



getting started with
Fauxchét®

and the
easyloop®
yarn tool



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What You Will Need

1. easyloop® fauxchet® Tool 2. Yarn

3. Tape Measure 4. Scissors



Yarns That Work

Worsted Weight

Bulky Weight



2 Tip: Always test yarn before starting a project to be sure yarn passes easily through needle eye.

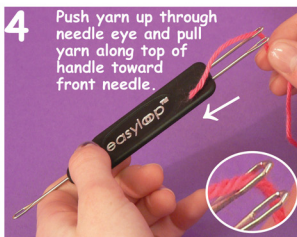
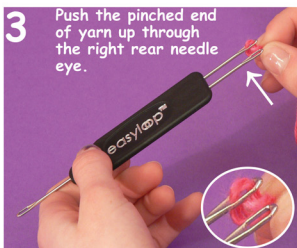
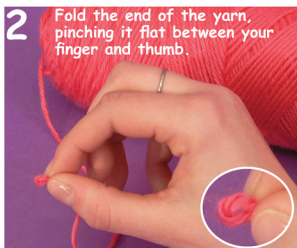
step 1: threading the tool

Threading the Tool

THREADING THE TOOL

The tool is threaded by pushing the yarn up through the right rear needle eye, across the top of the handle and down through the front needle eye.

When stitching with a double strand of yarn, try to treat the two strands as one strand, by holding them together tightly as if they were one bulky strand.



Tip: Pull yarn from the center of skein and keep plenty of slack yarn while stitching.

controlling tension

Controlling Fauxchet® Tension and Gauge

It's important to understand how to control your tension with the fauxchet® tool.

The tension controls the size of the stitch you are making and is controlled by how far you push the needle into the loops and how far you pull back the needle out of the loops while stitching.

Unless indicated otherwise in the pattern you are using, there is a recommended tension for most stitches when working from an easyloop® fauxchet® pattern.

TENSION FOR WORSTED WEIGHT YARN:

Pull needle back **1 INCH** and push needle through loop **1 INCH**
(**1 INCH** is **TWO THIRDS OF THE WAY** to the handle).

TENSION FOR BULKY WEIGHT YARN:

Pull needle back **1 1/2 INCHES** and push needle through loop
1 1/2 INCHES (**1 1/2 INCHES** is **ALL THE WAY** to the handle).

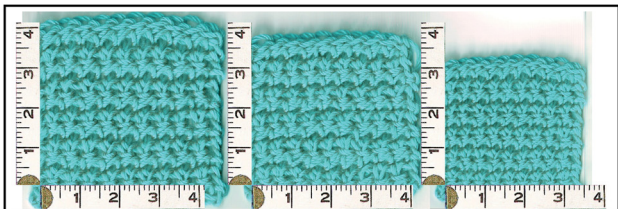
TENSION FOR DOUBLE STRAND WORSTED YARN:

Pull needle back **1 1/2 INCHES** and push needle through loop
1 1/2 INCHES (**1 1/2 INCHES** is **ALL THE WAY** to the handle).

MAKING A GAUGE SWATCH:

Work several inches of at least 2 pattern repeats (or a 4 inch x 4 inch swatch). Measure how many stitches and rows you have made in a 4 inch area (in the center of the swatch). If your measurements are smaller than required, make another swatch using a larger tension setting (pushing needle farther into the loop and pulling needle back farther out of the loop).

If your measurements are larger than required, make another swatch using a smaller tension setting (pushing the needle into the loop a shorter length and pulling needle back a shorter length).



crochet to fauxchét conversion chart

Crochet to Fauxchét® Conversion Chart

HOW TO USE THIS CHART: By using the following conversion chart it's easy to use many beginner crochet patterns using the fauxchét® stitching method.

CROCHET STITCH

FAUXCHÉT® STITCH

CHAIN STITCH

Use the **CHAIN STITCH** (as shown in the easyloop® fauxchét® instruction book) adjusting tension as recommended for the weight of yarn you're using.

Tension for WORSTED WEIGHT YARN: Pull needle back 1 INCH and push needle into loop 1 INCH.

Tension for BULKY YARN: Pull needle back 1 1/2 INCHES and push needle into loop 1 1/2 INCHES.

SLIP STITCH

Use the **SLIP STITCH** (as shown in the easyloop® instruction book) adjusting tension as recommended for the weight of yarn you're using.

Tension for WORSTED WEIGHT YARN: Pull needle back 1 INCH and push needle into loop 1 INCH.

Tension for BULKY YARN: Pull needle back 1 1/2 INCHES and push needle into loop 1 1/2 INCHES.

