

Beginning Crochet Class

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Class Objectives:

Learn basic crochet techniques. Make simple projects to practice techniques.

Materials Needed:

Materials needed for each lesson are listed below. Students should bring the required materials to each class. **Materials fee for handouts: \$5**

Lesson Plans:

Week 1

Discussion of materials list for all classes. Discussion of crochet hook types and sizes, types of yarn (weight, texture), and gauge. Overview of basic stitches and projects to be completed in class. Learn how to hold hook, slip knots, chaining, single crochet stitch, how to count stitches, and joining a new ball of yarn. Learn where to find first, last and next stitches. Discuss potential mistakes: adding stitches, losing stitches, inconsistent stitches, etc. Practice single crochet stitch. Begin single crochet small purse. Discuss materials needed for Week 2.

Materials Needed: Size J crochet hook (metal recommended), 1 or 2 skeins worsted-weight yarn – **smooth, not textured, light color** (i.e. Red Heart Super Saver, Caron One Pound, or Lion Brand Vanna's Choice).

Handouts: Class Curriculum & Materials List, Stitch instructions, Small purse pattern, List of yarn stores in the Santa Monica area.

Homework: Finish crocheting purse.

Week 2

Finish purse. Learn about blocking and sewing. Learn double crochet, half double crochet and triple crochet. Begin multi-stitch scarf.

Materials Needed: Metal yarn needle, scissors, large button, regular sewing needle and thread to match purse color, Size J crochet hook, 2 skeins worsted weight yarn.

Handouts: Blocking Instructions, Multi-Stitch Scarf pattern.

Homework: Finish multi-stitch scarf.

Week 3

Finish scarf. Learn fringe application & knotting. Learn crocheting in the round. Learn slip stitch. Learn how to read stitch patterns. Begin double crochet hat.

Materials Needed: Size J Crochet hook, scissors, 1 skein worsted weight yarn, cardboard for making fringe (supplied by teacher).

Handout: Double Crochet Hat pattern.

Homework: Finish hat.

Week 4

Make crocheted flower. Practice reading patterns and making different stitches. If time permits, learn scallop border and pico border.

Materials Needed: Size J Crochet hook, scissors, 1 skein worsted weight yarn.

Handout: Flower pattern, other stitch patterns, border patterns.

Homework: Make stitch samples from patterns.

Week 5

Review questions about patterns from previous week. Learn granny squares. Discuss uses for granny squares. Learn how to put them together. Start granny square project (to be determined).

Materials Needed: Size J Crochet hook, scissors, yarn needle, 3 skeins different-color worsted weight yarns.

Handout: Granny Square patterns.

Homework: Finish granny square project.