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WE ALL LOVE SIMPLE, QUICK PROJECTS! Whether you are just learning to crochet or have been crocheting for fifty years, easy patterns are the perfect go-to projects for traveling, keeping your hands busy while chatting with friends, and gift giving.

In this fabulous free eBook, we have compiled five quick and simple patterns to grace your home, create a heartfelt gift, or accessorize a stylish ensemble.

Worked in a simple spiral of single crochet, the **Country Rug** by Susan Huxley combines four colors of soft, bulky alpaca to create a randomly patterned rug inspired by folk art. This straightforward pattern includes information of working the rug as small or as large as you would like. Make a little rug for a quaint bathroom or an eye-catching work of art for a cozy living room.

The **Hook & Weave Shrug** by Jennifer Orr is a warm one-size-fits-all shrug worked in luscious alpaca. Perfect for a beginning

crocheter, this simple pattern introduces single crochet, double crochet, and treble crochet. A contrasting yarn is woven through the stitches to add interest to this easy shrug.

Add some sparkle to your crochet with the **Yellow Leaf Bracelet** by Amy Clarke Moore. Dainty leaf beads are pre-strung and worked in a simple beaded single crochet. This trendy accessory is a fun gift for all ages and a great introduction to thread crochet.

Motif squares create a hip accessory in the **Linen Belt** by Mary Jane Mucklestone. The linen yarn, held double, and lacy motifs create a pleasing contrast for this simple fashion accessory. Add your own buckle to reflect your own style.

The **Organic Cotton Washcloth for Babies** by Kim Werker makes a lovely gift, wrapped up with a bar of all-natural soap. The organic cotton yarn and easy stitch pattern creates a durable, textured washcloth ideal for babies. You will love this quick project so much, you may just have to make a couple for yourself.

Whether you are looking for a quick gift, an effortless accessory, or an easy stashbuster, you will find the perfect pattern in *Simple Crochet Patterns from Crochet Me: 5 Free Easy Crochet Patterns*. Create one, two, or all five projects and load pictures to the Crochet Me member gallery. We would love to see your work.

Best wishes,

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# Country Rug

design by Susan Huxley

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Bruce Forster

SUNNY HUES OF APRICOT AND APPLE GREEN combined with cool purple and teal make up this randomly patterned rug inspired by folk art. Bulky alpaca yarn makes it soft and warm underfoot. The rug is worked in single crochet, beginning in the center and spiraling out, each round adding an inch (2.5 cm) to its diameter. Make the rug as small or as large as you like. Given how easy it is to make, it's perfect as a first crochet project.

**FINISHED SIZE** 30" (76 cm) diameter after fulling and blocking.

**YARN** Blue Sky Alpacas Blue Sky Bulky Hand Dyes (50% alpaca, 50% wool; 45 yd [41 m]/100 g): #1015 orange (MC), #1011 teal, #1017 granny smith (green), and #1016 yellow, 2 skeins each; #1014 purple, 1 skein.

**HOOK SIZE** J/10 (6 mm). Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

**NOTIONS** Removable marker or safety pin (m); tapestry needle.

**GAUGE** 5 rnds = 4" (10 cm) diameter in sc (about 9 sts and 9 rows).

**SKILL LEVEL** Beginner

## Notes

Exact gauge isn't important, but keep in mind that the stitches need to be a bit tighter than usual. Start the rug and check the diameter at the end of Round 5. To achieve the desired size, merely work more—or fewer—rounds.

The beginning and end of each round are not joined into a closed ring, but continue to build out from the center, spiral-fashion.

Move the marker at the end of every rnd. The marker is placed in the last stitch that was completed—in a top loop of the stitch immediately beside the crochet hook.

Change color at least once on larger rounds. If you place one color in the same position in two subsequent rounds, don't make the color lengths start and stop in the same place.

Change the yarn color by making the last yarnover of a single crochet stitch in the new color: Insert hook through work, yarnover with old color, pull through to front of work, yarnover with new color, and pull through 2 loops on hook. Break old color, leaving a 3" (7.5-cm) tail. Continue working single crochet with new color. (Use purple sparingly.)

