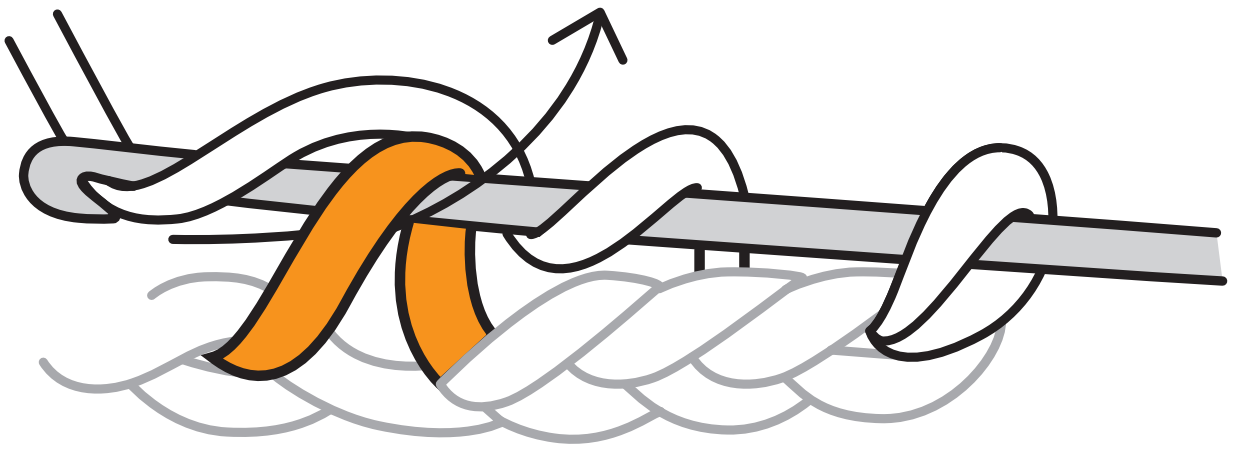
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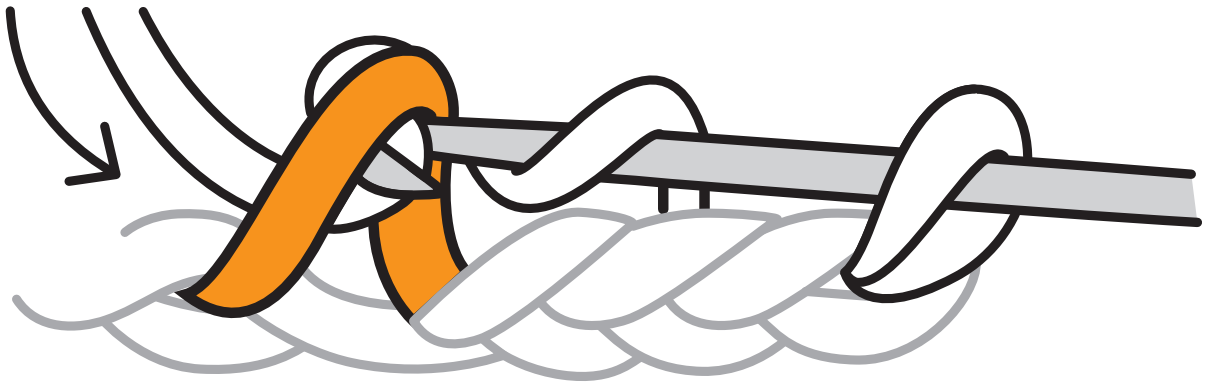


1 Yarn over the working yarn

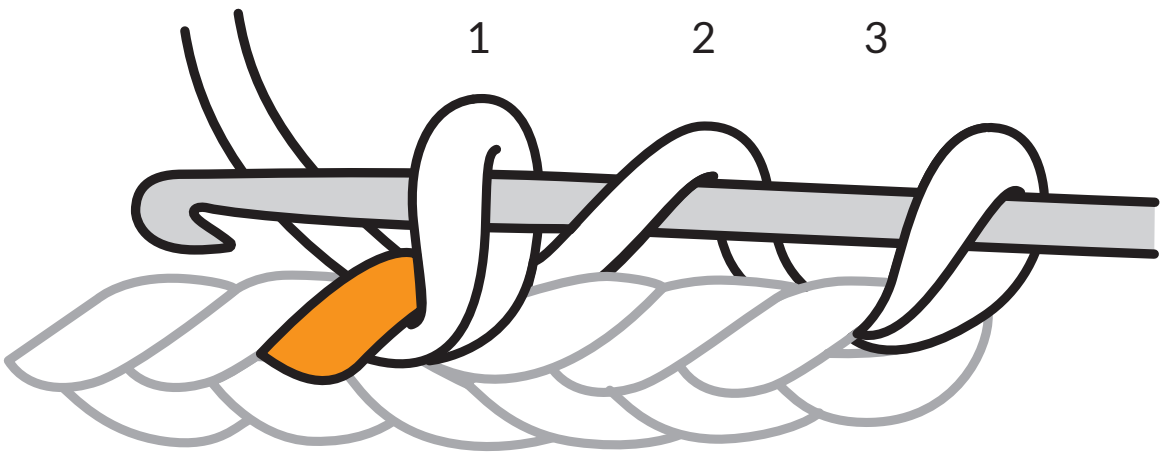
Creating our first crochet row



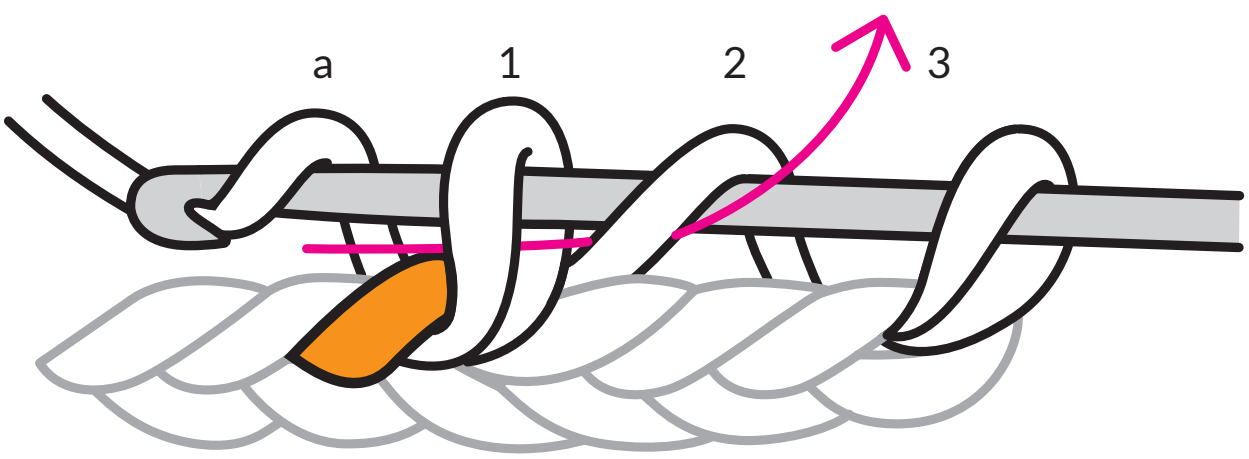
2 Skip 3 stitches and Insert the hook into the next one (orange stitch).



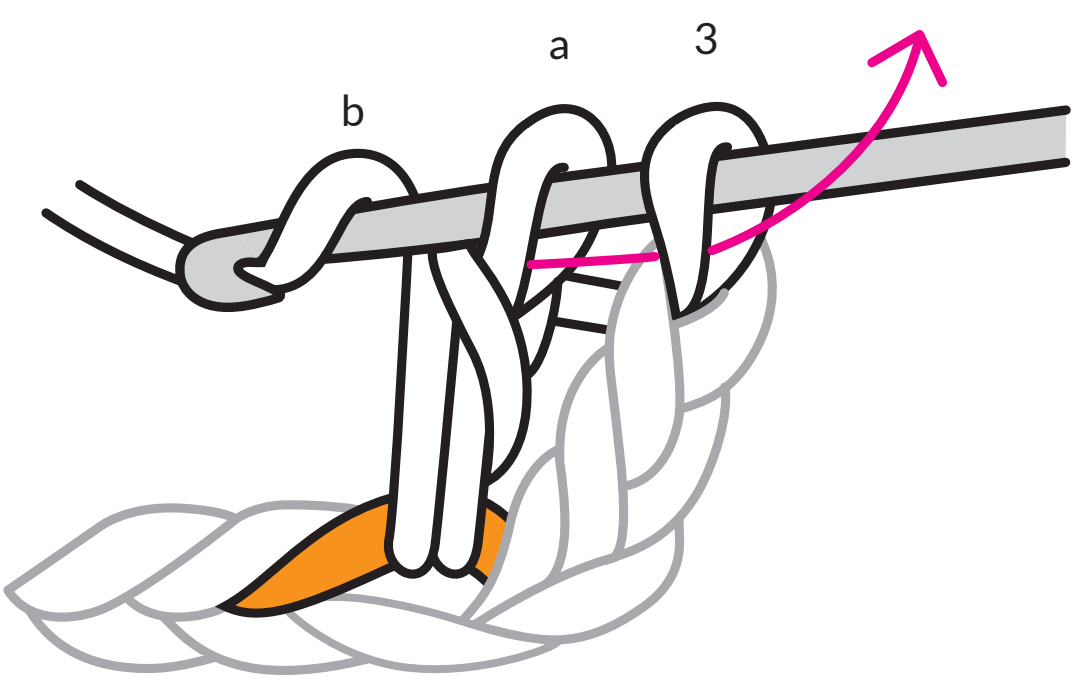
3 Yarn over once and draw through the orange loop.



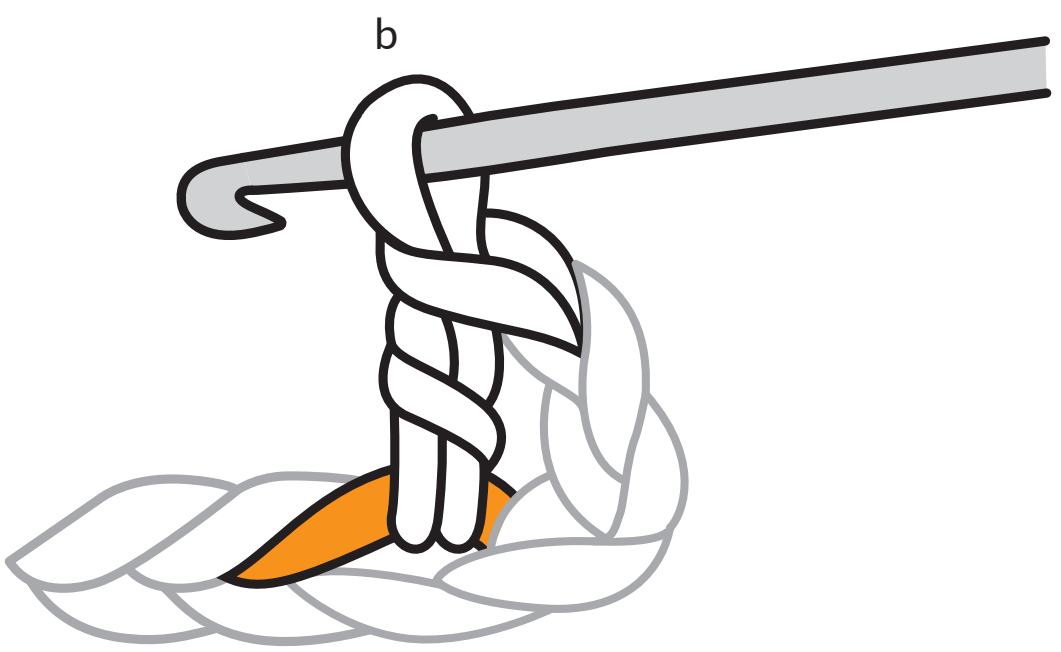
(You will have 3 loops on the hook).



