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## YOUR CROCHET ADVENTURE STARTS NOW



# **RECIPE FOR SUCCESS**

GET YOUR TOOLS READY. Everything you need to get started.
<b>FAMILIARISE YOURSELF WITH THE TECHNIQUES.</b> Everything from the stitches used to the finishing touches for your project.
<b>GET TO KNOW YOUR YARN.</b> Before you start crocheting your piece, play around with your new yarn to get used to it, and to check your tension.
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## LET'S GET CROCHETING

#### Tool kit

1 ball of WATG's Billie Jean Yarn

- 1 5mm crochet hook
- 1 Cindy Case pattern
- 1 sewing needle

#### Tension

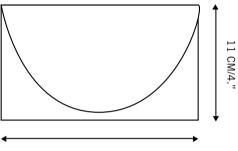
To ensure your crochet project has the same measurements as the pattern, it is a good idea to make a tension swatch before you start. A tension swatch is a small sample of crochet where you count the stitches and rows and check them against the tension given in the pattern. If you get MORE stitches/rows than the pattern's tension, it means your crochet is TIGHTER. If you get FEWER stitches/rows than the pattern, your crochet is LOOSER. Sometimes, it works to crochet tighter or looser to compensate.

#### Single crochet (yarn held double)

10 cm/4" = 13 stitches 10 cm/4" = 14 rows

All crochet techniques can be found at the back of the pattern.

### MEASUREMENTS



18 CM/7"



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## HOW TO CROCHET YOUR CINDY CASE

Your case is made by crocheting a half moon shape first, from this you will then work two rectangular sections of single crochet. These 3 sections will then fold up to make your case.

To make the instructions easier to read, we will use some simple abbreviations:

SC1 = make 1 single crochet stitch SC2 = make 2 single crochet stitches SC3 = make 3 single crochet stitches

CH1 = make 1 chain stitch

#### HALF MOON FLAP

You will hold two strands of your Billie Jean yarn together throughout this pattern. You can either work from both the inside and outside of the ball or you can split your ball into 2 mini balls and work from each one at the same time.

- 1 Create a magic loop and SC5 around it. You will now work back and forth across these stitches.
- 2 CH1, SC2, SC3 into the next stitch, SC2. (7 stitches.)
- 3 CH1, ★SC1, SC2 into the next stitch, SC1.★ SC3 into the next stitch. Repeat the section inside the stars once more. (11 stitches.)

- 4 CH1, SC2, ★SC2 into the next stitch, SC2.★ Repeat the section inside the stars twice more. (14 stitches.)
- 5 CH1, SC4, SC2 into the next stitch, ★ SC1, SC2 into the next stitch.★ Repeat the section inside the stars once more. SC5. (17 stitches.)
- 6 CH1, SC3, SC2 into the next stitch, SC4, SC3 into the next stitch, SC4, SC2 into the next stitch, SC3. (21 stitches.)
- 7 CH1, SC1, ★SC2 into the next stitch, SC4, SC2 into the next stitch.★ SC7. Repeat the section inside the stars once more. SC1. (25 stitches.)
- 8 CH1, SC5, SC2 into the next stitch, SC2, SC2 into the next stitch, SC7, SC2 into the next stitch, SC2, SC2 into the next stitch, SC5. (29 stitches.)
- **9** Work in slip stitch for the first 8 stitches, SC13, work in slip stitch for the remaining 8 stitches.
- **10** CH1, SC9, SC2 into the next stitch, SC3, SC2 into the next stitch, SC1, SC2 into the next stitch, SC3, SC2 into the next stitch, SC9. (33 stitches.)
- 11 CH1, SC5, SC2 into the next stitch, SC5, SC2 into the next stitch, SC4, SC2 into the next stitch, SC4, SC2 into the next stitch, SC5, SC2 into the next stitch, SC5. (38 stitches.)

#### MAIN CASE

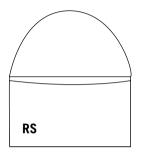
1 Continuing on from step 11 of the half moon flap, CH1, SC21 across the flat edge of the flap.