SINGLE CROCHET

Work **SINGLE CROCHET** as **SINGLE FAUXCHÉT®** (as shown in the easyloop® fauxchét® instruction book) adjusting tension as recommended for the weight of yarn you're using. (**SINGLE FAUXCHÉT®** is worked from the **WRONG SIDE** of the fabric.)

Tension for WORSTED WEIGHT YARN: Pull needle back 1 INCH and push needle into loop 1 INCH.

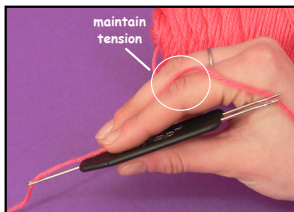
Tension for BULKY WEIGHT YARN: Pull needle back 1 1/2 INCHES and push needle into loop 1 1/2 INCHES.

HOLDING THE TOOL

Hold the tool like a pencil, with your thumb holding the underside of the handle and your index finger on the top side of the handle.

MAINTAINING TENSION

Maintain slight tension on the yarn running to the needle eye with index and middle finger.



step 2: chain stitch

Chain Stitch

CHAIN STITCH

The Chain Stitch is the foundation row of all the other fauxchet® stitches. To begin, after threading needle, tie a 1/2" slip knot 1 inch from the needle tip.

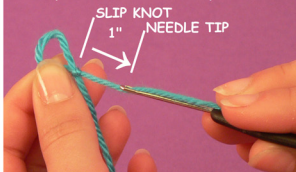
NOTE: The instructions throughout are written for **WORSTED WEIGHT YARN** and the **TENSION** should be adjusted if using **BULKY WEIGHT YARN**.

When making the **CHAIN STITCH**, always make 1 extra stitch than the pattern calls for (the turning stitch).

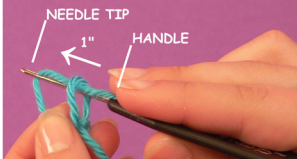
Some patterns will begin with a certain number of chain stitches and some will call for a certain length of chain.



- 1** After threading the tool, hold the slip knot and adjust tool so there is 1 inch of yarn between slip knot and needle tip.



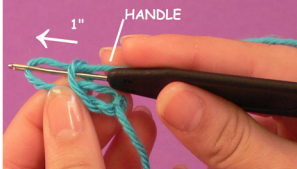
- 2** Holding slip knot, push needle tip through slip knot all the way to handle (about 1 inch). Do not twist the needle.



- 3** Holding yarn at left of needle eye (aka underside of needle) pull needle out of slip knot 1 inch. This is the first stitch of your basic chain.



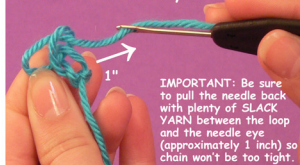
- 4** Push needle tip through newly formed stitch, pushing stitch all the way to handle, so your chain won't be too tight (as in step 2).



step 2: chain stitch

Chain Stitch

- 5** Holding loop, pull needle out of newly formed stitch (pull back 1 inch) as in step 3. This is the second stitch of your basic chain.



- 6** Push needle tip through newly formed stitch, pushing stitch all the way up to handle as in step 4.



- 7** Pull needle back 1 inch, as in step 5. This is the third stitch of your basic chain (do your best to make the stitches consistent in size).



- 8** Continue until chain reaches desired length (as called for in pattern) plus 1 more chain stitch (this is called the turning stitch).



- 9** Turn your work so the tool is on your left and the chain is on the right. Be careful to not twist the chain.



IMPORTANT TIP

When grasping the yarn at the left of the needle eye (the underside) if needle does not pull back easily, needle has become twisted and yarn is at the wrong side of the needle eye.

RIGHT



WRONG



Tip: Always work on your lap to keep your stitching stable.

step 3: slip stitch

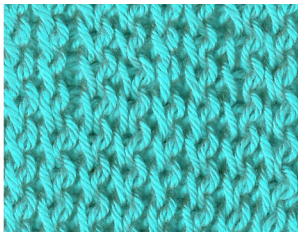
Slip Stitch

SLIP STITCH

The slip stitch always begins with 1 row of the chain stitch plus 1 turning stitch.

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To make a small sample swatch of the **SLIP STITCH**, begin with a 10 stitch chain (plus 1 turning stitch).



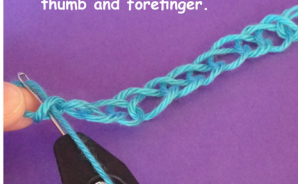
Easy Scarf
Pattern is
on pg. 11.