4 Yarn over (a) and draw through the first 2 loops (1 & 2).

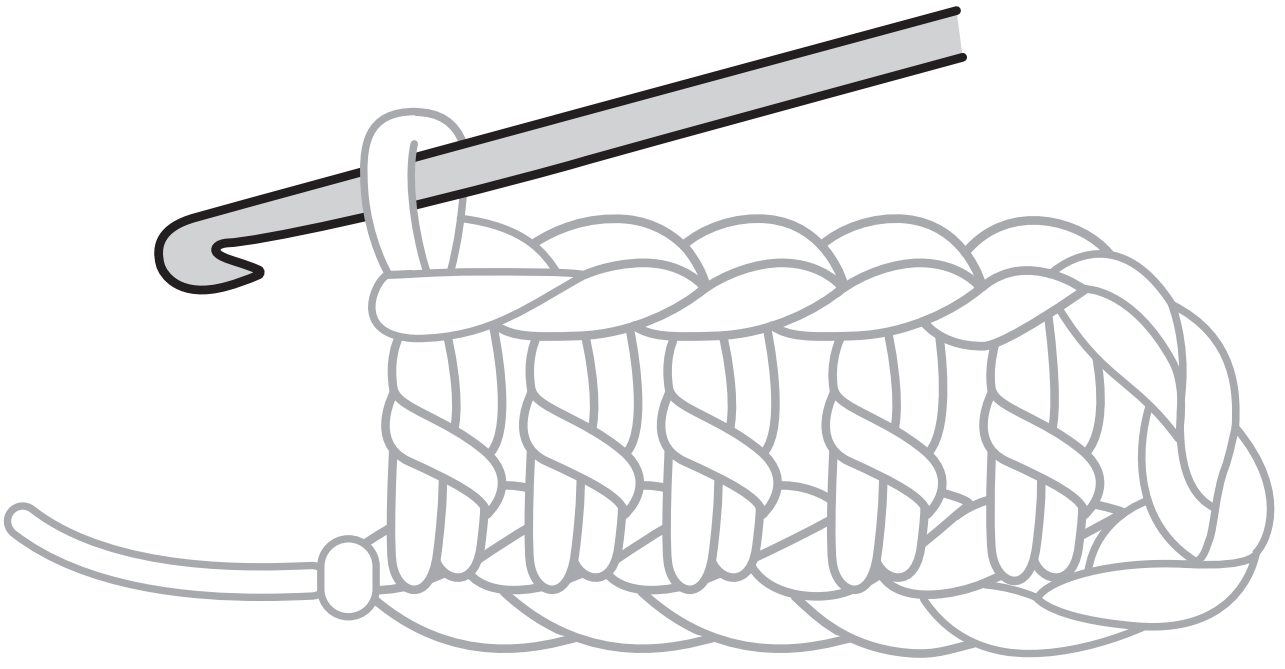


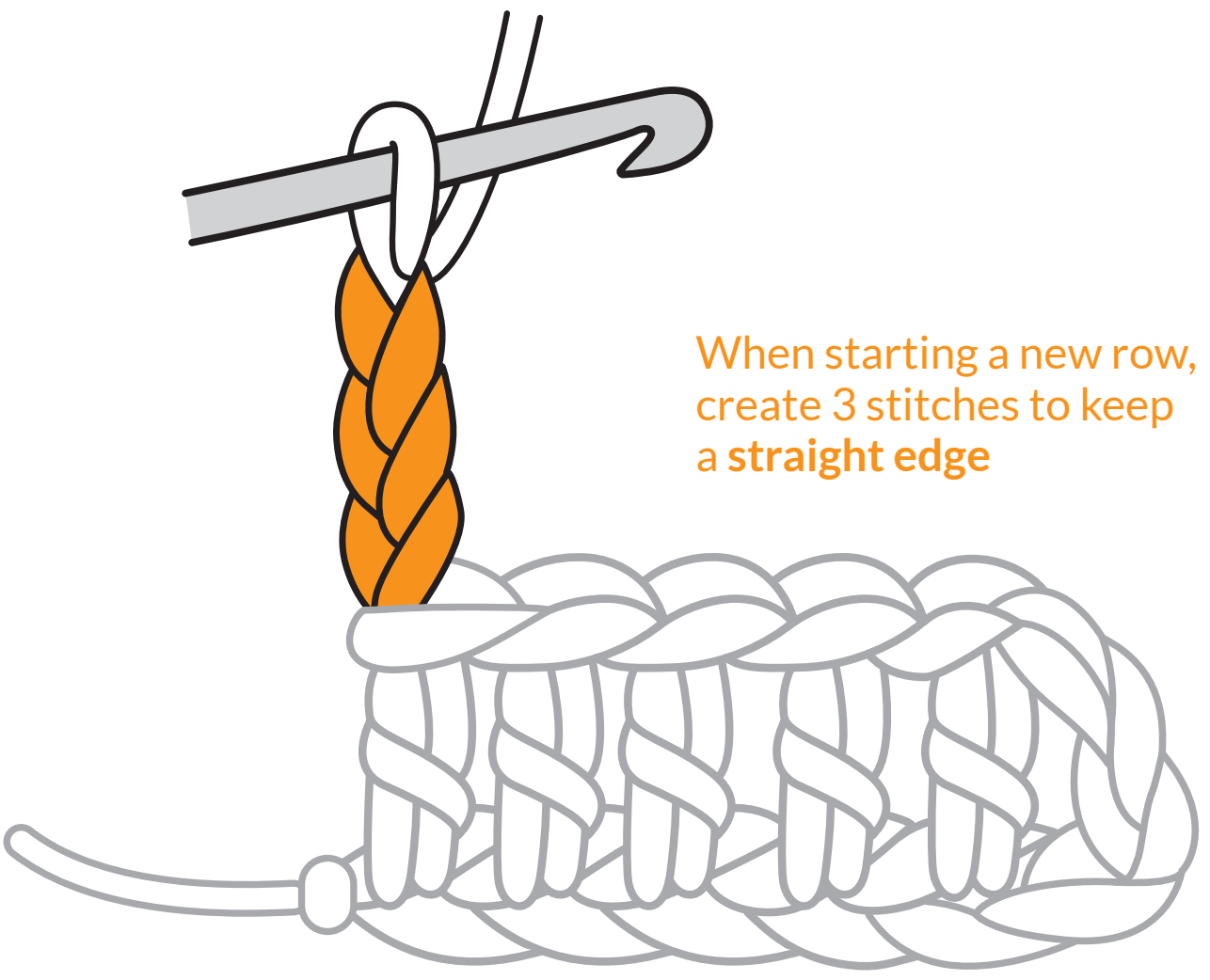
5 Yarn over (b) and draw through the 2 loops (a & 3).



First row

Repeat step 1 2 3 4 5 in the next stitch until you reach the number of stitches requested.