You will now work back across these 21 stitches.

- 2 CH1, work 21 stitches in single crochet through the front of the stitch.
- **3** CH1, SC21
- 4 Repeat step 3 a further twelve times.
- **5** CH1, work 21 stitches in single crochet through the front of the stitch.
- **6** Repeat step 3 a further eleven times.
- 7 Cut your yarn approx. 15cm/6" from the last stitch. Pull on the loop on your crochet hook until the end pops through.

## ASSEMBLY AND FINISHING

1 Lay the case with the right side down and with the half moon flap at the top. Fold the bottom half upwards. The case will fold naturally where you worked through the front of your stitches.



- **2** Using 1 strand of Billie Jean yarn, and starting at the bottom right corner, join your front and back pieces together using single crochet. Repeat for the other side of the case.
- **3** If you have spare yarn left, make yourself a chain stitch tie!

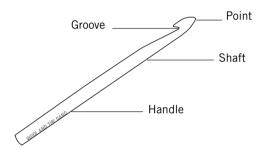
Make a slip knot and and work in chain stitch until you have a braid measuring 70cm/27.5". You can add tassels by threading smaller strands through each end and tying a knot.

## CROCHET TECHNIQUES

Help's only a stitch away. Watch the video tutorials online at <a href="http://www.woolandthegang.com/t/how-to">www.woolandthegang.com/t/how-to</a>

#### **Crochet hook**

The crochet hook is your tool on the path to greatness! Your pattern may refer to different parts of the crochet hook - here is an illustration to help you understand it all a little better.

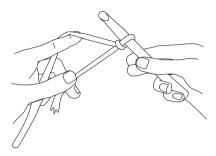


Turning chains / 🕞 Online video tutorial

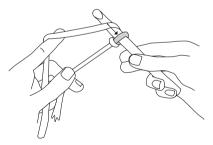
When working in crochet, you often need to do a 'turning chain' at the beginning of your row. This creates a stitch that 'lifts' you up to the next level, so you're ready to crochet the next row. The turning chain is made up of chain stitches, and the number of stitches varies between different types of stitches. (Your pattern will tell you how many stitches to use for the stitch you're working in.)

#### Chain stitch / 🕑 Online video tutorial

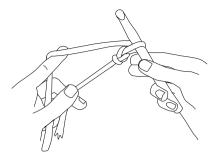
This is the foundation of most crochet work and can also be used as a technique on its own.



1. Make a slipknot and place it on the shaft of your crochet hook. Hold the hook in your right hand and the yarn in your left hand.

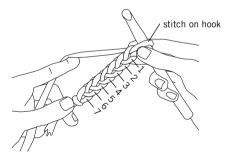


2. Move the point of the crochet hook UNDER the yarn from left to right, then move it OVER the yarn from right to left. The yarn is now looped around your crochet hook.



3. Scoop up the yarn with the groove of the hook, and pull it through the loop already on your hook. Slide the new stitch towards the shaft of the hook. You've now made one chain stitch.

Repeat steps 2 and 3 to keep creating new stitches. Take care not to pull your stitches too tightly! When counting your stitches, count each of the loops except the one on your hook.



To make a chain stitch in the main body of your piece (for example, to make a turning chain), repeat steps 2 and 3.

#### Magic loop / 🕞 Online video tutorial

This technique is used for starting off a circular piece. You start by making a loop with your yarn, and then create your first round of stitches by working into this loop.

1. With the tail of the yarn in the palm of your left hand, form a ring by looping the yarn around your index and middle fingers. The working yarn is now on the right.

2. Hold the point where the loop overlaps so it doesn't come undone. Insert your crochet hook into the magic loop from front to back. Loop the working yarn around the groove of your hook and pull it through.

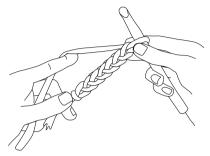
3. Make one chain stitch.

4. Your pattern will now tell you what type of stitch and how many stitches to work into your loop. To work into your loop, insert your crochet hook into the middle of the loop and work your stitches around the yarn that forms the loop, enclosing both the working yarn and the tail yarn inside the stitches.

