

Ditch the Chain: First Row Crochet Magic

Homework and Materials List

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Class Experience Level:

This class is for an experienced crocheter, **this is not a class for someone who has recently learned to crochet.** It will be a fast moving class to cover all techniques necessary; no time for a review of basic crochet stitches and terminology.

What student should expect to learn:

Raise your hand if you HATE to crochet your first row because you struggle to make stitches in your foundation chain? ME.... ME.... ME.....

What about using those yarns that make the already challenging first row even more dreadful..... including ribbon and bouclé yarn.

ME.... ME.... ME



I have had many students offer to pay me to do their first row for them. While tempting, that really wouldn't teach them anything. You can always find a pattern that starts with a magic loop or a pattern that is worked in the round.....OR you can learn an alternative that will solve this problem for you FOREVER.

This foundation stitch technique combines the chain and one standard crochet stitch. In this manner the foundation chain and the first row/round of stitches are worked at the same time. It can be applied to any crochet stitch.

Techniques Used: Foundation crochet stitches as an alternative to chaining and struggling in your first row as well as struggling with yarn that is tricky to stitch with and see your stitches.

Materials Needed:

- 1 skeins worsted weight yarn, solid color
- 1 skein bouclé or other hard to work with yarn (if you so choose)
- Corresponding size crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- scissors

Homework:

None