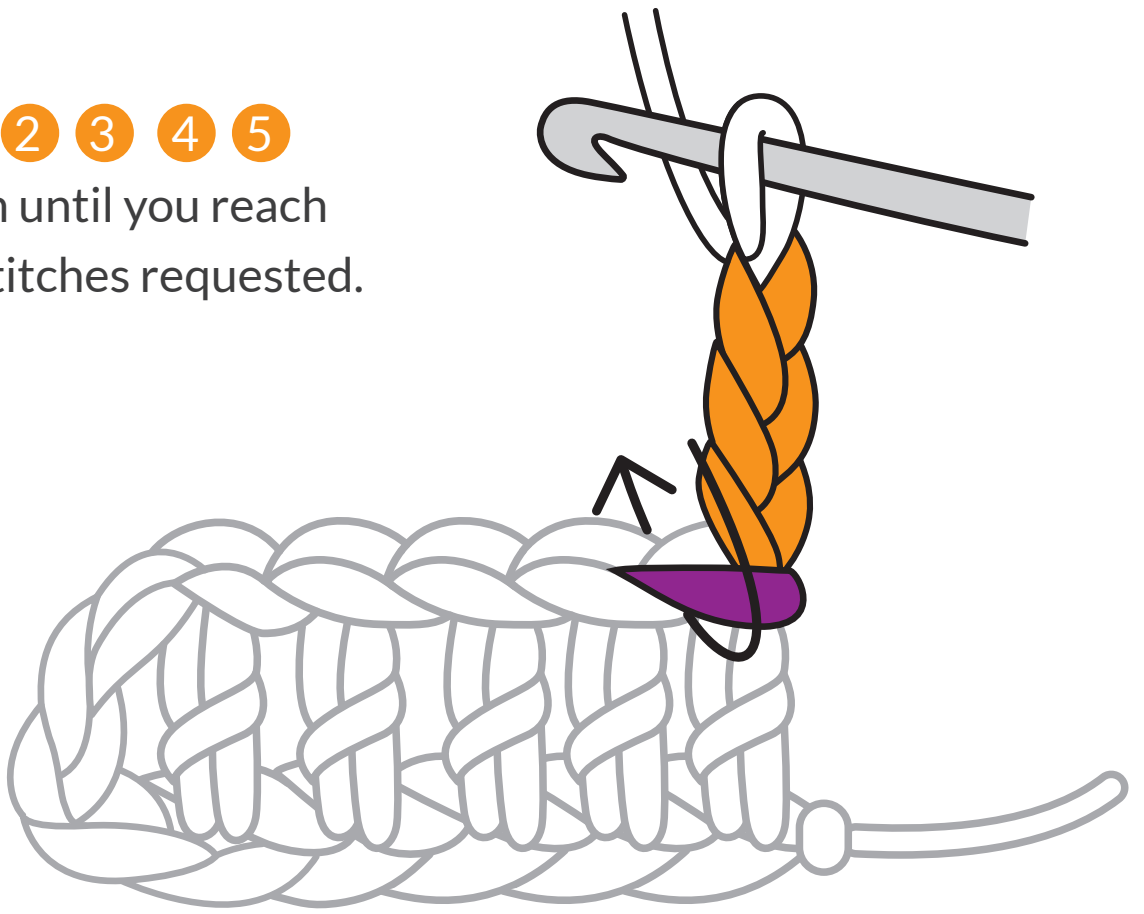




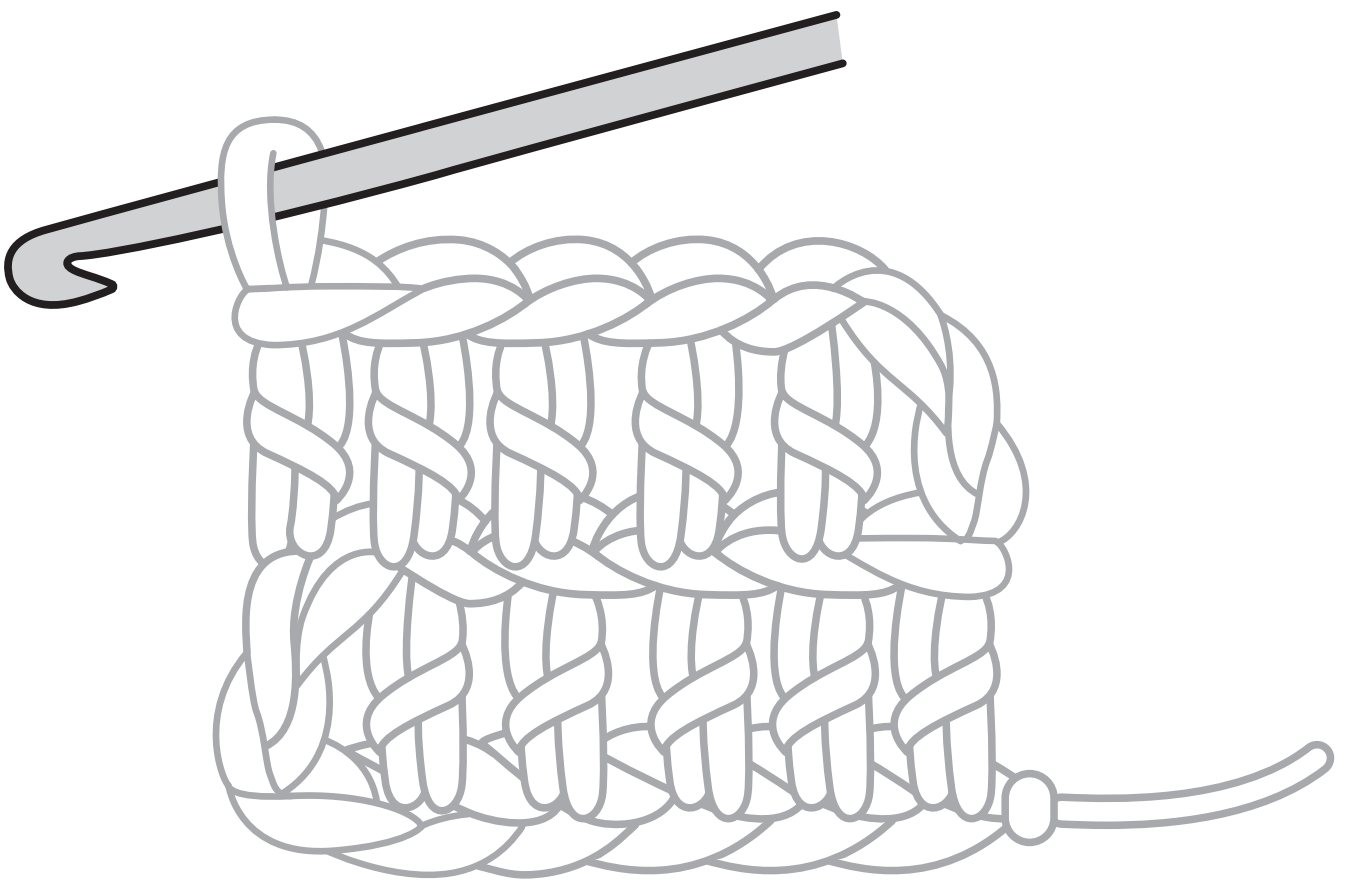
When starting a new row, create 3 stitches to keep a **straight edge**

Next row

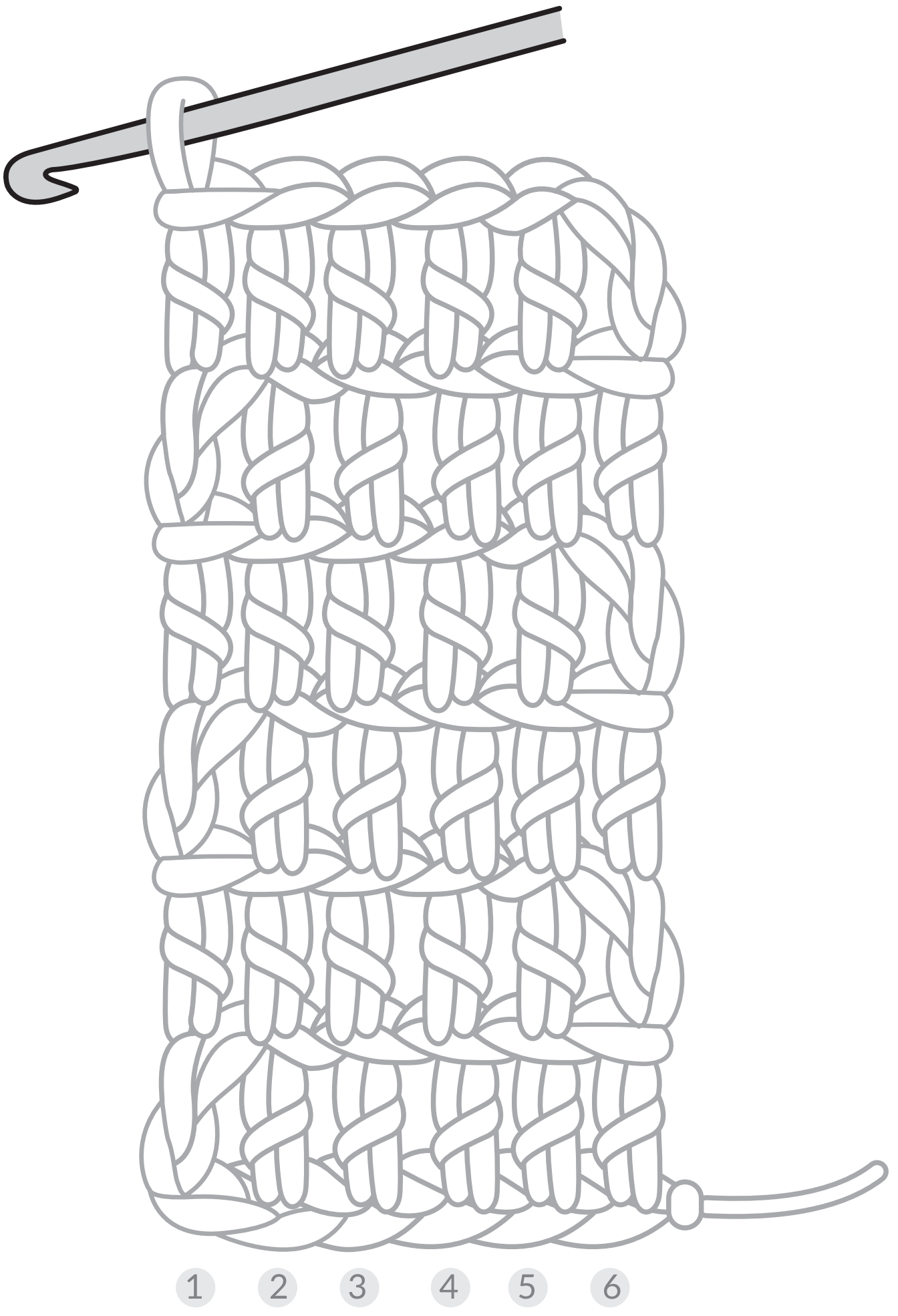
Repeat step 1 2 3 4 5
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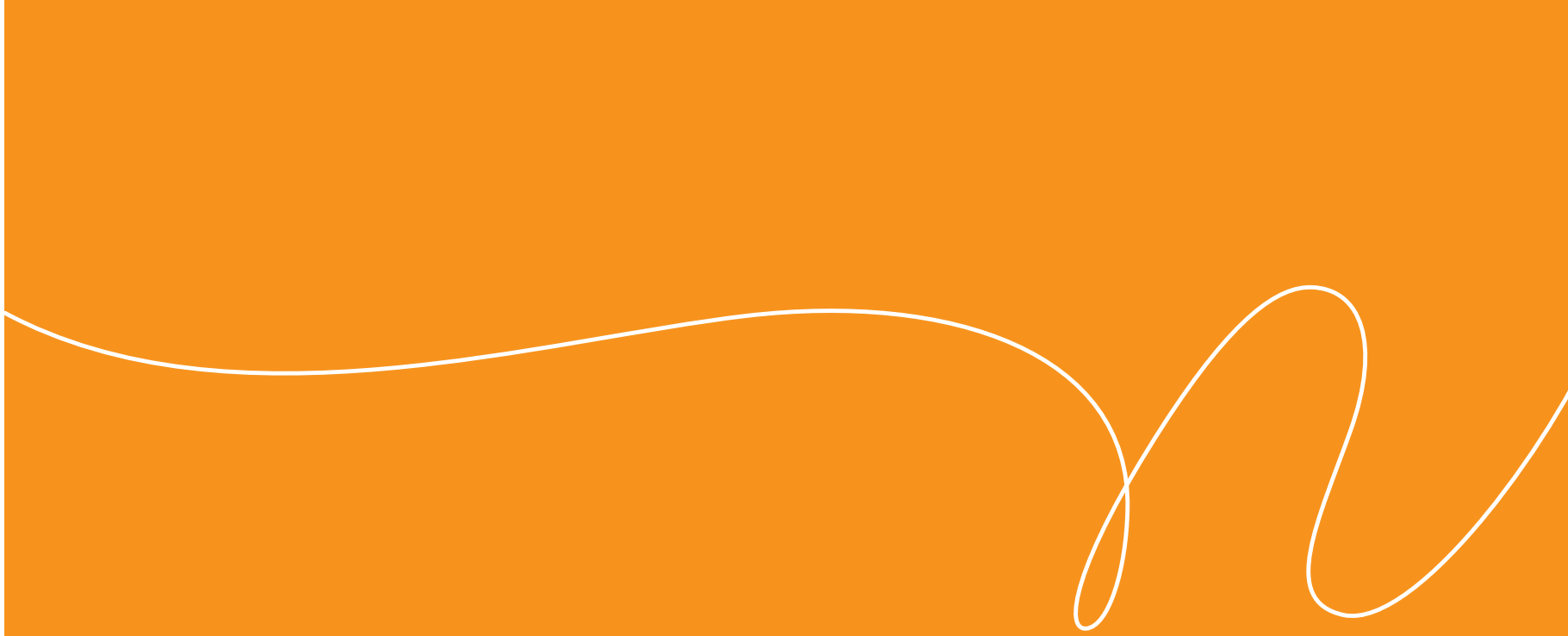