Work in the tail end of a new color while crocheting as follows: Place tail of the new color on top of unworked section of the previous round, work the first few single crochet stitches in new color through the top of the stitches and around the tail, thus trapping it inside the new stitches.

## Color Sequence

**Rnds 1–2:** Work in MC.

**Rnd 3:** Work in MC, cut yarn after 9 sc have been worked (at end of 3rd rep), join purple as described in Notes, work to end of rnd in purple.

**Rnd 4:** Cont with purple, cut yarn after 9 sc have been worked (at end of 3rd rep), join orange and work to end of rnd.

**Rnd 5:** Cont with orange, cut yarn after 3 sc have been worked (at end of first rep), join teal and work to end of rnd.

**Rnd 6:** Cont in teal, cut yarn after 25 sc have been worked (at end of 5th rep), join green and work to end of rnd.

Cont working random color changes as described in Notes.

## Rug

**Rnd 1:** With MC, ch 3, join with a sl st in base of first ch to make a ring, place marker (pm) in top of sl st.

**Rnd 2:** 8 sc into ring, pm in top of last sc—8 sc total.

**Rnd 3:** \*Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc (inc made); rep from \* 3 more times, working last 2 sc in st with marker from previous rnd (4 reps total), pm—4 sts inc'd; 12 sc total.

**Rnd 4:** \*Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from \* 5 more times, working last 2 sc in st with marker from previous rnd (6 reps total), pm—6 sts inc'd; 18 sc total.

**Rnd 5:** \*2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 2 sc; rep from \* 5 more times, working last sc in st with marker from previous rnd (6 reps total), pm—6 sts inc'd; 24 sc total.

**Rnd 6:** \*2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 3 sc; rep from \* 5 more times, working last sc in st with marker from previous rnd (6 reps total), pm—6 sts inc'd; 30 sc total.

**Rnd 7:** \*2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 4 sc; rep from \* 5 more times, working last sc in st with marker from previous rnd (6 reps total), pm—6 sts inc'd; 36 sc total.

Cont working additional rnds, and at the same time in every rnd work 1 more sc between each inc as established in Rnds 5, 6, and 7 until piece measures 30" (76 cm) across. Cut yarn, leaving a 6" (15-cm) tail. Fasten off.

## Finishing

**Fulling:** Fill washing machine with warm water and small amount of mild soap. Add rug and soak for 20 minutes. Do not agitate. Spin, remove rug, fill washer with warm rinse water, add rug, and soak for 10 minutes. Spin again.

**Blocking:** After fulling, lay rug flat on clean floor with towel underneath. Pin to towel and let dry undisturbed.

**SUSAN HUXLEY** is the creator of *Crocheted Sweaters*, *Today's Crochet*, and *Crocheted Aran Sweaters* (Martingale 2001, 2003, and 2003, respectively).

# Hook & Weave Shrug

design by Jennifer Orr

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Kathryn Martin

THIS SIMPLE PATTERN ENABLES EVEN A FIRST-TIME CROCHETER to create a cozy shrug. Crocheted with three basic stitches, the shrug is a rectangle with seams that create the sleeves. Weave in a contrasting color to add a little stylish detail.

**FINISHED SIZE** One size fits most. Shrug measures 7" wide at cuff, 73" long.

**YARN** Alpaca With A Twist Highlander (45% baby alpaca, 45% super fine merino, 10% viscose; 145 yards [133 m]/31/2 oz [100 g]); #2012 dark thistle (MC), 5 skeins; #2010 wild pansy (CC), 1 skein.

**HOOK** Size J/10 (6 mm). Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

**NOTIONS** Yarn needle.

**GAUGE** 12 sts and 8 rows = 4" in patt.

**SKILL LEVEL** Beginner.

## Notes

One size fits most. To alter the sizing for yourself, make sure your beginning chain is at least as long as your span from wrist to wrist with arms outstretched (the fabric will be slightly wider than the foundation chain). Before you seam, wrap the fabric around your upper arm to make sure you have a comfortable fit. The foundation chain becomes the neckline of the shrug. The inflexibility of the foundation chain helps the shrug hug the shoulders. The sleeve length is adjusted simply by rolling the sleeve cuffs. The shrug is worked from the top to the bottom.

## Shrug

With MC, ch 201, turn.

**Row 1:** Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn—200 sc.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, sc in first st and in each st across, turn.

