



MAGIC CIRCLE/RING

Hello. Welcome.

Let's learn how to make a perfect magic circle every time! What I'm going to show you is one of the easiest ways to make a magic circle, or magic ring, as it's also called. Although it's almost always used in making amigurumi, for many crocheters, it's one of the biggest challenges. I struggled for some time, and I found this method the simplest. I hope I can help you finally perfect this key step in making your amigurumi.

STEP 1

Place the yarn tail in the palm of your hand and wrap it around your index and middle finger, creating an "X" on the palm side of your hand as you do so. Hold the yarn attached to the ball between your middle and ring finger to secure it.

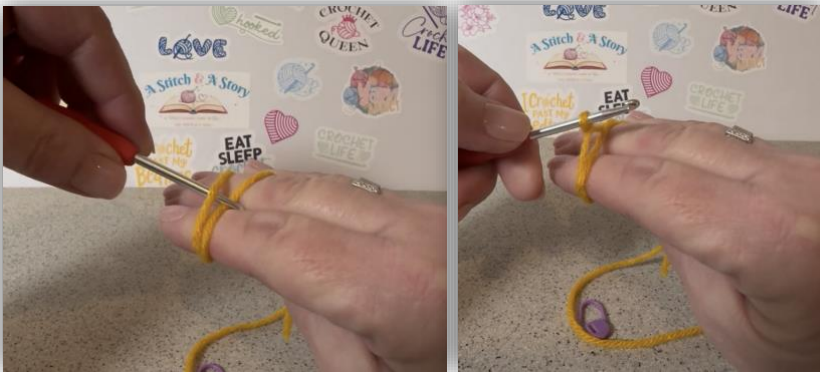
You should have an "X" on your palm side, and two 'lines' of yarn on the back of your hand.





STEP 2

Take your crochet hook and slide it under the first row of the yarn, hooking the second row of the yarn. Pull that 2nd row under the 1st row.



STEP 3

Turning your hook, pull the yarn you pulled through (that 2nd row of yarn that is now on your hook), through the loop on your hook.





STEP 4

Remove the magic circle from your hand. The large circle is where the first stitches are made. How many stitches your pattern says to make is how many you will make within the circle – the stitch on your hook (the one you just made) does not count.



STEP 5

The 'magic' of the magic circle is crocheting into it. I'm making 6 stitches into the magic circle.

Put your hook through the circle to grab the yarn, pulling it back toward you through the circle, and through the 2 loops on your hook for a single crochet (sc). That is the first stitch. Repeat the steps to crochet all stitches required.





STEP 6

The preliminary stitches are complete and so is your magic circle!

There should be six sc around the magic circle. (Don't count the stitch on your hook)



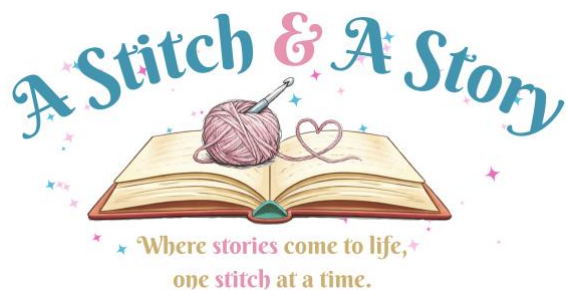
TIP

BEFORE CROCHETING ROW 2, IT CAN HELP TO PUT A STITCH MARKER IN THE FIRST STITCH OF ROW 1.

THE FIRST STITCH IS THE ONE ON THE OUTER EDGE, FURTHEST AWAY FROM THE STITCH ON THE HOOK.

ONCE THE CIRCLE IS TIGHTENED, THERE WILL BE A GAP BETWEEN THE 1ST AND LAST STITCH.

A STITCH MARKER WILL SHOW YOU WHERE TO PLACE THE FIRST STITCH OF ROUND 2. YOU DON'T WANT YOUR COUNT TO BE OFF.



STEP 7

Pull the short yarn tail to tighten the magic circle. Once that is done, you are ready to move onto round two. Round 2 typically is an increase stitch in each stitch, so in this instance, you will end up with 12 stitches in round 2. (This is not always the case, but it's quite common. Be sure to read the pattern.)



CONGRATULATIONS!

You have completed a magic circle! I hope you found this tutorial useful. Keep practicing. Before I perfected it, I practiced over and over again until it became second nature. You'll get it!