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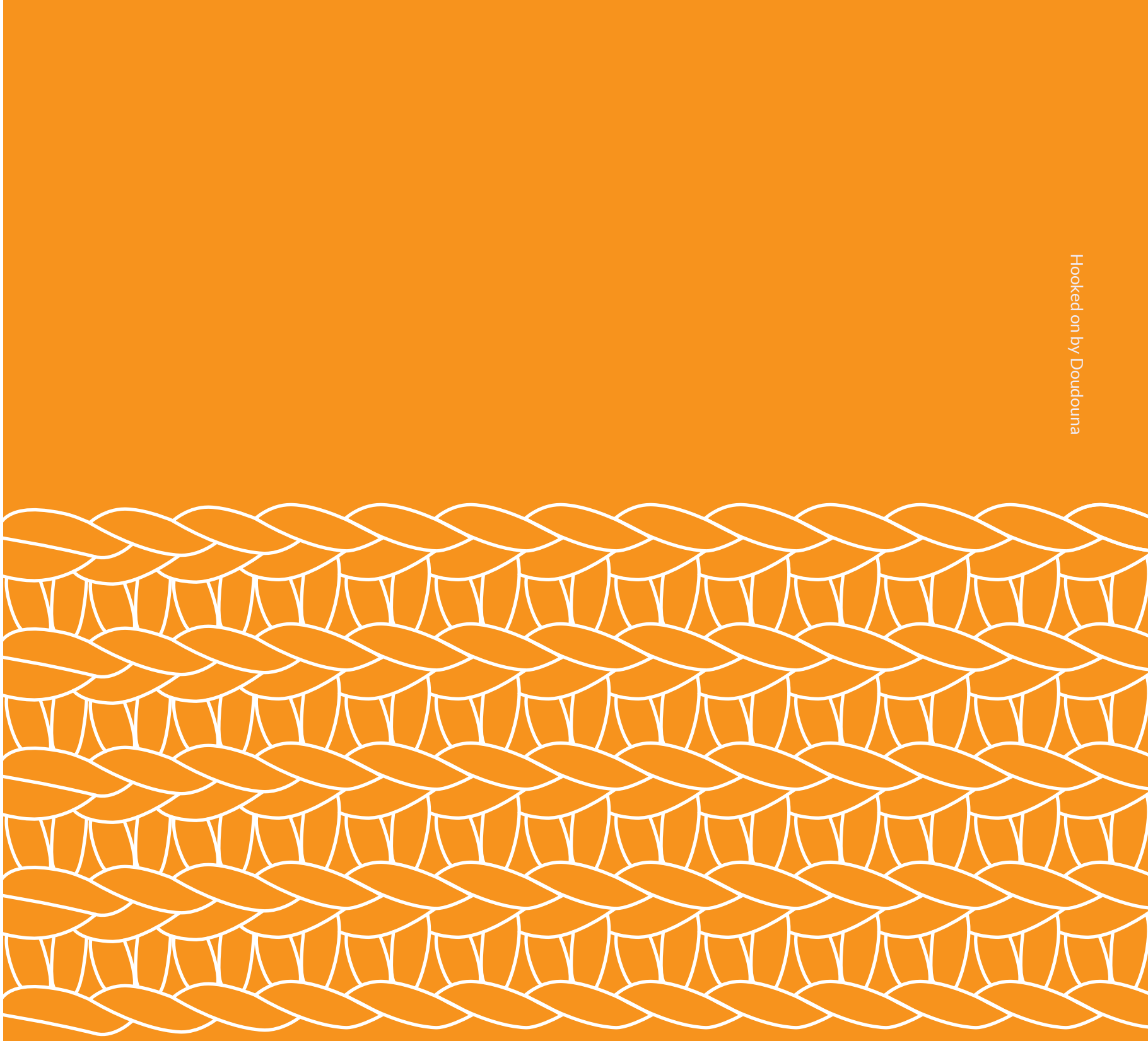


Keep repeating until you reach the height needed





Things are getting more interesting!



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Magic Ring

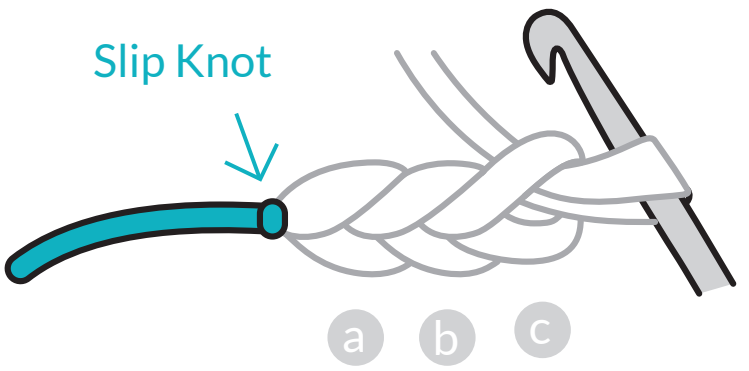
Magic ring is almost the base to start any stuffed doudou.

There are two methods to do the magic ring

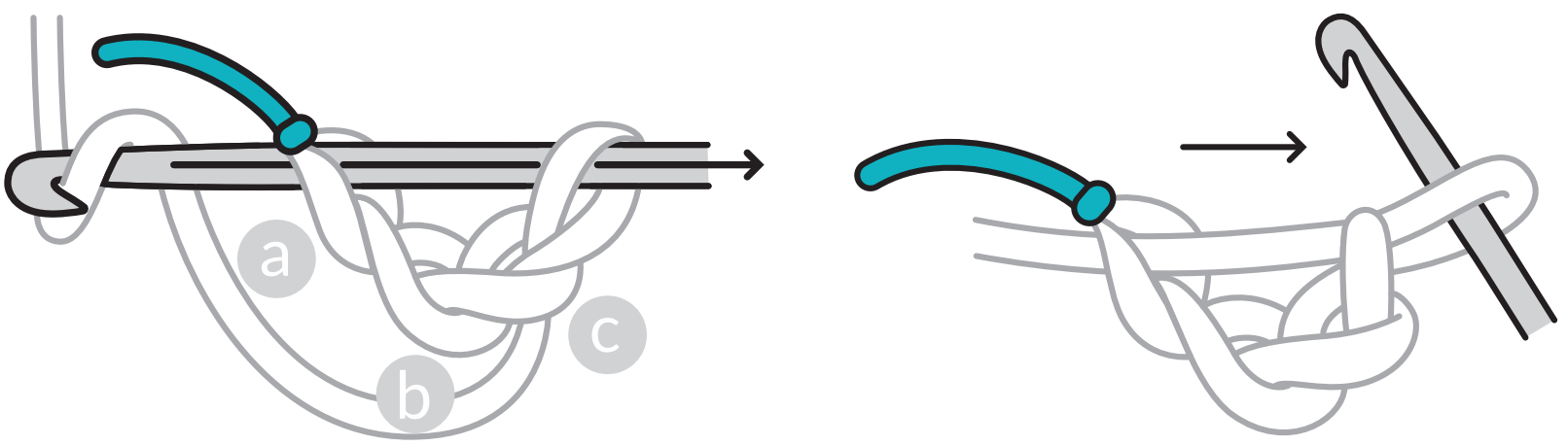
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I personally use the first method.
You can try both and use the one
you feel confortable working with.

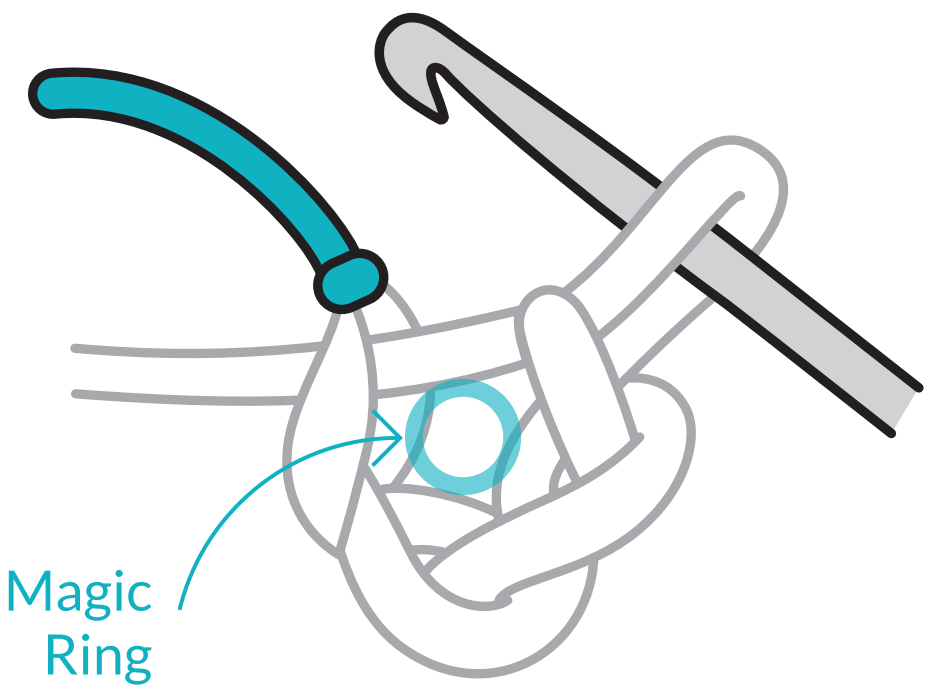
Method 1



1 Create a chain of 3 stitches (a, b, c).



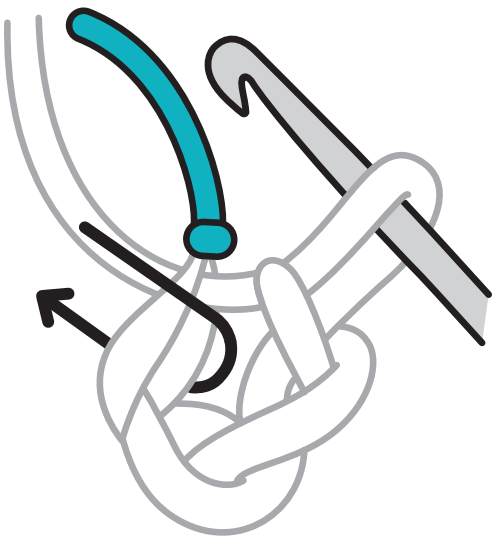
2 Insert the hook in the first stitch (a),
yarn over and draw through both loops from back to front.

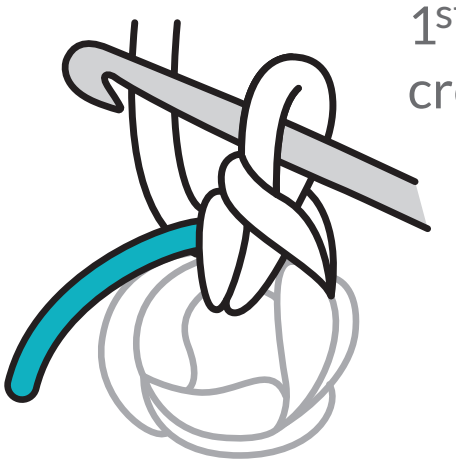


Method 1

Start with 6 single crochet in the magic ring:

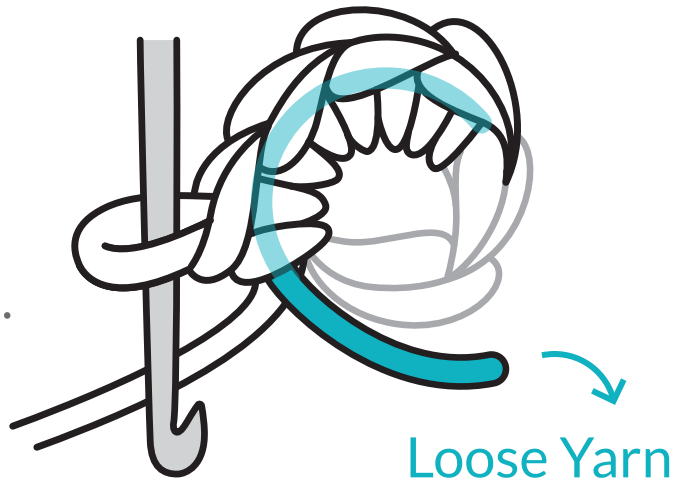
3 Insert the hook in the center ring and create a single crochet (x 6 times).

