

68 Responses to *How to Make the Magic Loop*

1.  *Diane Keyburn* says:

[December 10, 2014 at 2:17 pm](#)

how many sc to close the ring before pulling string?

- o  *Carol Alexander* says:

[December 10, 2014 at 3:18 pm](#)

Diane, your pattern will tell you the number of single crochets to make before you close the ring.

2.  *Kita* says:

[December 11, 2014 at 12:37 am](#)

Works great for dc rings too, just yarn over, put it under the ring, y/o and proceed to finish the dc normally. Very handy for dc based beanies!

3.  *Micky* says:

[December 11, 2014 at 12:51 am](#)

This is the easiest way I have seen it thanks!

4.  *Carol Gora* says:

[December 11, 2014 at 1:39 am](#)

Very good instructions

5.  *Dottie Lou* says:

[December 11, 2014 at 7:39 am](#)

Brilliant!!! I have never gotten it right before now!!! Thank you!

6.  *Sarah Green* says:

[December 11, 2014 at 10:57 am](#)

Thank you!! These instructions I can follow! Wow!! You have just made my life so much simpler!!! Thank you!! Thank you!!!!

7.  *Lori Ann Labelle* says:

[December 11, 2014 at 11:11 am](#)

Thankyou for sharing this,makes it easier to learn the loop.

8.  *Amy Mason* says:

[December 12, 2014 at 12:43 pm](#)

I have been struggling with a pattern with beginning this Magic Ring. I have read 3 other sites over and over to try and help me get it just right. This looks so easy. I am ready to go home and try it again right now. This has to be so much better than what I have been attempting to do. Thanks for this as well as for the photos!!

9.  *Carla* says:

[December 13, 2014 at 9:49 am](#)

I'm left handed and this was so easy to understand and do. Thank you.

10.  *Charlotte* says:

[January 11, 2015 at 11:33 pm](#)

Best directions ever! Thank you

11.  *Susan Stanfield* says:

[January 20, 2015 at 4:11 pm](#)

I have watched so many different videos on how to make the magic circle, but this is the easiest way I have seen so far!! Thank you!

12.  *Robin nobles* says:

[January 27, 2015 at 11:03 am](#)

Thank you so much! These are the easiest instructions for the magic circle I have found! This has made my life so much easier. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

13.  *Helen* says:

[January 28, 2015 at 7:37 pm](#)

Have tried to follow other instructions. Yours are by far the easiest. Almost got it first time. Thank you

14.  *Jill* says:

[January 31, 2015 at 8:34 am](#)

I've been lost at making a magic loop until your instructions! Thank you so much for this easy technique! !

15.  *Donna Willingham* says:

[March 21, 2015 at 1:40 am](#)

I am left handed and thought I would never be able to pick up this stitch. Thank you for the sharing the easy directions. Please share more.

16.  *Carrol* says:

[March 24, 2015 at 12:45 pm](#)

I have attempted to learn this magic loop many times by trying to follow instructions on YouTube. My attempts have always been a failure. I can not express my gratitude for your clear, concise, and easy to follow instructions. My first try was a success and looked perfect!! Thank you so very, very much.

17.  *Amy Leigh Bond* says:

[March 31, 2015 at 5:19 am](#)

I have tried several different ways but this is definitely the simplest. Thanks so much for sharing!!

18.  *Teresa* says:

[April 28, 2015 at 7:49 pm](#)

Wow. That was so understandable. I was just trying to learn this at my crochet lesson Sunday. Now, if only I could remember what I do next....

19.  *Sue McCurdy* says:

[May 1, 2015 at 3:39 pm](#)

You did a great job teaching this method!

20.  *Aldiana* says:

[August 24, 2015 at 4:03 am](#)

How do you start your first row after you have made the stiches?

o  *Carol Alexander* says:

[August 24, 2015 at 10:24 am](#)

Aldiana, The magic loop can replace the beginning slip ring or chain that is joined to form a ring on a pattern, so just follow your pattern. It may mean that you are working single crochet, double crochet or another variation into your ring to begin. It is really that simple!

21.  *Sharon* says:

[August 25, 2015 at 10:01 am](#)

WOW! I love it. Thanks so much. I have tried other instructions to no avail. This was perfect. You are an angel. I have been crocheting for years. Never saw this before.

22.  *Agnes* says:

[September 19, 2015 at 11:26 am](#)

That is without any doubt the easiest magic ring I have tried since starting to learn crochet and the one I will be using in future...many thanks

23.  *Sandy* says:

[September 28, 2015 at 8:40 am](#)

Thank you for this easy method. Wrapping around the index finger twice is so much more stable than holding the double loop.

