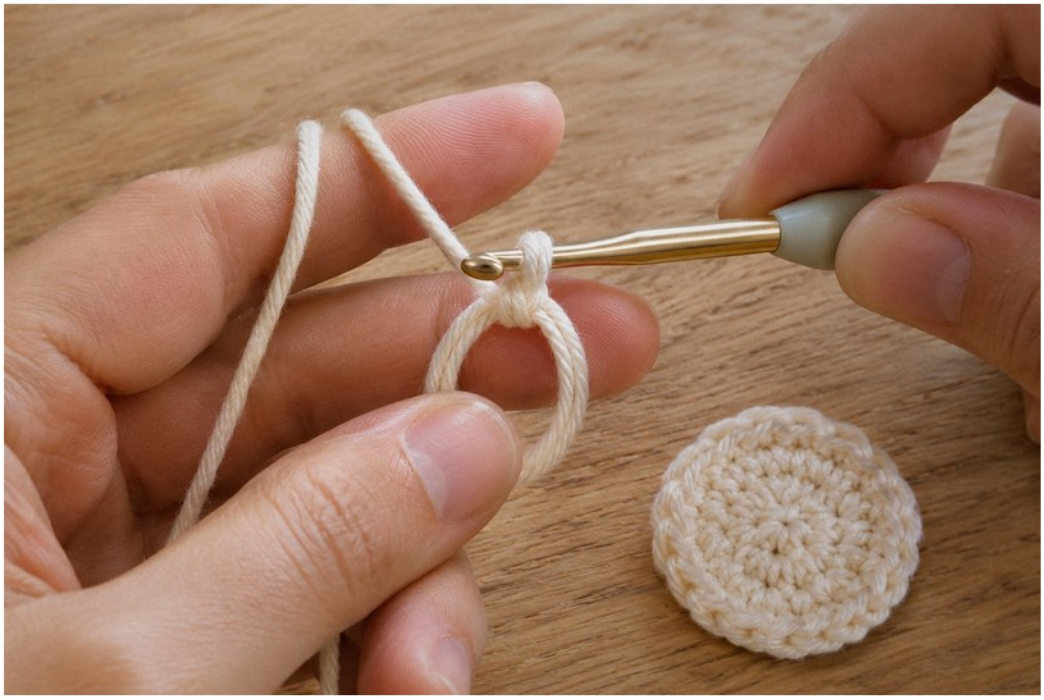
Amigurumi Magic Ring

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The magic ring (also called a magic circle or adjustable ring) is how almost every amigurumi piece starts. Instead of chaining and joining into a ring, you crochet the first round around a loop of yarn and then pull the tail to close the center completely. No hole, no gap for stuffing to poke through.

It feels awkward the first few times. Below are the steps, the three mistakes that make it come undone, and a small practice disc.



Starting the ring, and a finished disc with no hole in the middle.

How to make a magic ring

1. Lay the yarn tail across your palm and wrap the working yarn around two fingers, crossing it over the tail so it makes an X on the back of your fingers.
2. Insert the hook under the strand closest to your fingertips, catch the working yarn and pull up a loop.
3. Yarn over and pull through that loop. This chain does not count as a stitch; it just locks the ring.
4. Slide the ring off your fingers, holding it where the strands cross.
5. Work single crochet into the ring, over both strands of the ring and the tail, until you have the number your pattern asks for (usually 6).
6. Pull the tail firmly. The ring closes and the stitches gather into a tight circle.



Six stitches in the ring, then pull the tail.

Why it comes undone, and how to stop it

- **Stitches worked over only one strand.** Every stitch must go over the ring and the tail together, or the tail slides straight out.
- **Slippery yarn.** Cotton and bamboo are smooth. After the first round, pull the tail tight again, then weave it through the first round in the opposite direction before you go on.
- **Tail too short.** Leave at least 4 in / 10 cm so you can hold it and weave it in later.

If the magic ring still won't work

Chain 2 and work the first round into the second chain from the hook. The center will have a tiny hole, but on a stuffed toy it is almost invisible. Plenty of experienced makers use it every time.

Practice: magic ring disc

A flat disc, about 1.6 in / 4.0 cm across, is the best way to practice: you can see whether the center is closed and whether the increases sit flat. Make two or three until the middle is tight every time.

- **Yarn:** DK cotton, about 5 yd / 4 m, and a 2.5 mm (US B/1–C/2) hook

Abbreviations (US terms)

- **MR** magic ring · **sc** single crochet · **inc** 2 sc in one stitch · **dec** invisible decrease · **FO** fasten off
- **blo / flo** back loop only / front loop only · **ch** chain · **sl st** slip stitch · **hdc / dc** half double / double crochet

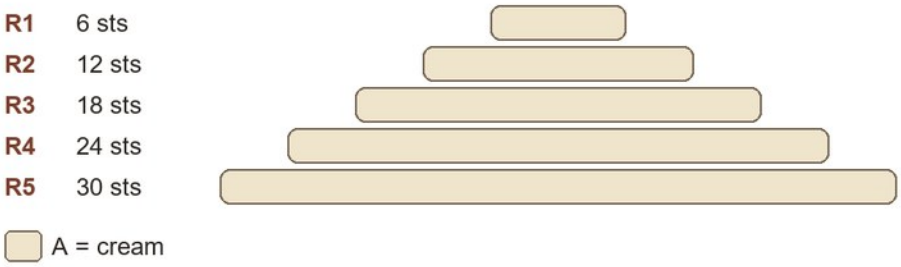
Practice Disc

Color: start with A (cream).

- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 6 sc in a magic ring. (6)
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** Inc ×6. (12)
- ☐ **Rnd 3:** (sc, inc) ×6. (18)
- ☐ **Rnd 4:** Sc, inc, (2 sc, inc) ×5, sc. (24)
- ☐ **Rnd 5:** (3 sc, inc) ×6. (30)

Finish: Pull the tail tight again, weave it through the first round and back to close any gap; FO.

Practice Disc: every round



Six stitches more each round: 6, 12, 18, 24, 30.

FAQ

Magic ring or magic circle?

Same thing. Some patterns write MR, others MC or "adjustable ring".

Do I join the first round?

Not for amigurumi. Go straight on to round 2 and put a stitch marker in the first stitch.

Next steps: amigurumi for beginners walks through the whole first toy, and the perfectly round crochet ball is the best second project.