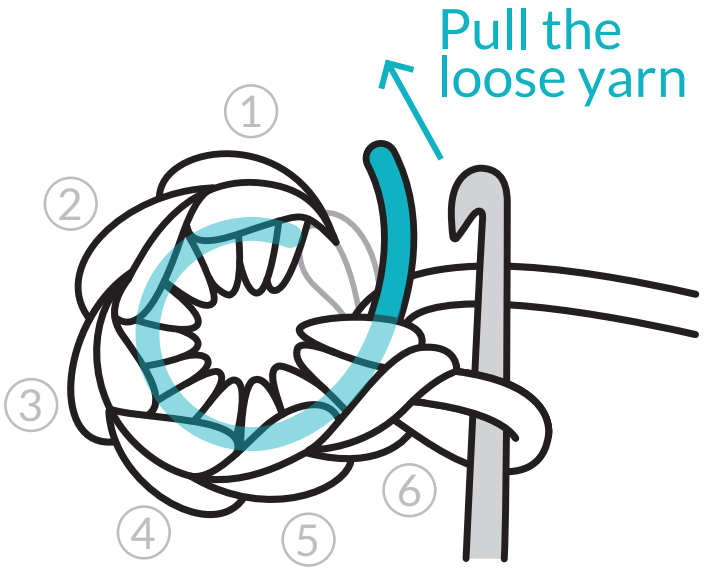


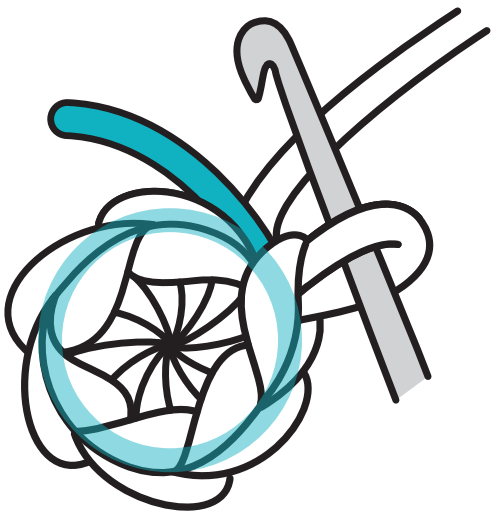


1st single crochet

4 Work your single crochet over the loose yarn. (the loose yarn will be under the 6 single crochet).

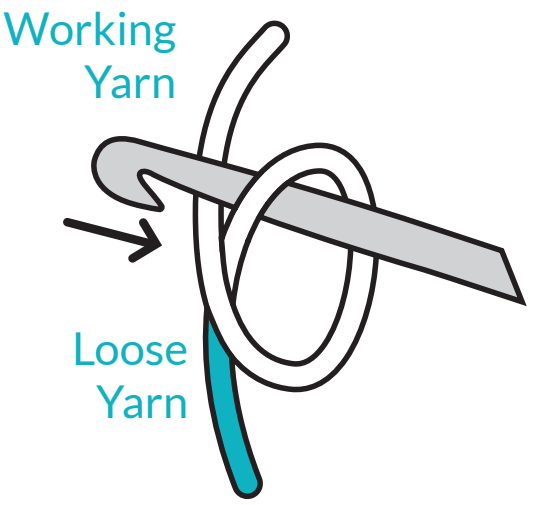


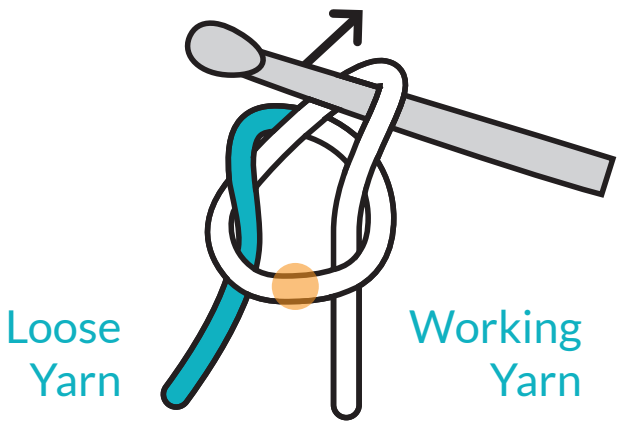




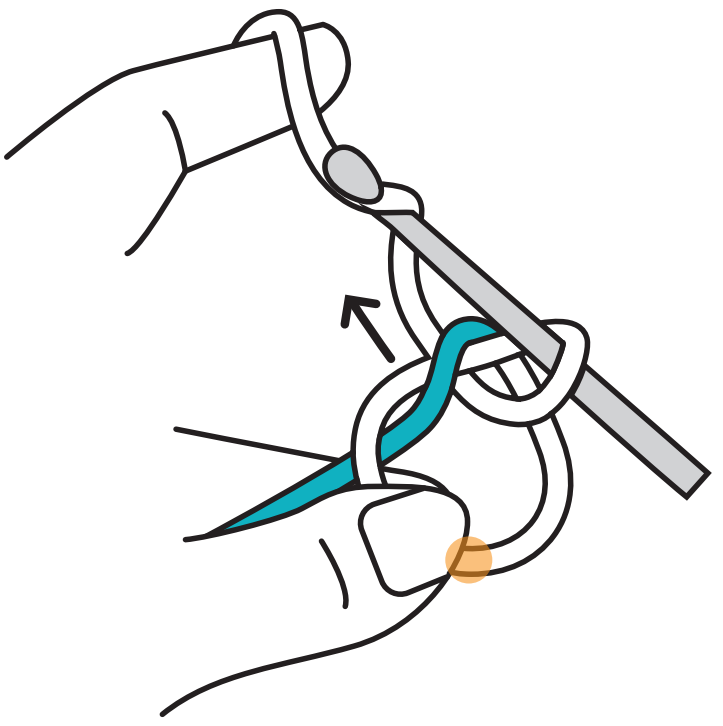
5 Pull the loose yarn to tighthen the hole.

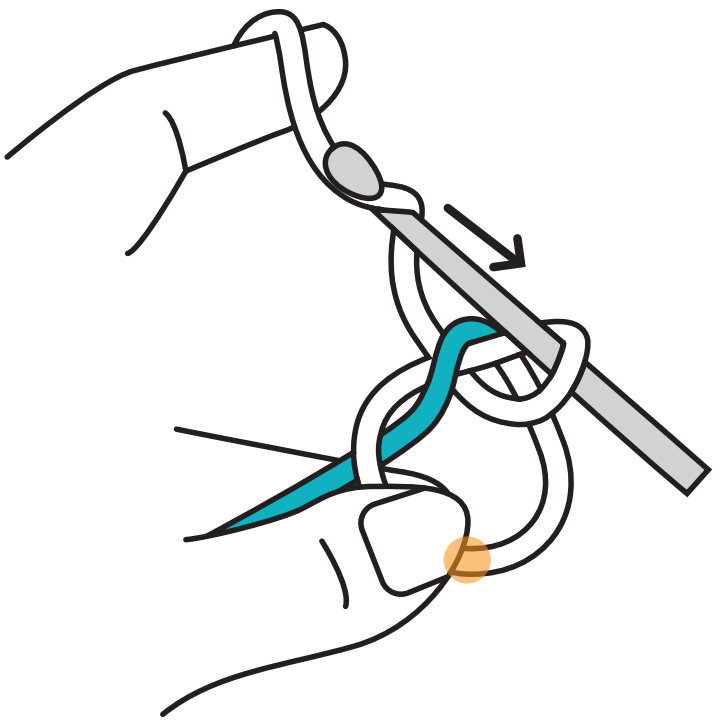
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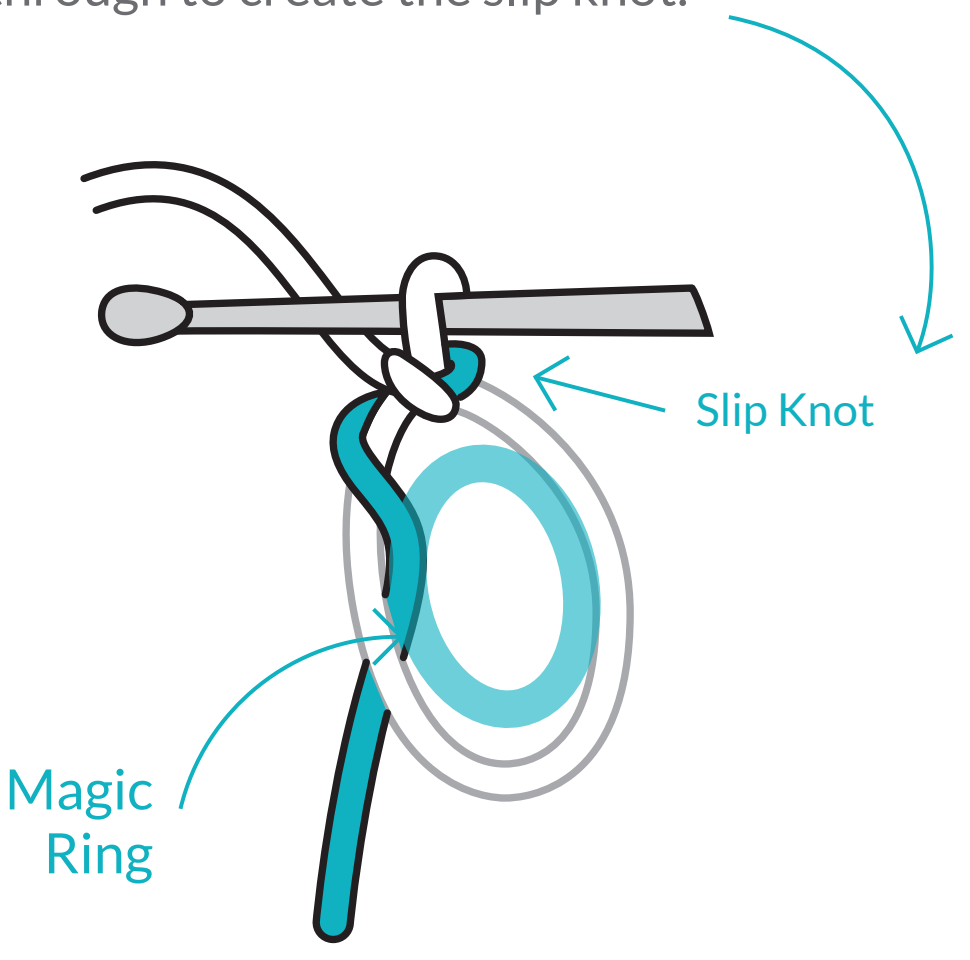