24.  *annieg* says:

[October 20, 2015 at 5:44 pm](#)

Thank you for sharing this technique. I've been crocheting for over 40 years and had not heard of this until I saw this on Pinterest today. I am making baby hats as a gift & am thrilled at how much nicer this makes the hat look.

25.  *Paula Macdonald* says:

[October 27, 2015 at 6:08 pm](#)

This is the best explanation of magic loop. Thanks.
Paula

26.  *lori lutz* says:

November 8, 2015 at 3:38 pm

Your instructions are great, very easy for this senior to follow.

27.  *Ashleigh* says:

November 16, 2015 at 1:14 am

I don't understand what I am doing wrong... I've used these instructions before and they worked fine, but I just cannot get it to work now... Every time I try to pull the tail, one of the loops tightens but these other does not and I just end up with a loose loop hanging... And thoughts on what I am doing wrong?

o  *Carol Alexander* says:

November 16, 2015 at 4:22 pm

Ashleigh, Pattern Services will be glad to help you. Just give them a call weekdays 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. eastern time at 260-849-4874. Or try watching the video at Annie's Stitch Guide [here](#).

28.  *Leslie V.* says:

November 18, 2015 at 4:15 pm

Thanks for posting such a great tutorial. I've tried following other examples of the magic ring with no luck so I'm happy to have found your site through Pintrest.

29.  *Bonnie Allgor* says:

[November 22, 2015 at 12:09 am](#)

Finally I understand the magic ring. This is the simplest explanation I've seen and makes it look so simple. Thank you very much!

30.  *Jeanne* says:

[December 20, 2015 at 8:00 am](#)

Wonderful method. Thanks very much for making my life easier and sharing your knowledge.

31.  *Charity Sheppard* says:

[January 3, 2016 at 10:23 pm](#)

THANK YOU for the first magic ring tutorial I've been able to understand!!!! Other methods I tried I just COULD NOT understand!!! Yours was perfect!!! I made a magic ring the FIRST TIME!!!! I'm so excited! Thanks again! I'm sharing your link with all the crochet Facebook groups I belong to, because I have heard numerous hookers with my same complaint!

32.  *Judy* says:

[January 15, 2016 at 11:14 pm](#)

FINALLY a magic ring tutorial I can do! A million thanks. YOU ROCK!

33.  *Bonnie* says:

January 17, 2016 at 2:08 am

I would like to add my thanks. I'd read a couple of magic loop tutorials and got thoroughly lost. I have no idea how they made such a simple thing so difficult. Thank you for the easy to follow instructions and super clear photos!

34.  *Kim Redbird* says:

January 18, 2016 at 1:34 am

Thanks for publishing the first magic circle instructions that are easy to understand! I could never get this before now.

35.  *gaell* says:

January 27, 2016 at 1:58 pm

I had previously given up on ever trying to learn how to do this and wasn't really searching for a better tutorial, but now I am glad to say because of this one, I have learned how to do the magical loop. Thank you!

36.  *Stephanie Gale* says:

January 31, 2016 at 12:14 am

I have just started a crochet beanie project in which the pattern calls for the magic ring. So just like everyone else here I've googled around and these instructions have been the ONLY ones I've been able to follow and ACTUALLY get the hang of it! Thank you

sooo sooo much for posting this!!!

37.  *Janette Cosier* says:

February 4, 2016 at 9:41 pm

Thank-you for these instructions. They are great and so easy to follow. The only thing is, as Ashleigh stated above, I don't understand what I am doing wrong. Every time I try to pull the tail, one of the loops tightens but the other does not, and I just end up with a loose loop hanging. Please could you tell me what I am doing wrong and how can I pull it up evenly. I live in Australia and am very grateful for your help.

- o  *Carol Alexander* says:

February 5, 2016 at 12:01 pm

Janette, Sorry you are struggling to make this work. The magic loop is also known as a slip ring and this [video](#) from our Annie's website just might help you out!

- o  *Lynn* says:

July 19, 2016 at 12:57 pm

I had the same problem. I ended up tightening the 1st loop separately then pulling the string to tighten the second loop.

- 38.  *Rosanne* says:

February 6, 2016 at 1:02 am

Thank you! This is much easier than the way I was doing it.

- 39.  *Gloria* says:

February 16, 2016 at 2:13 pm

I like your instructions the best. This is the easiest I have ever seen. Thank you so much for sharing.