**Row 3:** Ch 2 (does not count as dc), dc in first st and in each st across, turn.

**Row 4:** Ch 3 (does not count as tr), tr in first st and in each st across, turn.

**Rows 5–25:** Rep Rows 2–4 seven more times or until shrug wraps comfortably around your upper arm.

**Row 26:** Ch 1, sc in first st and in each st across, turn.

**Row 27:** Ch 1, sc in first st and in each st across. Fasten off.

### Beg weaving contrasting yarn:

With CC threaded on a yarn needle, weave a strand of yarn over the post of the first st of Row 4, then under the next st, repeating under and over across the row. Weave

a 2nd strand across Row 4, beg by going under the first st, and a 3rd strand above the 2nd, beg by going over the first st. In the same manner, weave 2 strands in the last row of dc (Row 3) and 1 strand in Row 2.

## Finishing

Weave in loose ends. Steam gently to block. Fold shrug in half lengthwise (foundation edge touching final row), RS tog. Beg at one short end and using MC, sc or whipstitch long edges tog to form a 20" sleeve. Rep for second sleeve.

**JENNIFER ORR** and her husband, Sean, own Copper Ridge Alpacas in southern Indiana. In 2005, they started the Alpaca With A Twist yarn company.

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# Yellow Leaf Bracelet

design by Amy Clarke Moore

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Joe Coca

**FINISHED SIZE**  $\frac{3}{8}$ " wide and 9" long.

**YARN** DMC Pearl Cotton, Size 5 (100% mercerized cotton; 27 yd [25 m]/ $\frac{1}{5}$  oz [5 g]): #90 yellow variegated, 1 skein.

**HOOK** Size 7 (1.65 mm). Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

**NOTIONS** Sewing needle; light-colored sewing thread; 36 size 8 glass seed beads; 12 leaf beads;  $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide scrap cloth; copper-core wire; wire cutters; smooth needle-nose pliers.

**GAUGE**  $3\frac{1}{2}$  sts =  $\frac{1}{4}$ " in sc in the rnd and  $6\frac{1}{2}$  rnds = 1" in sc in the rnd.

**SKILL** Level Easy.

## Bracelet

With sewing needle and yarn, string 4 size 8 glass seed beads, 1 leaf bead. Rep sequence until all leaf beads are strung. With hook and beaded yarn, ch 3 and join to form ring. **Next rnd:** Sc into each ch around, inc 1 st (slide beads down yarn; do not incorporate beads yet)—4 sc. **Next rnd:** Sc into each st around, pass one bead onto working yarn so that it is "stuck" between sts. Cont in this manner, incorporating 1 bead each rnd, staggering bead placement around tube, until bracelet fits comfortably around your wrist. Do not fasten off. With wire cutters, cut a copper-core wire  $\frac{1}{2}$ " longer than bracelet. Use smooth needle nose pliers to curl the ends under so they won't poke through bracelet, and are now slightly shorter than the bracelet. Wrap the wire with a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide strip of scrap cloth so that it is completely covered. Sew cloth in place. Ease cloth-covered wire inside crocheted tube and adjust to fit. You may have to adjust the length of the crocheted tube so that it comfortably fits the wire. Once it is adjusted, fasten off, break yarn and use tail to tack opening closed. With yarn, tack other end closed. Trim ends.

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# Linen Belt

design by Mary Jane Mucklestone

Originally published in *Interweave Crochet* Fall 2006

**FINISHED SIZE** 2½" wide and 40" long.

**YARN** Louet Sales Euroflax Paris (100% linen; 580 yd [530 m]/3½ oz [100 g]; CYCA #1 super fine): sandalwood, 1 skein.

**HOOK** Size H/8 (5 mm). Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

**NOTIONS** Tapestry needle.

**GAUGE** One square = 2½".

**SKILL LEVEL** Easy.

## Square (make 14)

With 2 strands of yarn held tog, ch 4; join with sl st to form ring.

**Rnd 1:** Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), 11 dc into ring, sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch to join—12 sts.

**Rnd 2:** Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), \*(2 dc, tr) in next dc, (tr, 2 dc) in next dc (corner made)\*\*, dc in next dc; rep from \* twice and from \* to \*\* once again, sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch to join—28 sts.

