

Kasturi's Quick Crochet Summary

Holding the hook and yarn

There is plenty of advice on how to hold the hook and yarn, but basically you hold the hook in your right hand however it feels comfortable for you. The yarn then has to be wound round fingers on the left hand until it has a tension which will make all your stitches the same size. Don't worry about the particulars, just make sure you are comfortable.

Chain stitch

Remember - don't count the stitch on the hook, or the original slip knot - only the 'v' shaped ones dangling down!

Working in Rows

If you are working in rows, always turn your work clockwise at the end of the row.

Add correct number of turning chains. These chains bring the work to the correct height for the next row and count as the first stitch of the next row.

dc = 1 turning chain then dc into 2nd chain from hook

htr = 2 ch for turning then htr into 3rd chain from hook

tr = 3 ch for turning then tr into 4th chain from hook

Working in Rounds

Start with a magic ring to make your circle neater

Finish invisibly using a darning needle

American vs British

American crochet is the same as British but the names for the stitches are different. There are plenty of patterns for British crocheters but sometimes I see a pattern I really want to try and it only has American terms. Use the chart below to 'convert' American patterns into British ones.

American	British
Single crochet (sc)	double crochet (dc)
Half-double crochet (hdc)	half treble (htr)
Double crochet (dc)	treble (tr)
Triple crochet (tr)	double treble (dtr)
Double triple crochet (dtr)	treble treble (trtr)

Check out the knitting site for more British/American conversions for yarn weights and needle sizes.

www.theknittingsite.com/knitting-conversion-tables/

If you get stuck ...

I would recommend watching youtube videos. You can search for your problem (eg magic loop/circle) and I can guarantee there will be a LOT of videos to solve it! There are also lots of crochet along videos that take you step by step through patterns. Beware of English vs American issues!

You could also email me at kasturi108@gmail.com and I will try to help you!

Inspiration

Check out Attic24. She is my favourite crochet-er at the moment! So many beautiful step by step projects with photos and clear instructions. She does a blog of her current projects, and on the bottom left of the page there is a list of free patterns and tutorials. Also 'ta-dah' moments on the bottom right.

www.attic24.typepad.com/weblog/