

# QUICK STITCH GUIDE

## Stitches used in TLH baskets

mr	magic ring
ch	chain
dc	double crochet
bl	back loop
dctog	double crochet decrease
ss	slip stitch



## Magic ring or magic circle (mr)

The magic ring is very useful for creating a nice firm foundation ring that can be pulled tightly closed.

1. Using your non crochet hand, hold the tail of the yarn across your palm, pinching it securely in place with your thumb. Wrap the yarn around your hand.



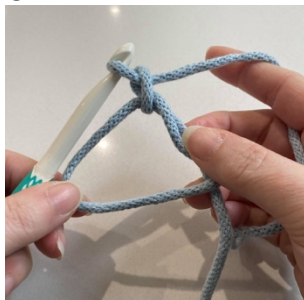
2. Turn your hand over and insert your hook through the loop on your hand to pick up the working yarn.



3. Pull through to create a starting loop. Pinch the bottom of this loop and slide the yarn off your hand.



4. Chain 1 (ch1) to secure the ring and continue with the first round of the pattern as required.



## Chain (ch)

Chain is quite often the foundation to a crochet pattern. Normally, you start by making a slip knot loop on your hook then yarn over hook and pull through loop, repeating as required. To ch1, you would simply yarn over hook and pull through the loop.



## Double crochet UK (dc)

1. Insert hook into the stitch



2. Yarn over and pull loop through (2 loops on hook)



3. Yarn over and pull through both loops on hook.



## Back loop (bl)

Working in the back loop means that instead of going through both loops of the top of the stitch below you work only through the back loop creating a visible ridge on the right side of your work (the side facing you).



## Double crochet decrease (dctog)

1. Insert hook into the first stitch



2. Yarn over and pull loop through (2 loops on hook)



3. Insert hook into the second stitch



4. Yarn over and pull through (3 loops on hook)



5. Yarn over and pull through 3 loops on hook.



★ **TIP** ★ Sometimes to make this stitch appear neater I only work through the front loop of the first stitch.

## Slip stitch (ss)

1. Insert hook into the stitch



2. Yarn over and pull loop through, and through loop on hook