**Rnd 3:** Ch 1, sc in each of first 3 dc, \*2 sc in each of next 2 tr, sc in each of next 5 dc; rep from \* twice, 2 sc in each of next 2 tr, sc in each of last 2 dc, sl st in 1st sc to join—36 sc.

Fasten off.



Joe Coca

## Finishing

With a single strand of yarn threaded on a tapestry needle, sew edges of 2 squares tog. Cont to sew squares end to end into one long strip for belt. **Pointed end:**

**Row 1:** (RS) At one end of belt, sc in each of 9 sts along edge, turn.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across to last st, leave rem st unworked, ch 1, turn.

**Rows 3–6:** Rep Row 2 until 4 sts rem.

Fasten off. With yarn threaded on a tapestry needle, weave in loose ends. **Edging:** Sc around all edges of belt, working 1 sc into each row end of pointed side and 2 sc into each corner. Fasten off. Weave in ends. Attach buckle or rings to straight end of belt.

**MARY JANE MUCKLESTONE** worked as a photo stylist for *Interweave*.

# Organic Cotton Washcloth for Babies

*design by Kim Werker*

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HERE IS A QUICK, SIMPLE WASHCLOTH. Wrapped up with some all-natural mild soap, it makes a welcome gift. The soft, absorbent yarn combined with the lofty, textured stitch pattern result in a durable, luxurious item (make one for yourself!).

**FINISHED SIZE** About 8" wide.

**YARN** Rowan Pure Life Organic Cotton Naturally Dyed (100% organic cotton; 131 yd [131 m]/13/4 oz [50 g]): #986 natural and # 989 cherry plum; 1 skein each.

**HOOK** Size F/5 (3.75)

**GAUGE** Gauge is not critical for this project.

**SKILL** Level Easy

**Row 1:** 28 fsc (see glossary), turn.

**Row 2:** Ch 1 (counts as first sc), 2 dc in first st, \*sk 2 sts, (sc, 2 dc) in next st; rep from \* to last 3 sts, sk 2 sts, sc in last st, turn.

**Row 3:** Ch 1 (counts as first sc), 2 dc in first st, \*sk 2 dc, (sc, 2 dc) in next sc; rep from \* to last 3 sts, sk 2 dc, sc in top of tch, turn.

Rep Row 3 until piece measures about 4" from beg.

Work 1 row of sc. Fasten off. **Edging:**

**Rnd 1:** Join contrasting yarn with sl st in first st of last row, ch 1, sc in same st, sc to last st, 3 sc in last st for corner, rotate work 90°, sc in each row-end, 3 sc in corner, rotate work, sc in bottom of each fsc, 3 sc in corner, rotate work, sc in each row-end, 2 sc in same st as first sc of rnd, sl st in first sc to join, turn.

**Rnd 2:** Ch 2, hdc in first sc and in each sc to next corner, hdc in corner st, ch 9 for lp, 2 hdc in same corner st, hdc in each sc around working 3 hdc in each rem corner, sl st in first hdc to join. Fasten off.



Kim Werker

**KIM WERKER** is the founder of Crochet Me, former editor of *Interweave Crochet*, and author of numerous crochet books.

# Glossary

## Abbreviations

beg	begin(s); beginning	rem	remain(s); remaining
bet	between	rep	repeat; repeating
blo	back loop only	rev sc	reverse single crochet
CC	contrasting color	rnd(s)	round(s)
ch(s)	chain	RS	right side
cm	centimeter(s)	sc	single crochet
cont	continue(s); continuing	sk	skip
dc	double crochet	sl	slip
dec(s)('d)	decrease(s); decreasing; decreased	sl st	slip(ped) stitch
est	established	ss	slip stitch
fdc	foundation double crochet	sp(s)	space(es)
flo	front loop only	st(s)	stitch(es)
fol	follows; following	tch	turning chain
fsc	foundation single crochet	tog	together
g	gram(s)	tr	treble crochet
hdc	half double crochet	WS	wrong side
inc(s)('d)	increase(s); increasing; increased	yd	yard
k	knit	yo	yarn over hook
lp(s)	loop(s)	*	repeat starting point
MC	main color	**	repeat all instructions between asterisks
m	marker	()	alternate measurements and/or instructions
mm	millimeter(s)	[ ]	work bracketed instructions a specified number of times
patt(s)	pattern(s)		
pm	place marker		
p	purl		