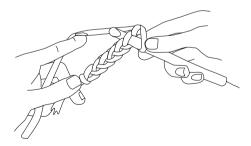
5. When you have finished your first round of stitches, pull on the tail end of your yarn to close up the hole in the centre of the work - magic!

#### Single crochet / ( ) Online video tutorial

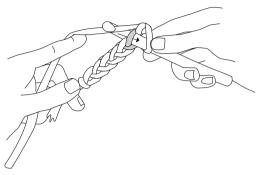
This stitch is one of the most basic crochet stitches. It uses a turning chain of 1 stitch.



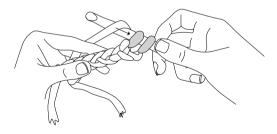
To work into a foundation chain at the beginning of your work, start with your hook in your right hand and the work in the left. Work across your foundation chain from right to left.



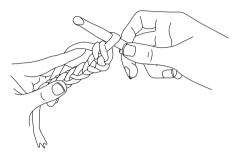
1. Insert your crochet hook into the middle of the second stitch from the hook (not counting the stitch on the hook!).



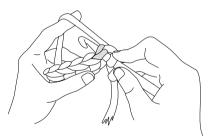
2. Move the hook under and then over the yarn. Scoop the yarn with the groove of your hook, and pull it through the stitch. There are now two loops on your hook.



3. Loop the yarn around the hook again, and pull the yarn through BOTH of the loops on your hook. You have now worked one stitch in single crochet, and there's a single stitch on your hook again.



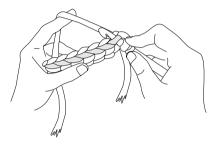
4. To continue working in single crochet, insert the hook into the next stitch of your row and repeat steps 2 and 3.



To work into a stitch that was crocheted on the previous row, insert your crochet hook underneath **both strands** of the sideways 'V' at the top of the next stitch, then repeat steps 2 and 3.

#### Single crochet through the front of the stitch

Start by inserting your crochet hook through the front strand of the sideways 'V' at the top of the next stitch and out into the center of the 'V'. Wrap the yarn around the hook and pull through the strand on your hook. Complete the stitch in the usual way.



#### Slip stitch / 🕑 Online video tutorial

Insert your crochet hook into the next stitch. Starting with the hook in front of the yarn, move the hook under and then over the yarn, so the yarn ends up looped around the shaft of the hook. Scoop up the yarn with the groove of your hook and pull it through both the stitch and the loop on your hook. You now have a single loop on your hook. You have worked one slip stitch.

#### Increasing in single crochet

To increase, you simply work into the same stitch more than once. After completing the first stitch, just insert the crochet hook into the same stitch, and make more stitches as needed.

#### Adding a new ball of yarn / (>) Online video tutorial

To add a new ball of the same colour, start your stitch in the regular way, but stop before working the final wrap-around (for single crochet: insert the hook, loop your yarn, pull the yarn through and then stop!) At this point, loop your new yarn around the hook, leaving a long tail of the new yarn, and pull the new yarn through the remaining two loops to finish the stitch.

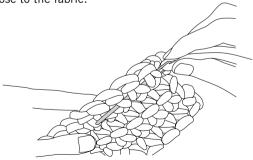
## FINISHING TECHNIQUES

#### Joining pieces with single crochet

Single crochet can be used for joining pieces. Place the pieces so the edges meet and each stitch lines up with that of the oppostie edge. Insert the crochet hook through the first stitch of all of the pieces at once, loop the yarn around the hook and pull it back through all layers. Make one chain stitch, then work from right to left in single crochet through the stitches along your piece, making sure you go through all pieces each time you insert your hook.

#### Hiding your yarn ends / 🕑 Online video tutorial

To hide the tail of your yarn, turn your work so the wrong side is facing you. Thread your sewing needle with the yarn end, and sew horizontally across your work, inserting needle and yarn underneath the back two strands of your crocheted stitches. Work like this for a few stitches, then move down a row and work back in the opposite direction. Finally, cut the yarn close to the fabric.



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