1. Grab the working yarn and pull it through





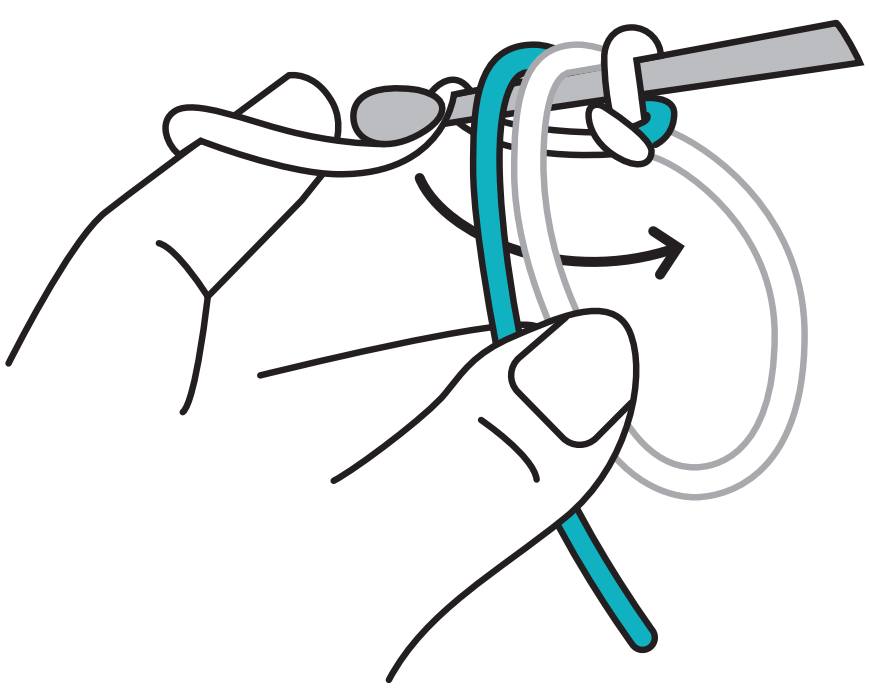
2. Hold the ring (orange spot), yarn over the working yarn and draw through to create the slip knot.

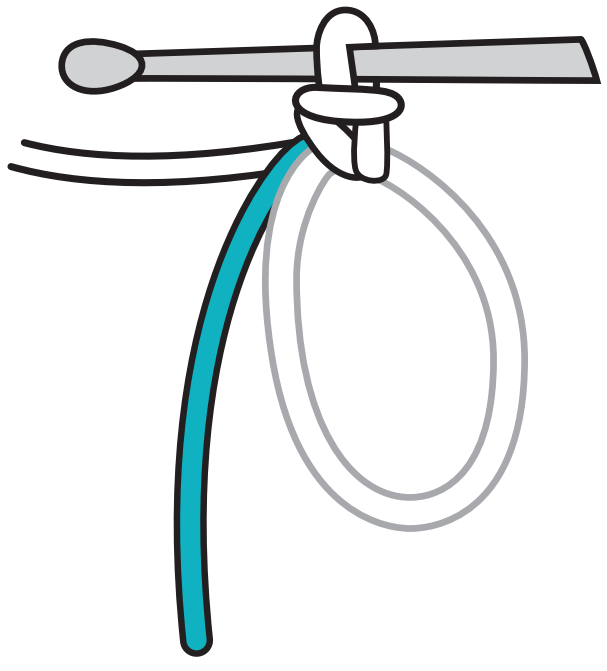


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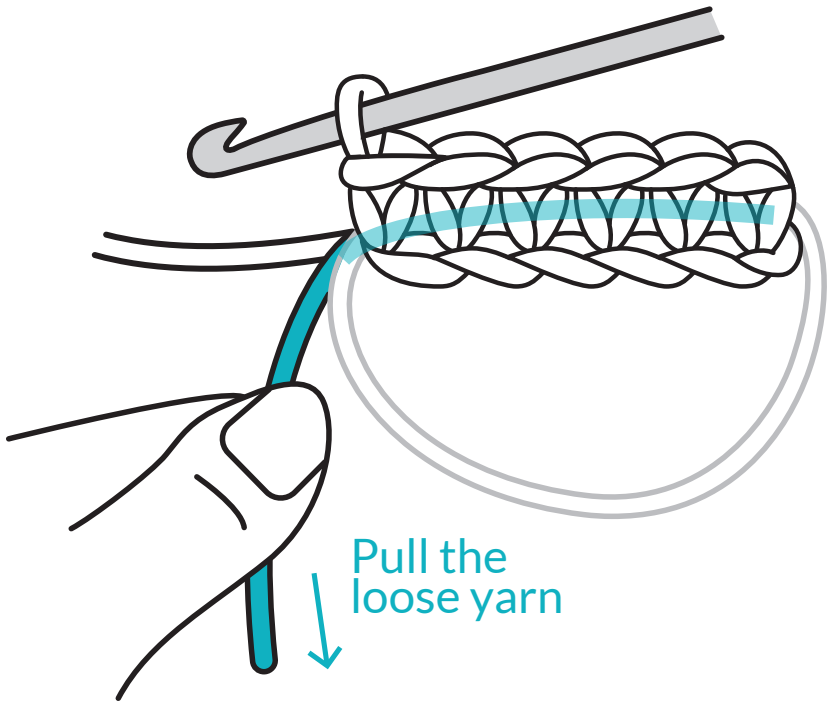
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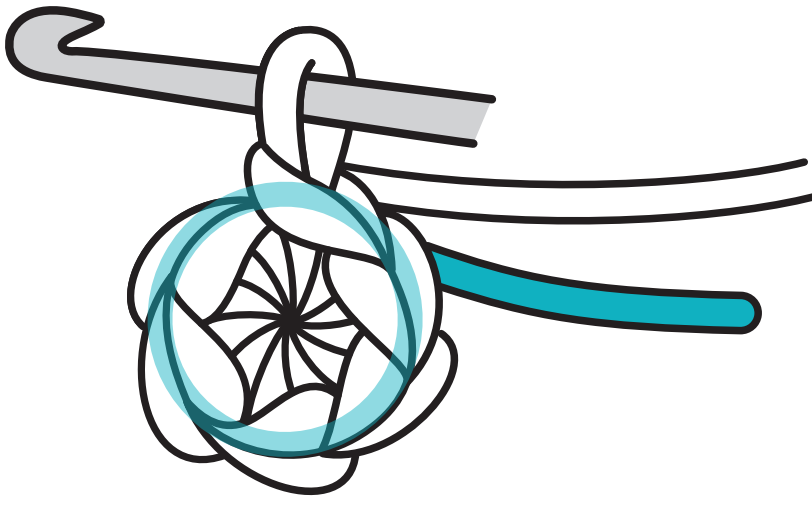
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One step closer to create your first amigurumi!

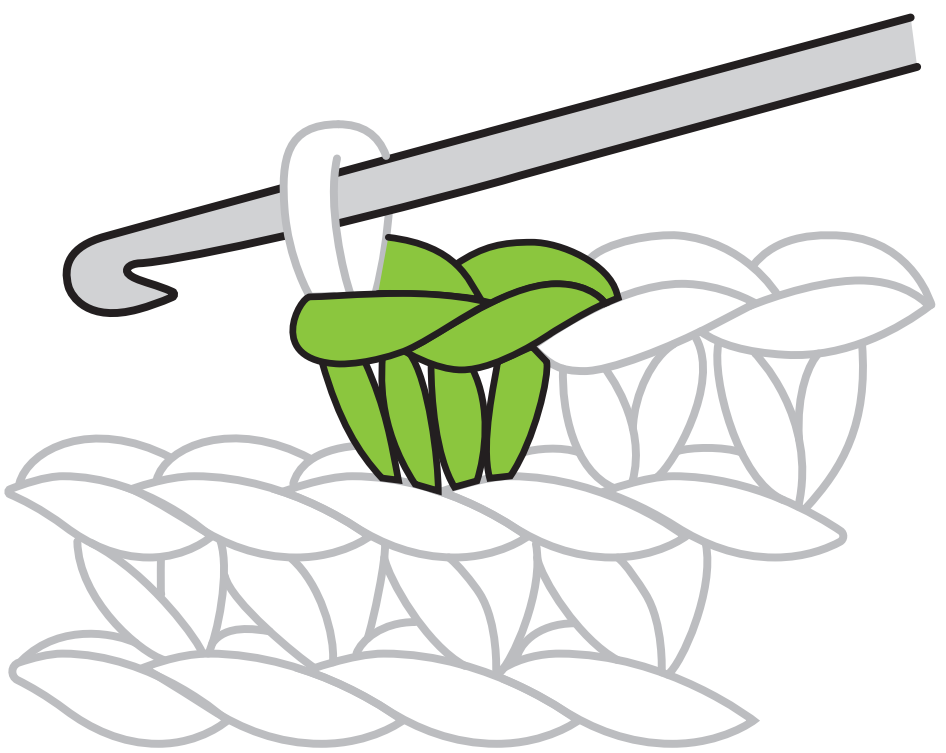
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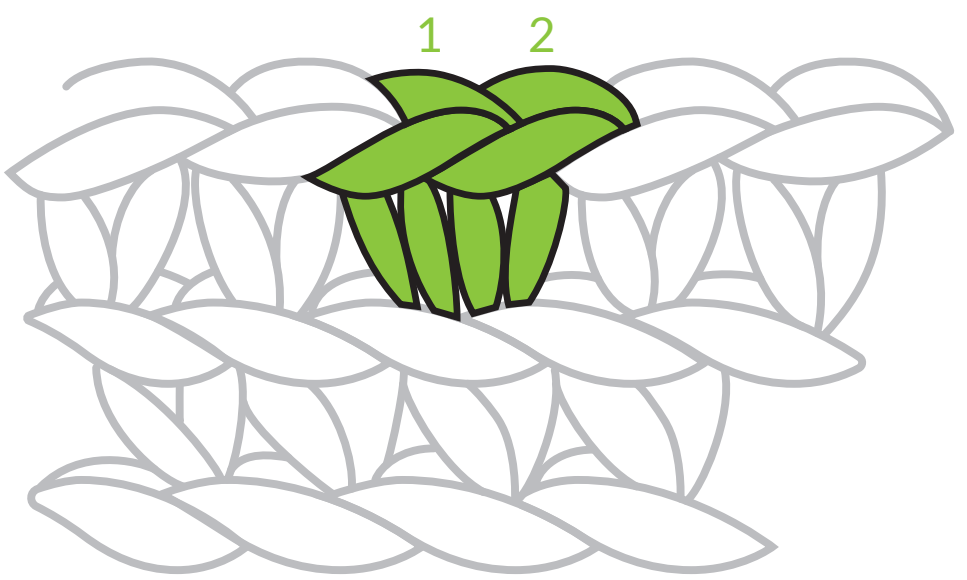
Increase & Decrease

Increase (inc)