# Glossary

## Crochet Gauge

To check gauge, chain 30 to 40 stitches using recommended hook size. Work in pattern stitch until piece measures at least 4" (10 cm) from foundation chain. Lay swatch on flat surface. Place a ruler over swatch and count number of stitches across and number of rows down (including fractions of stitches and rows) in 4" (10 cm). Repeat two or three times on different areas of swatch to confirm measurements. If you have more stitches and rows than called for in instructions, use a larger hook; if you have fewer, use a smaller hook. Repeat until gauge is correct.

## Crochet Chain (ch)

Make a slipknot on hook. Yarn over hook and draw it through loop of slipknot. Repeat, drawing yarn through the last loop formed.



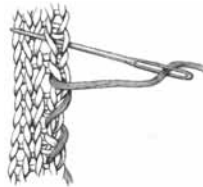
## Slip Stitch Crochet (sl st)

Insert hook into stitch, yarn over hook and draw loop through stitch and loop on hook.



## Whipstitch

With right side of work facing and working one stitch in from the edge, bring threaded needle out from back to front along edge of knitted piece.



## Double Crochet (dc)

\*Yarn over, insert hook into a stitch, yarn over and pull a loop through stitch (three loops on hook; Figure 1), yarn over and draw it through two loops (Figure 2), yarn over and draw it through the remaining two loops (Figure 3). Repeat from \*.

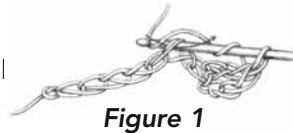


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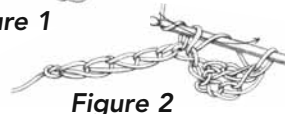


Figure 2



Figure 3

## Foundation Single Crochet (fsc)

Chain two (Figure 1). Insert hook in second chain from hook, pull up a loop. Yarn over, draw through one loop (the "chain," Figure 2). Yarn over, draw through two loops—one single crochet with its own chain (shaded) at the bottom (Figure 3). \*Insert hook under the two loops of the chain (shaded) of the last stitch and pull up a loop, yarn over and draw through one loop, yarn over and draw through two loops. Repeat from \* for length of foundation (Figure 5).

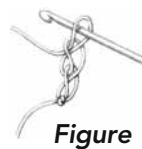


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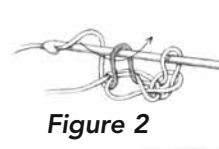


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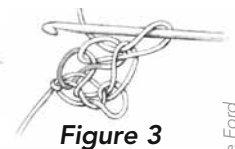


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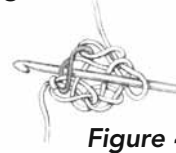


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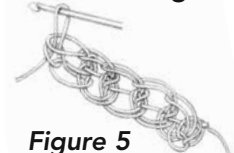


Figure 5

## Single Crochet (sc)

Insert hook into a stitch, yarn over hook and draw a loop through stitch, yarn over hook (Figure 1) and draw it through both loops on hook (Figure 2).

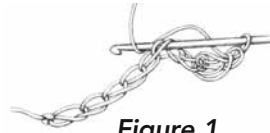


Figure 1



Figure 2

## Single Crochet Two Together (sc2tog)

Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over, pull up loop (2 loops on hook, Figure 1), insert hook in next stitch, yarn over, pull up loop (3 loops on hook), yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook (Figure 2)—1 stitch increased (Figure 3).



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

## Reverse Single Crochet (rev sc)

Working from left to right, insert crochet hook into an edge stitch and pull up a loop, yarn over and draw this loop through the first one to join. \*Insert hook into next stitch to right (Figure 1), pull up a loop, yarn over (Figure 2), and draw through both loops on hook (Figure 3). Repeat from \*.

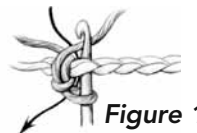


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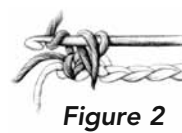


Figure 2



Figure 3