



# CROCHET



## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

A sweater, an afghan and a hat are all things that can be crocheted. It's an easy, relaxing art of yarn and crochet hooks that can become an interest that travels with you. In the crocheting project, you will learn crochet terms, abbreviations, stitches and how to end off. Watch how your family and friends wait in excitement for you to make them something special.

## HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN LEARN...

### STARTING OUT

- ✿ Understand how to properly hold the hook and yarn
- ✿ Learn to make a slip knot
- ✿ Learn to chain stitch and make a foundation chain
- ✿ Learn the basic crochet stitches
- ✿ Learn crochet terms and abbreviation and how to read a crochet pattern
- ✿ Understand the importance of tension when crocheting

### LEARNING MORE

- ✿ Learn how to increase and decrease the stitches in a row
- ✿ Learn how to sew a seam
- ✿ Learn how to count rows
- ✿ Learn how to fasten off a project

### GOING FURTHER

- ✿ Learn stitch variations like groups, shells, and clusters
- ✿ Learn how to read a filet chart
- ✿ Learn how to join seams

### RESOURCES

- ✿ *Crochet Made Easy* (<http://www.redheart.com/books/crochet-made-easy>)
- ✿ *Discover 4-H Crochet Clubs* (<https://www.unce.unr.edu/4H/counties/clark-ne/files/pdf/CrochetCurriculum.pdf>)

## TAKE IT FURTHER!

- ✿ Tour a yarn shop to learn about different types of yarn you can use to crochet
- ✿ Create your own pattern
- ✿ Tour a sheep or alpaca farm to see the origin of some yarn fibers
- ✿ Compete with your county in the 4-H Wool Judging Contest to learn more about fibers
- ✿ Enroll in a wool spinning class and learn to make your own yarn
- ✿ Watch web tutorials to gain new skills related to crocheting
- ✿ Meet with a crocheting group in your community
- ✿ Create a crocheting business and market your creations to friends, family, or at a local farmers market
- ✿ Host a crochet fashion show and have friends and family model items you have made
- ✿ Enter items as part of the State 4-H Fashion Revue

### ENHANCE YOUR COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Give a demonstration about basic crocheting stitches

Create your own online tutorial about basic crocheting

### GET INVOLVED IN CITIZENSHIP AND SERVICE

Make baby hats or blankets to donate to your local hospital

Crochet plastic mats for the homeless

Create gifts for your neighbors or others in need

### LEARN ABOUT LEADERSHIP

Lead a crocheting project for other members of your club

Start a community crocheting club at your local library or community center

Develop a crochet mentoring program with 4-H members and members of a local senior citizens center who have crocheting knowledge

## EXHIBIT IDEAS

- ✿ Crochet an item you can wear
- ✿ Crochet an accessory
- ✿ Crochet a holiday decoration
- ✿ Make your own crocheting tutorial video
- ✿ Make a poster or display about different type of crocheting stitches
- ✿ Create your own pattern
- ✿ Create a display on different types of yarn, where they come from, and what their best uses are
- ✿ Create and display a business plan for your crocheting business
- ✿ Create a buymanship accessory board with items you crochet and outfits they would go with



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