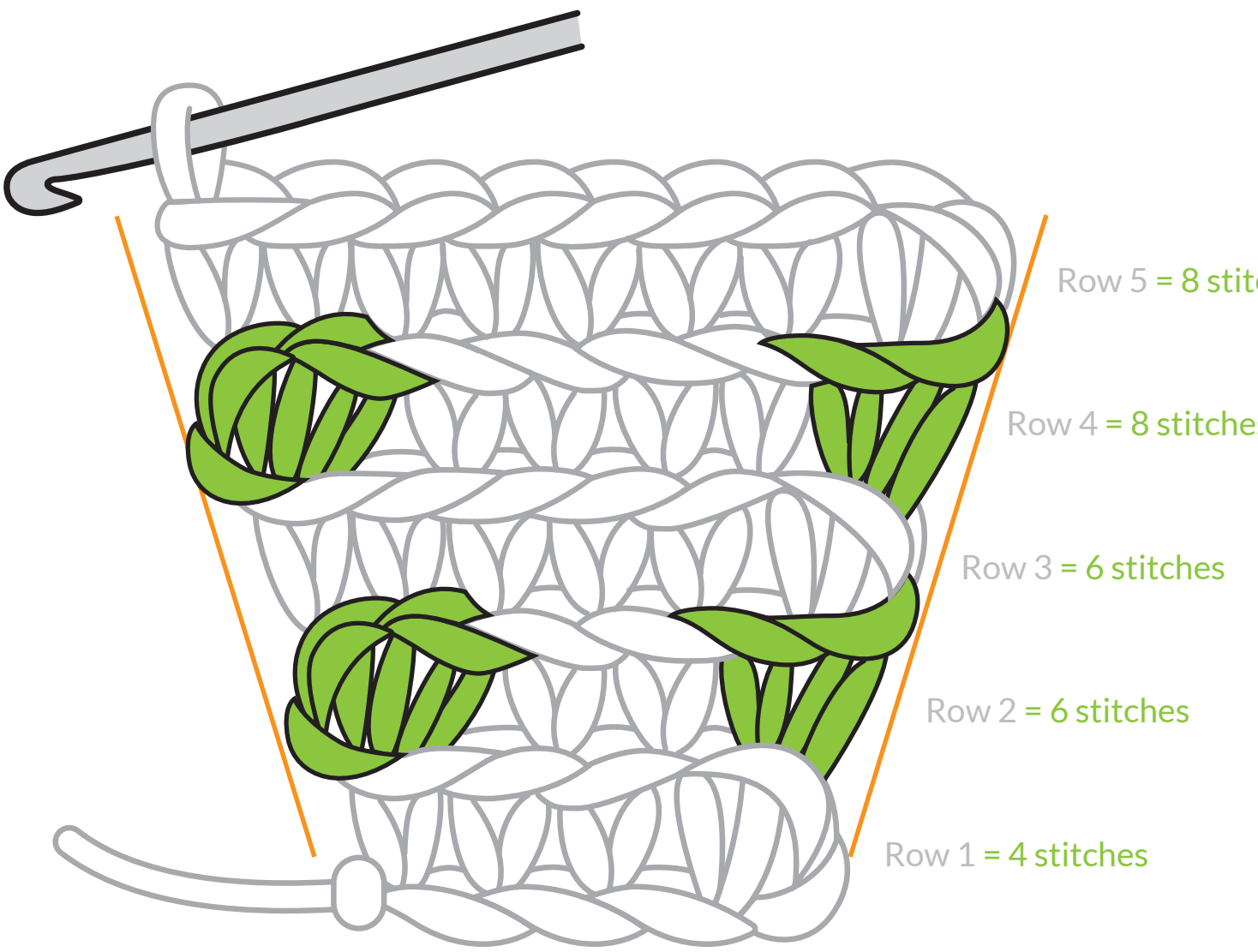
To increase one stitch simply work two stitches in one stitch.
It is applicable in single, half double, double or treble crochet.



2 single crochet in 1 stitch



The increase stitch depends on the piece shape you are working on.

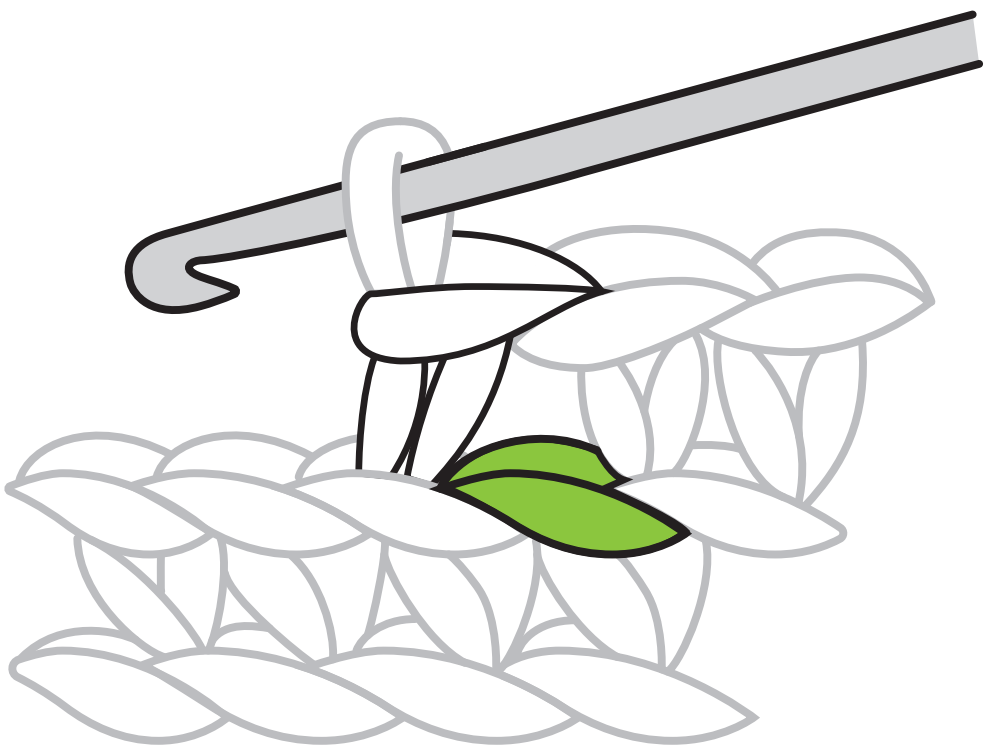


Decrease (dec)

To decrease simply skip one stitch and continue.

You can also skip in an invisible way «invisible decrease»

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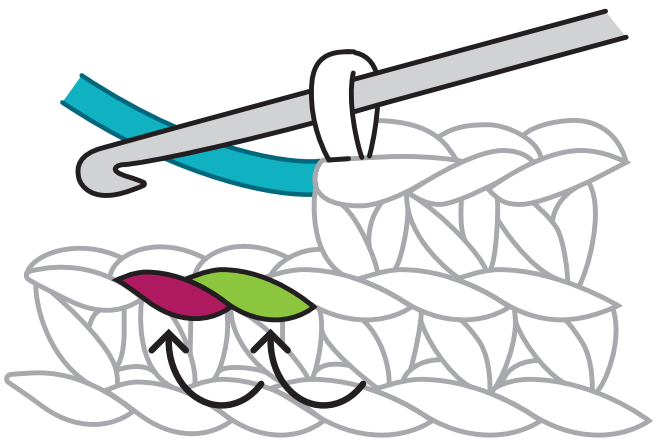


Skip a stitch



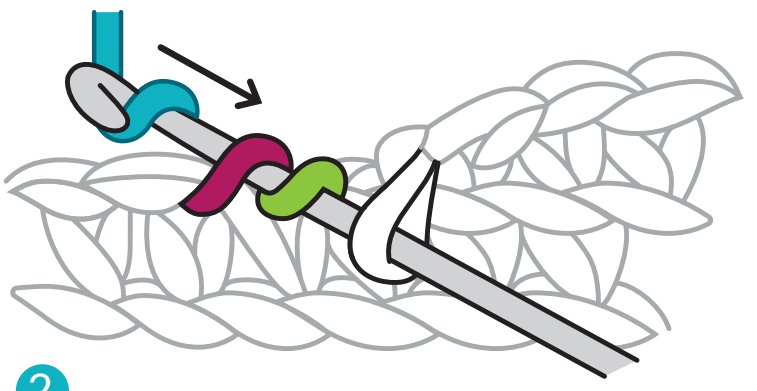
Invisible Decrease (dec)

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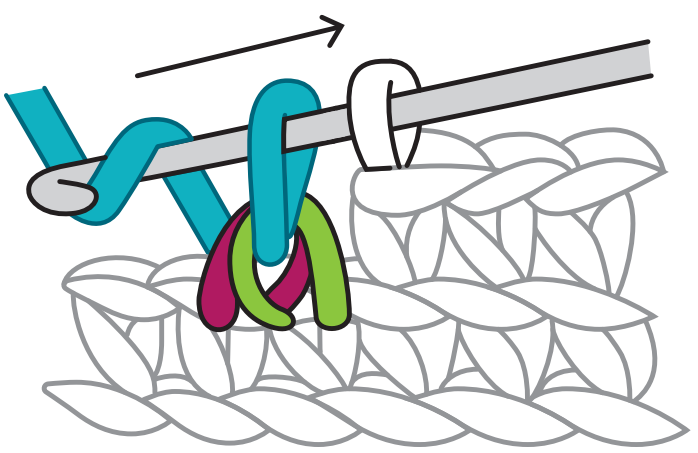
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Insert the hook into the front loop of the next 2 stitches (green and purple).



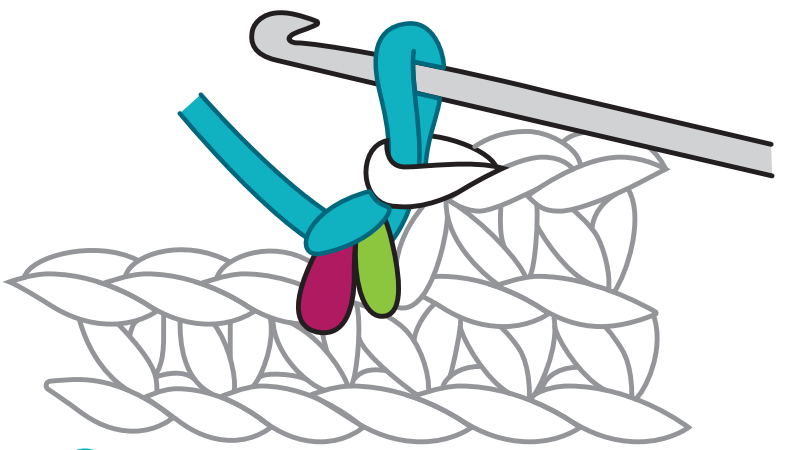
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Now you will have 3 loops on the hook (green, purple and white).
Yarn over and draw through the first two loops on the hook (green and purple).



