

Crochet Hacks

Essentials for Beginners



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- **Understand yarn weights**
[Standard Yarn Weight System](#) from the Craft Yarn Council
- **Understand crochet hook sizes and types**
[Hook size chart](#) from the Craft Yarn Council; Prym ergonomic hooks come in sizes from US C (3 mm) to Q (16 mm)
- **Leave yarn tails long enough to weave in**
For medium/worsted weight and lighter weights, this means a minimum of 4 inches (10 cm). For bulky weights and heavier leave 6 inches (15 cm) or more.
- **Build a good foundation (chain)**
Make sure your foundation chain is not tight, and work under two loops of the chain or into the back bump on the first row after the foundation chain.
- **Don't confuse yarn under and yarn over**
You may use yarn under for amigurumi, but the standard crochet stitches use yarn over
- **Use stitch markers to help you at the beginning and end of rows**
You need removable (locking) stitch markers for crochet
- **Really learn how turning chains work**
Understanding turning chains and where to put your hook is the trick to keeping your edges straight
- **Don't be afraid of gauge**
Understanding what gauge is and what it means will save you HOURS of time and DOLLARS of money!
- **Weave in your ends securely**
Just working over your yarn tails usually is not enough
- **Learn to read crochet patterns and charts**
Reading written patterns is just like reading a recipe; follow the recipe and you'll make the thing!
Reading a chart is like reading a map; follow the map and you'll get to where you want to go!

About Edie

I create confident crocheters and knitters! I do this by designing patterns, blogging, creating videos, and teaching virtual classes to help you learn the techniques you need to problem-solve and think for yourself.

I've also written a number of best-selling books, including [The Crochet Answer Book](#) and [Around the Corner Crochet Borders](#).

If you want to learn more about the things I talk about in today's presentation, you can find me online. I've got YouTube videos and other resources that will boost your skill level fast!

A self-confident crocheter is a happy crocheter!

Use this QR code to learn more and to find me on social media.

