FREE CROCHET TUTORIAL

How to Make a Magic Ring

Step-by-step magic ring (magic circle) + a 4-round practice circle · US terms

SKILL LEVEL	PRACTICE PIECE	HOOK
Beginner	**4 in circle, 4 rounds**	**5 mm (US H-8)**
YARN	**STITCHES**	**TIME**
Worsted (#4), light colour	**ch, sc, sl st**	**15 minutes**

Materials

- Worsted weight yarn in a light, smooth colour (about 10 yd)
- 5 mm (US H-8) hook, tapestry needle, scissors

Abbreviations (US terms)

MR	magic ring	**sl st**	slip stitch
ch	chain	**st(s)**	stitch(es)
sc	single crochet		

Leave a 6 in tail. Always work over both the ring and the tail, then pull the tail before joining Round 1.

Magic ring, step by step

Step 1	Make a loop: Lay the tail over the working yarn to form a loop, about 1 in across. Hold the crossing point.
Step 2	Pull up a loop: Insert the hook into the ring from front to back, yarn over with the working yarn and pull up a loop.
Step 3	Chain 1: Yarn over and pull through the loop on the hook. This chain does not count as a stitch.
Step 4	First single crochet: Insert the hook into the ring, under both strands (ring and tail), pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through both loops.
Step 5	Six single crochets: Keep working sc into the ring until you have 6. The stitches crowd together; that's fine.
Step 6	Pull the tail closed: Pull the tail firmly: the ring shrinks and the hole closes. Sl st into the first sc to join.

Practice circle

Round 1	Make a magic ring, ch 1 (does not count as a st), 6 sc into the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring, sl st to the first sc. (6)
Round 2	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st to the first sc. (12)
Round 3	Ch 1, *sc in the next st, 2 sc in the next st; repeat from * around, sl st to the first sc. (18)

Round 4	Ch 1, *sc in the next 2 sts, 2 sc in the next st; repeat from * around, sl st to the first sc. Fasten off. (24)

Double crochet version

Round 1	Magic ring, ch 3 (counts as a dc), 11 dc into the ring, pull the tail tight, sl st to the top of the ch-3. (12 dc)

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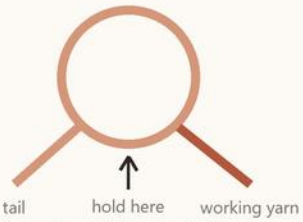
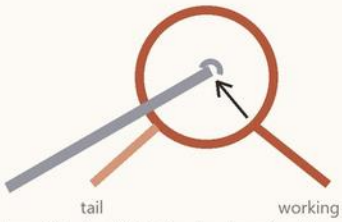
1 Make a loop



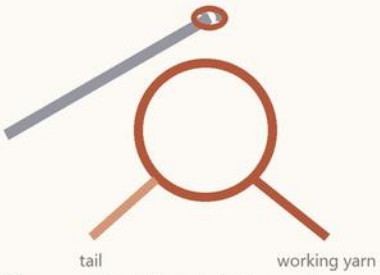
Lay the tail over the working yarn to form a loop, about 1 in across. Hold the crossing point.

2 Pull up a loop



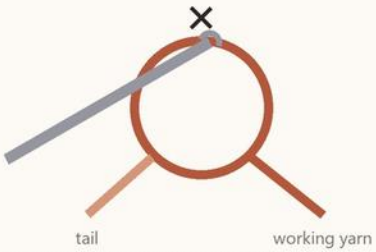
Insert the hook into the ring from front to back, yarn over with the working yarn and pull up a loop.

3 Chain 1



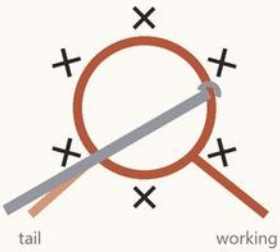
Yarn over and pull through the loop on the hook. This chain does not count as a stitch.

4 First single crochet



Insert the hook into the ring, under both strands (ring and tail), pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through both loops.

5 Six single crochets



Keep working sc into the ring until you have 6. The stitches crowd together; that's fine.

6 Pull the tail closed



Pull the tail firmly: the ring shrinks and the hole closes. Sl st into the first sc to join.

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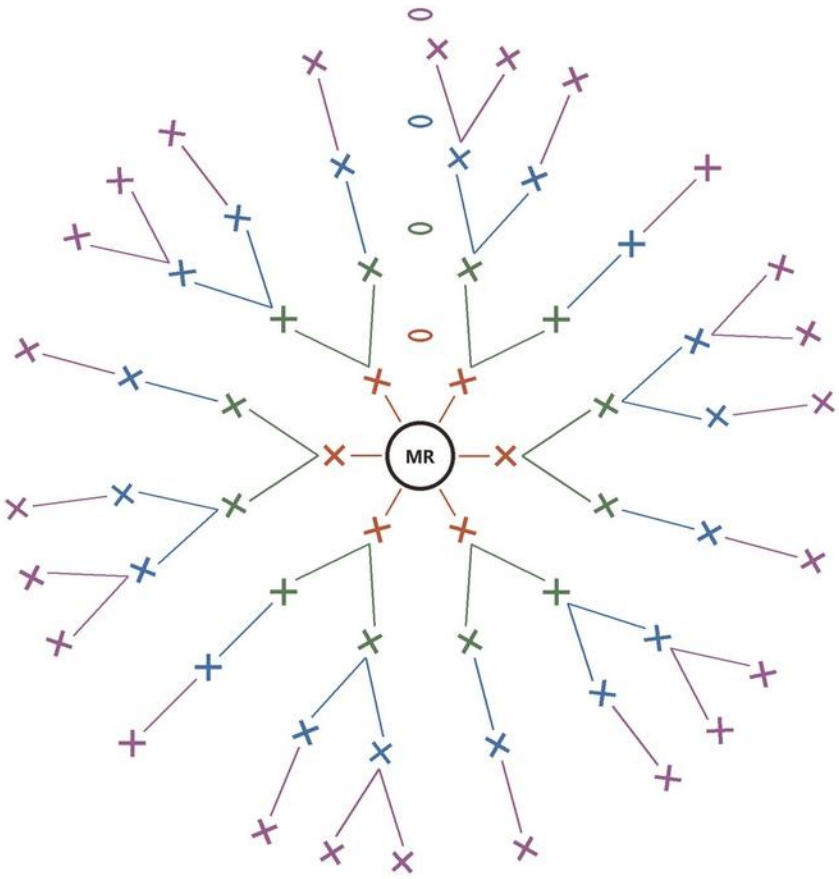
Magic Ring Practice Circle · Stitch Chart

Single crochet in joined rounds from a magic ring. US terms. Read from the centre out, counterclockwise.

Round 1: 6 sc
Round 2: 12 sc
Round 3: 18 sc
Round 4: 24 sc



MR = magic ring x = single crochet two x from one base = increase oval = ch 1 at the start of each round

Each round adds 6 stitches: 6, 12, 18, 24. Pull the tail before you join Round 1.

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