

Family Crocheting Tutorial

MRFA Social Events Committee

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November 6, 4:00 – 5:00pm on [Zoom](#)

Supplies needed for crochet tutorial and project:

- **A 1.5 oz ball (42.5 g) Bernat Handicrafter yarn, in any color. (You could use any 100% cotton yarn medium (#4) weight.** (you can purchase crochet supplies at Michael's or a local yarn store, or online at yarncanada.ca) One small ball of yarn is sufficient for one dishcloth, with a little left over for mug cozies, hair scrunchies, or other small projects.
- **A 5 mm (H) crochet hook (5:50 would also work; the bigger the hook the bigger the stitch and the looser the weave).**
- **Scrap yarn or cotton yarn if you wish to do a flower embellishment.**

Optional Advance Learning

If you want to prepare for the class, you could look at this Basic crochet stitch video tutorial:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aAxGTnVNjIE>

Objectives:

- To learn the basic stitches: chain, single, half-double, double, treble
- To learn to read a pattern.
- To create a basic dishcloth, using chain, single, half-double, and double stitch
- To learn to crochet rounds and shapes.

Abbreviations

The full list of abbreviations are here: <https://www.craftyarnCouncil.com/standards/crochet-abbreviations>. (these are used on US patterns: patterns from the UK use different abbreviations).

Here are the basic ones (used for the dishcloth pattern):

- ch: chain
- sc: single crochet
- hdc: half double crochet
- dc: double crochet
- sk: skip a stitch
- sl: slip stitch (used to join things or to finish a work)

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Simple dishcloth pattern: teaches chain stitch, single, half double, and double crochet

Use cotton yarn and 5.00 mm needle. 4.5 works as well.

Ch 26, make it loose enough to be able to work easily, but not too loose. It will be the foundation for the dishcloth.

Row 1: sc in 2nd chain from hook. Sc across (25 stitches). Ch 1, turn.

Row 2: Sc across (25 stitches. Stop and count every so often to make sure you don't add or miss stitches in order to keep the square shape). Ch1, turn.

Row 3: Hdc across. Repeat rows 1-3 two times until you have nine rows.

Row ten: Double crochet across.

Row eleven: Repeat rows 1-3 three times until you have 20 rows. Essentially, at this point, you should have a square dishcloth: if it is not the size you want, you could add another row of sc or two.

Edging: once you get to the end of the final row, sc 3 in the last hole. This forms a corner. You will now go down the side of the dishcloth with sc, putting them in the spaces (you might need 2 sc when you get to the double crochet. Go around the whole cloth, and make a slip stitch when you get back to when you started. Cut the thread, leaving about 3 inches. Weave in the loose ends using an embroidery or darning needle (I have lots if you need one).

Tips

- Don't worry if you lose track of which kind of stitch you used, as long as you are consistent in the row. Essentially the variation of stitches make an interesting texture, but the main objective was to give you practice in the basic stitches, which are used in many projects including granny squares and toys. You could make a perfectly acceptable dishcloth using one stitch, such as the half double crochet.
- These make nice gifts, especially if you package them nicely. You can fold them in quarters and tie them with a thread and present them to a husband or brother who will use them to wash the dishes. You could embellish the package with a pretty crochet flower using an easy pattern such as this one on youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkKRiQOTYNY>
- Once you have these basic stitches down, you could try to make a granny square or a toy cat. If you want to make other things, the internet is full of free patterns.

Help is Here if Needed!

Email Michele Holmgren (mholmgren@mtroyal.ca) if you have a question. Michele can meet you on google meets to show you stuff if you need a demo.

Have fun! (And, feel free to send pictures of your creations to office@mrfa.net).