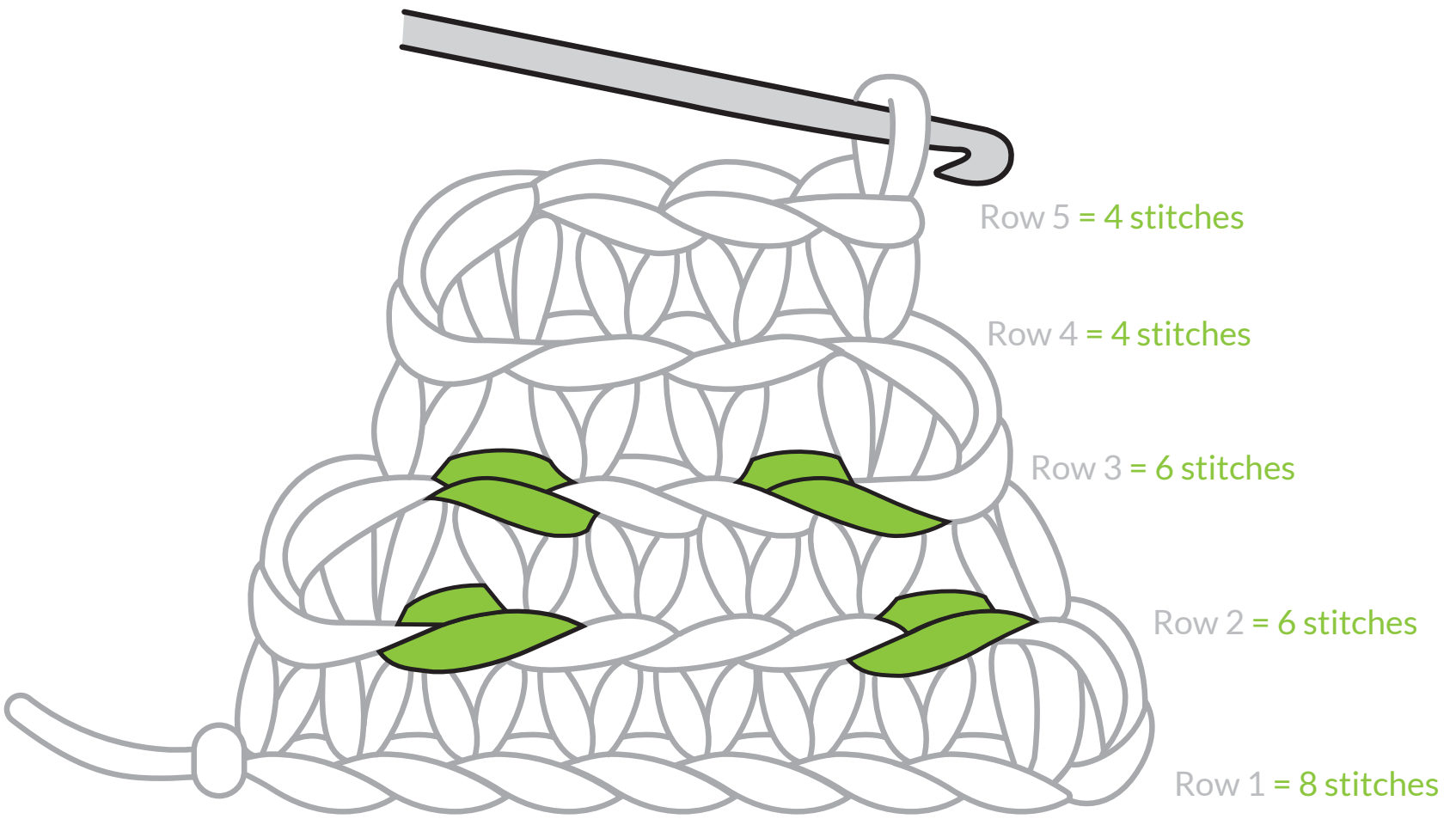
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We are almost ready to start our first amigurumi!

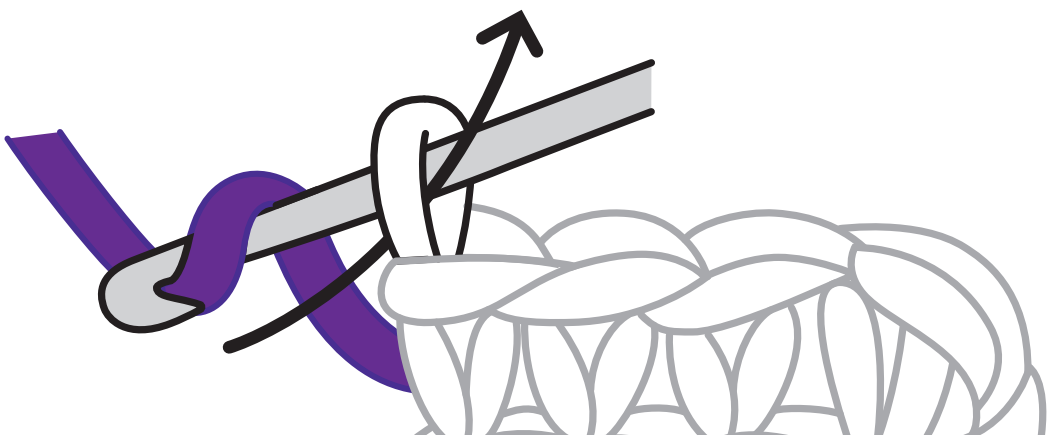
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Fasten off

Open Piece

When you finish a crochet piece, you'll need to fasten it off so that the stitches won't unravel.



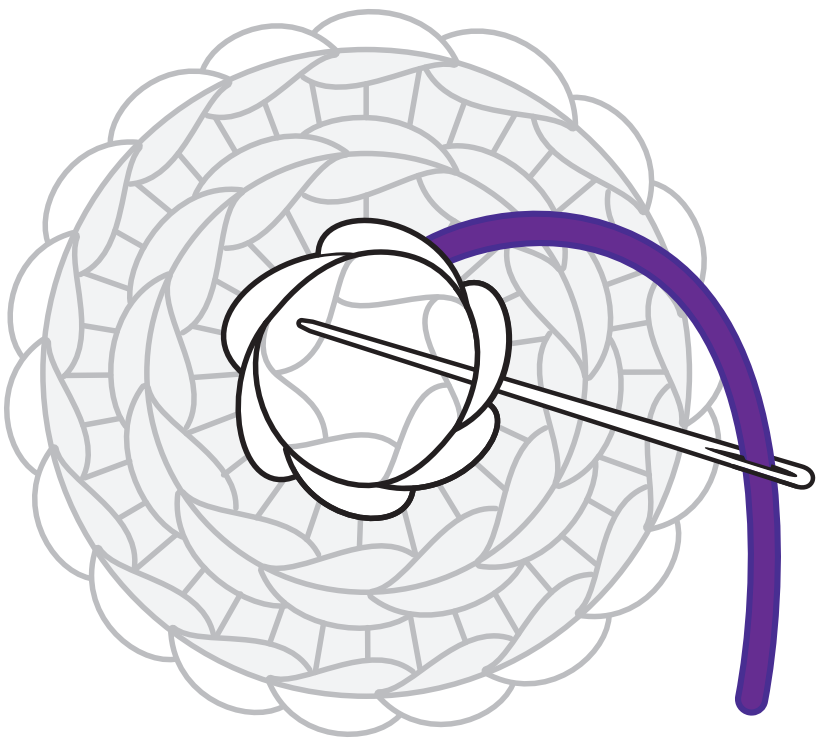
a.1 Yarn over and draw through the end loop: **this is called a «Slip Stitch».**



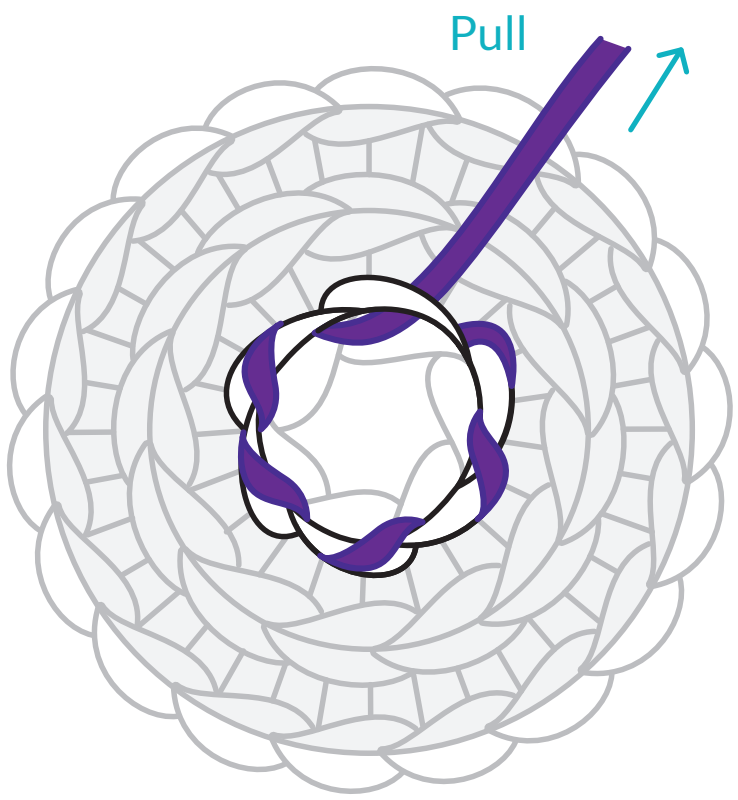
a.2 Leave a tail and trim the working yarn to use it for sewing later.

Closed Piece

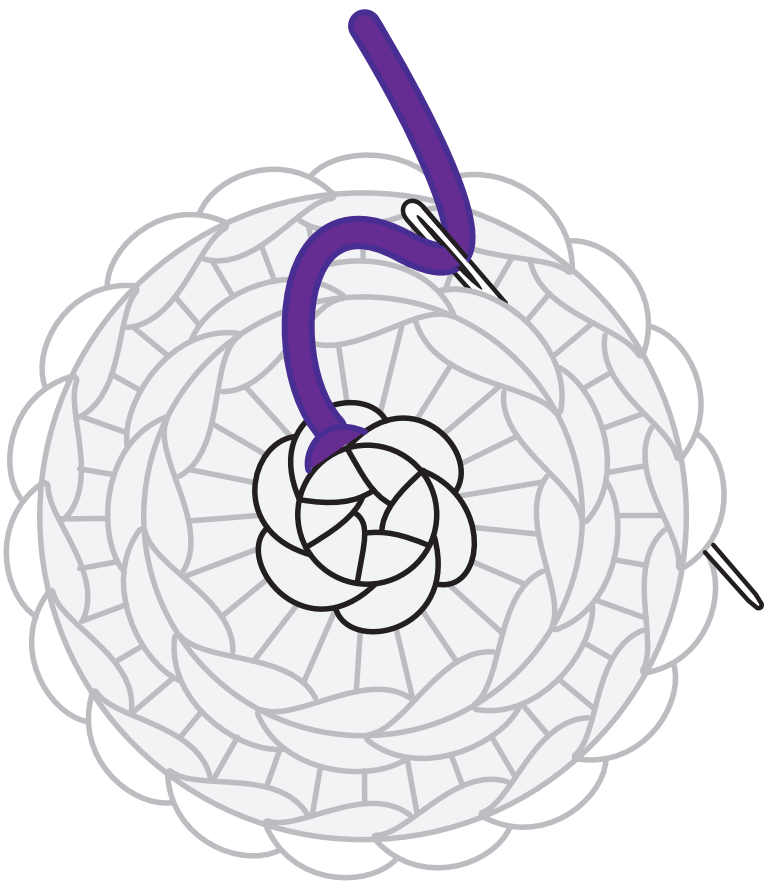
When you reach the end 6 stitches, leave a tail, trim the working yarn, and pull it completely.



b.1 Fill the tail in the needle and insert it in the 6 front loops.



b.2 Pull the yarn to close the bottom part.



b.3 Insert the end yarn inside the piece using the needle.

We are all set and ready to start
our first amigurumi!

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