40.  *vee* says:

[February 19, 2016 at 2:42 am](#)

I'm hard of hearing, so YouTube doesn't always work for me. This method was the only one I was able to follow after 24 hours of looking. Thanks so much

41.  *Beryl* says:

[March 1, 2016 at 6:59 am](#)

Brilliant! Thanks very much for the easy to follow instructions. They work every time!

42.  *Nav* says:

[March 13, 2016 at 9:56 pm](#)

After watching endless tutorials and reading numerous sites, I have finally learned this thanks to your instructions. Awesome!

43.  *Martha* says:

[March 21, 2016 at 7:56 am](#)

I have looked at many examples of "magic loop" and I can say yours is the BEST and easiest. Thanks for sharing.

44.  *BDundee* says:

[April 2, 2016 at 3:12 pm](#)

Thank you for this tutorial. I already know how to make a magic loop, but I am wondering what do you do with the tail? I cannot for the life of me find an answer online for this questions.

Obviously you can't just cut it off.

Any suggestions?

Thanks

o  *Carol Alexander* says:

[April 4, 2016 at 2:14 pm](#)

That is correct, don't just cut the tail off as you run the risk of your magic loop coming apart. When your project is done, weave the tail securely into the body of your finished piece.

45.  *Amy* says:

[May 8, 2016 at 1:27 pm](#)

I am just learning this stitch as well. I have my pattern but I'm confused on the ring. Do you always start with single crochets to make the ring or do you make it in reference to the pattern: Make a magic circle and work 6 hdc into the magic circle.

So do I make a magic circle with the sc or the hdc?

o  *Carol Alexander* says:

[May 10, 2016 at 4:04 pm](#)

Amy, this is a very good question. Our example used single crochet stitches, but you should work the stitches indicated on your pattern.

-  *Amy* says:

[May 17, 2016 at 4:39 pm](#)

Thank you, Carol! Love Annies! I refer to your blog constantly.

46.  *Kim* says:

[July 2, 2016 at 7:25 am](#)

Great instructions, easy to follow. Will be saving this site for future use – thank you!

47.  *Olivia* says:

[July 10, 2016 at 3:07 pm](#)

Thank you so much! This is the best tutorial I have found to date. I appreciate the time and effort you've dedicated to being so helpful.

48.  *Linda* says:

[July 21, 2016 at 7:33 pm](#)

Finally!!!! Instructions on how to do the magic ring that I can understand. Thank you so much.

49.  *Shelee* says:

[July 27, 2016 at 5:53 pm](#)

Great instructions. Thank you

50.  *Ann* says:

[August 26, 2016 at 5:01 pm](#)

At long last I'm able to do the Magic Ring. Thank You

51.  *Luci* says:

[September 17, 2016 at 2:29 pm](#)

This is the very first time I'm crocheting so please forgive my ignorance. This was the best tutorial on making the magic loop and I was able to use it to make a tiny little beanie for a doll I'm making. Here comes the dumb question, lol, if I wanted to make a beanie for a person, do I make the original loop larger so that the beanie will be bigger as I'm working around? I'm not using a pattern because I originally just wanted to make a quick doll beanie but maybe I'll buy a pattern so I can make them for the family and do it the right way! I usually wing things, but I'd like to learn the proper techniques. Thanks again for this great tutorial!

o  *Jackie Daugherty* says:

[September 19, 2016 at 10:08 am](#)

Luci, no question is ever a dumb question! The magic loop is a technique that can be used for any number of stitches or any size yarn. Oftentimes patterns will direct you to begin with a slip ring or magic circle, in which case, the pattern will indicate the number of stitches you need to make. But if you are just 'winging it' working 8-10 stitches into the magic ring with a worsted weight is a good place to begin.

▪  *Luci* says:

September 21, 2016 at 9:29 am

Hi Jackie, thank you for replying. I did what you suggested and it did work for what I needed to do. I also purchased a few beginner patterns because I do want to learn all the proper techniques and it's a fun, relaxing new hobby!! I'm going to take a few lessons at Joanns that they have coming up in October.

Thank you again for this tutorial, you explain everything very clearly, better than any of the youtube videos I've seen.

-  Jackie Daugherty says:

September 21, 2016 at 2:58 pm

Luci, you are most welcome! Check out our great [crochet video classes](#) at Annie's too. Ellen Gormley's [Learn to Crochet](#) video class is one of the best!

52.  Lucy says:

October 26, 2016 at 1:37 pm

THANK YOU! I have struggled with the magic ring/loop for sometime now and I had given up. This is soooo easy. THANKS!

