

## OFF THE HOOK SNOOD Beginner

**12MM HOOK** 

# YOUR CROCHET ADVENTURE STARTS NOW



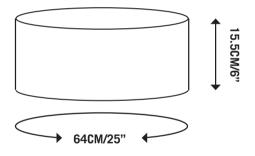
# **RECIPE FOR SUCCESS**

1	<b>GET YOUR TOOLS READY.</b> Everything you need to get crocheting.
2	<b>FAMILIARISE YOURSELF WITH THE TECHNIQUES.</b> Everything from the stitches used to the finishing touches for your project.
3	<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.
4	WOOL SCHOOL Pick up your hook & yarn and make the magic happen! For a little extra help, check out our Wool School at: www.woolandthegang.com/videos

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**#SHAREYOURKNITS** When you're done - let the world know. **TOOL KIT** 1 ball of WATG's Crazy Sexy Wool 1 Off The Hook pattern 1 12mm crochet hook 1 sewing needle

#### MEASUREMENTS



#### You'll find all the techniques at the back of the pattern booklet.

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### HOW TO MAKE YOUR OFF THE HOOK SNOOD

This snood is worked in the round - so there's no sewing up to do!

- 1 Make a slip knot and place it on your crochet hook.
- 2 Make a foundation chain of 32 chain stitches. (Don't make your stitches too tight!)
- **3** Join your foundation chain into a ring by working a slip stitch into the first stitch you made. Check that you haven't twisted your foundation chain.

You will now start working in double crochet.

- 4 Make 3 chain stitches (this is your turning chain). Work in double crochet across all 32 stitches. You have now completed one round!
- **5** Continue working in double crochet in a continuous spiral until you have completed 4 rounds.

You will now work the final round of your snood.

- **6** Work 29 stitches in double crochet.
- 7 To work the next stitch, loop the yarn around the hook and insert it through the stitch. Pull the yarn through all 3 loops on your hook at once.
- 8 Without looping the yarn, insert the hook into the next

stitch. Loop the yarn and pull through so you have 2 loops on the hook. Loop the yarn once more and pull through both of the 2 loops.

- **9** Work a slip stitch into the next stitch, then cut the yarn leaving a 15cm/6" tail. Pull on the loop on your crochet hook until the tail pops through you have now secured the last stitch.
- **10** Finish off your snood by hiding the yarn ends.

## TECHNIQUES

#### Tension

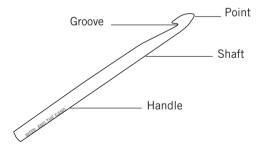
In crochet, 'tension' means the number of rows and stitches you get per 10cm/4". We crocheted our snood at the tension below - don't worry if your tension is slightly different, it just means your snood will be a tiny bit smaller or bigger!

#### Double crochet

10 cm/4" = 5 stitches10 cm/4" = 3 rows

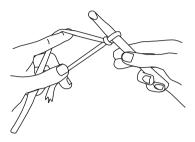
#### **Crochet hook**

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.

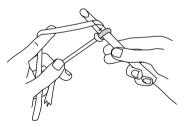


#### **Chain stitch**

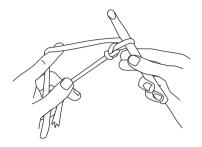
This is the foundation of most crochet work and can also be used as a technique on its own. You will use it create your foundation chain.



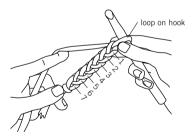
1 Make a slipknot and place it on the shaft of your crochet hook. Hold the hook in your right hand and the yarn in your left hand.



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.



4 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.

#### Slip stitch

- 1 Insert your crochet hook into the next stitch.
- 2 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.
- 3 Scoop up the yarn with the groove of your hook and pull it through both the stitch and the loop on your hook. There is now a single loop on your hook, and you have worked one slip stitch.

#### Joining your foundation chain to work in the round

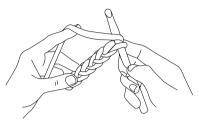
To start working in the round, you need to turn your foundation chain into a circle. Check that your foundation chain isn't twisted, place the two ends next to each other, then work a slip stitch into the first stitch you made.

#### Double crochet

This stitch is a tall stitch, and uses a turning chain of three stitches.

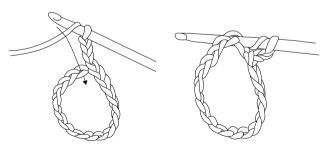


- 1 Make 3 chain stitches this is your turning chain.
- 2 Starting with the hook in front of the yarn, move the hook underneath the yarn, and then over it, so the yarn ends up looped around the shaft of the hook.

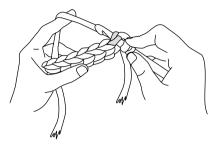


**3** This next step differs slightly depending on whether you are working into your foundation chain or into a stitch that was crocheted on a previous row.

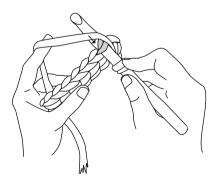
To work into a foundation chain at the beginning of your work: Insert your crochet hook into the stitch to the left of the chain stitches that form your turning chain.

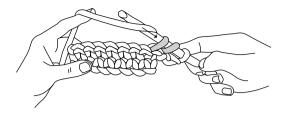


To work into a stitch that was crocheted on a previous row: Insert the hook into the next stitch, underneath both strands of the sideways 'V' at the top.

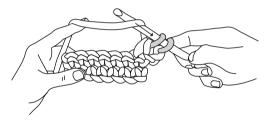


4 Loop the yarn around the groove of the hook, and pull it through the stitch and up onto the shaft of the hook. There are now three loops on your hook.





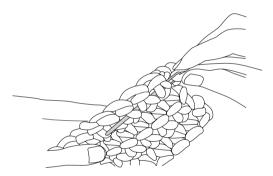
**5** Loop the yarn around the hook again, and pull the yarn through two of the three loops on your hook. You now have two loops left on your hook.



- 6 Loop the yarn around your hook once more and draw through BOTH of the loops on your hook. There is now a single loop left on your hook and you have worked one stitch in double crochet.
- 7 To continue working in double crochet, loop the yarn around the hook again, and repeat steps 2 to 5.

#### Hiding your yarn ends

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.



## NOTES

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