Each stitch has a front loop and a back loop. For the slip stitch the needle is inserted through the back loop only of the stitch.

BACK LOOP ONLY

FRONT LOOP

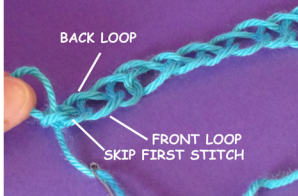
1 With work turned and chain on the right, hold turning stitch at left of needle eye between thumb and forefinger.



2 Holding the loop, pull needle back 1 inch.

BACK LOOP

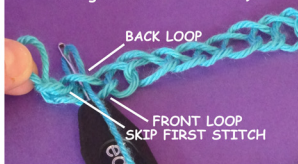
FRONT LOOP
SKIP FIRST STITCH



step 3: slip stitch

Slip Stitch

- 3** Skipping the first stitch, push needle through back loop of the second chain stitch (working to the right across the chain).



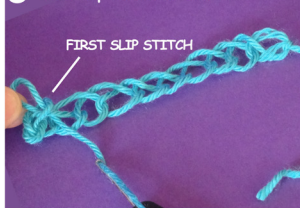
- 4** Slide turning stitch on to needle tip, sliding all the way to handle.



- 5** Hold yarn at left of needle eye.



- 6** Pull needle back 1 inch, forming first slip stitch of row 1.



- 7** Holding loop, push needle through next stitch of chain as in step 3.



- 8** Slide the stitch on to the needle, pushing stitch all the way to handle as in step 4.



Tip: Practice trying to make consistent sized stitches while making your chain.

step 3: slip stitch

Slip Stitch

- 9** Work even (continue working) repeating steps 6-8 through every stitch of chain to the end of row.



- 10** At the end of the row, hold yarn at the left of the needle eye.



- 11** Holding yarn, pull needle back 1 inch.



- 12** Push needle through the last stitch of row 1 (this is called the turning stitch).

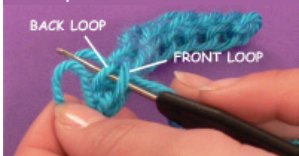


TIP: Be careful not to make the turning stitch too loose so your edges will be neat.

- 13** Turn your work so the tool is on the left and the completed row of slip stitch is on the right.



DOUBLE SLIP STITCH is a variation of the **SLIP STITCH** that works well as a ribbing. For this stitch the needle is inserted into the front and back loops of the stitch.



Easy Scarf

easy scarf



BEGINNER



FINISHED SIZE:
One size (4" X 52")

YARN: 6 oz. worsted weight yarn
in color of your choice.

TOOL TENSION: Using the easyloop®
tool, PULL NEEDLE BACK 1 inch and
PUSH NEEDLE INTO LOOP 1 inch.

GAUGE: 12 sts and 8 rows = 4 inches

STITCHES USED: SLIP STITCH (push
tool through BACK LOOP ONLY).

FOUNDATION CHAIN: Chain 20 plus 1
turning stitch. Turn work.

ROW 1: Slip stitch across row,
making 1 turning stitch at the end of row.
Turn work.

ROWS 2-92: Slip stitch across rows,
making 1 turning stitch at the end
of each row. Turn work after each
completed row.

ROW 93: Slip stitch across row loosely.
At the end of row 93, end work by
fastening off with 1 extra chain stitch
into the last stitch.

FINISHING: Cut yarn, weave ends in. ❖

NOTE: Make a variation by using the
DOUBLE SLIP STITCH for a ribbed look.



Tip: Gauge isn't critical when making a scarf. It's fine if your scarf is wider or longer than the pattern.

step 4: single fauxchét stitch

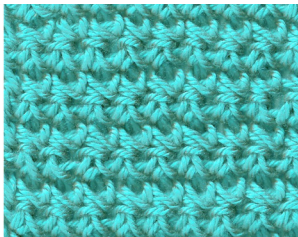
Single Fauxchet® Stitch

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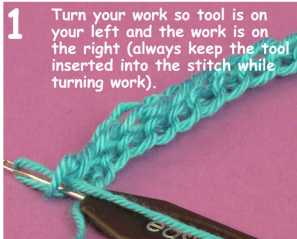
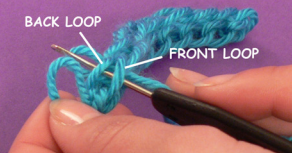
The single fauxchet® stitch always begins with 1 row of chain stitch, 1 row of slip stitch (plus 1 turning stitch).