53.  Norma says:

October 30, 2016 at 8:48 am

Could not believe I finally figured this out after trying so many times, then I happened to find you, and light bulb moment. You made it so simple. Thank you.

54.  *Amelia Olivas* says:

[November 2, 2016 at 12:44 pm](#)

This is the best demo ever! I would try to make the magic loop, but always a struggle for it to work out smoothly...now it's a breeze ! Thanks !!

55.  *Lois Angers* says:

[November 30, 2016 at 9:53 am](#)

I join the writers above in congratulating you. This is much better than trying to follow the U-Tube directions! First time I could actually do it! Thanks so much for facilitating.

56.  *Carol* says:

[December 2, 2016 at 7:37 pm](#)

So glad you explained it THIS way, with pictures and details. SO SO SO much time wasted watching tons of videos and POOF, here you are with the perfect tutorial!
THANK YOU!

57.  *Kathy* says:

[January 9, 2017 at 10:15 am](#)

Oh my! You made it so simple. Thank you! I know I can do it now.

58.  *Suzanne* says:

[January 21, 2017 at 9:57 pm](#)

Finally! I found instructions for this stitch that made sense. It was so hard to follow on YouTube videos and none of the other written tutorials I saw were as clear as this one. I was able to make the loop after a couple of tries and now I'm practicing crocheting circles. Thank you for these great instructions!

59.  *Diane Snarski* says:

[April 19, 2017 at 10:35 am](#)

Excellent visual and printed instructions!
THANK YOU,
Diane

60.  *Marilyn* says:

[April 28, 2017 at 8:28 pm](#)

This is the only magic ring instructions that hasn't left me scratching my head! Now, I'm making medallions and I am weaving the ends as I go on the motifs. Since the motifs are only about 3 inches across, I do trim the ends of yarn a bit before weaving them in. I hope they don't unravel because I am weaving my ends in as I go. Is there any way short of running the unjoined motifs through the washer and dryer to test the strength of the weave?

o  *Jackie Daugherty* says:

[May 1, 2017 at 1:32 pm](#)

Marilyn, that is a very good question! I am overly careful when it comes to weaving in the tails on projects. When using the magic loop to begin a motif, I do crochet over the tail on the first round, but I also take a yarn needle and weave the tail in the opposite direction on the back to make it more secure. I also weave in all tails at least 3 inches. My rule is, take the time to do it right the first time and you'll not have to go back over your work later! As far as testing your motifs, I would give them a firm tug in all directions; if they stay together and the ends don't pop out, you're good to go!

61.  *Theresa Mayfield* says:

[June 11, 2017 at 5:41 pm](#)

WOW! Thank You for providing simple, detailed directions in both visual & written formats !!! I was able to crochet the magic ring on a Chemo Baseball Cap, that I'm making for a very good friend, the very FIRST time I tried it! Even though I've been crocheting for many years
Again, THANK YOU for making this soooooo easy!
Jackie, YOU ROCK!!!

62.  *Louisa Tobias* says:

[July 9, 2017 at 6:51 pm](#)

Finally, after looking at countless tutorials, I found you! Your photographs and instructions make perfect sense & I've now made my first magic circle. I've been trying for a long time to learn this, since so many patterns now use it. Just a thought, though: Do you think the traditional way of making a circle is unattractive? I never thought about the "hole".

63.  *maureen* says:

[July 12, 2017 at 8:14 am](#)

I can work the most complicated crochet pattern on the planet, but have never been able to get this simple beginning step right. This is the BEST, EASIEST explanation EVERRRRRR! Thank you SO much for explaining it.
Maureen

64.  *Cassie* says:

[August 27, 2017 at 4:59 pm](#)

Thank you so much for sharing! By following your directions, it was very easy for me to start my new project!!!

65.  *Diane* says:

[September 28, 2017 at 1:09 pm](#)

This is so much easier than the way I was originally taught! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

66.  *Mary Ann Andersen* says:

[October 21, 2017 at 2:15 pm](#)

Many thanks for your tutorial...I'm 78 and could never figure out the magic ring. Now I'm raring to go!

67.  *Amber* says:

[November 24, 2017 at 6:23 pm](#)

I'm absolutely terrible at learning new crochet tricks. I've tried learning the magic loop for YEARS and it never clicked, I JUST MADE ONE WITH THIS! Thank you so much! Bookmarking this page!

68.  *M* says:

[November 29, 2017 at 4:53 pm](#)

THANK YOU! Finally, instructions that make this a manageable maneuver!