NOTE: The instructions throughout are written for **WORSTED WEIGHT YARN** and the **TENSION** should be adjusted if using **BULKY WEIGHT YARN**.

To make a small sample swatch of the **SINGLE FAUXCHET® STITCH** chain 10 stitches (plus 1 turning stitch).



Each stitch has a front loop and a back loop. For the single fauxchet® stitch the needle is inserted through both the front and back loops of the stitch.



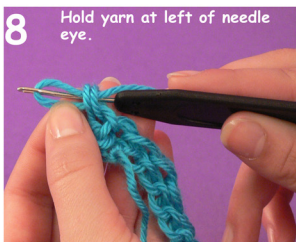
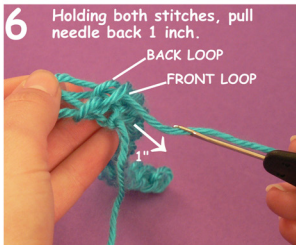
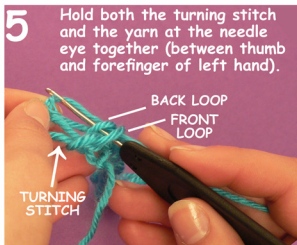
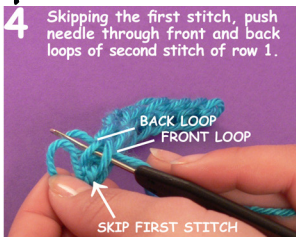
1 Turn your work so tool is on your left and the work is on the right (always keep the tool inserted into the stitch while turning work).



2 Beginning with 1 row of chain stitch, 1 row of slip stitch and work turned, grasp yarn at left of needle eye.

step 4: single fauxchét stitch

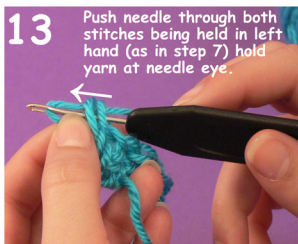
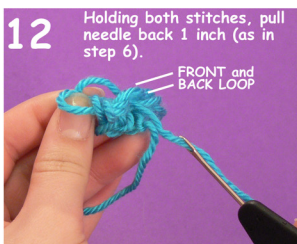
Single Fauxchét Stitch



Tip: When holding 2 loops of yarn together to create a stitch, try to treat them as one single loop.

step 4: single fauxchét stitch

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Single Fauxchét Stitch

15 Push needle tip through both front and back loops of next stitch.



16 With thumb and forefinger, hold the loops at left of needle eye.



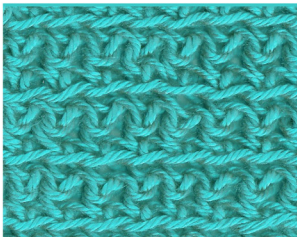
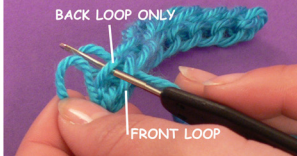
17 Holding both loops, pull needle back 1 inch (as in step 12).



18 Push needle through both stitches being held in left hand (as in step 13) pushing all the way to handle.



RIDGED SINGLE FAUXCHÉT (shown at right) is a variation of SINGLE FAUXCHÉT STITCH. The needle is inserted through the back loop only.



Tip: Don't worry if your stitches aren't perfect, the beauty of handmade are the imperfections.

cozy scarf



FINISHED SIZE: One size (4" X 54")

YARN: 6 oz. bulky weight yarn in color of choice.

TOOL TENSION: Using the easyloop® tool, PULL NEEDLE BACK 1 1/2 inches and PUSH NEEDLE INTO LOOP 1 1/2 inches.

GAUGE: 10 sts and 7 rows = 4 inches

STITCHES USED: SINGLE FAUXCHET® (push tool through BOTH FRONT and BACK LOOPS), turning work at the end of each row.

FOUNDATION CHAIN: With yarn, chain 10 plus 1 turning stitch. Turn work.

ROW 1: Slip stitch across row, making 1 turning stitch at the end of row. Turn work.

ROWS 2-100: Single fauxchet® across each row, making 1 turning stitch at the end of each row before turning work.

ROW 101: Double slip stitch across row.

At the end of row 101, end work by fastening off with 1 extra chain stitch into the last stitch.



FINISHING

Cut yarn and weave loose ends in. ❖

FRINGE: Cut four 10" strands of yarn and attach along the bottom of both short ends of the scarf, in 5 equally spaced positions. ❖

NOTE: Make a variation by using RIDGED SINGLE FAUXCHET® STITCH.

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