

Controlling the yarn

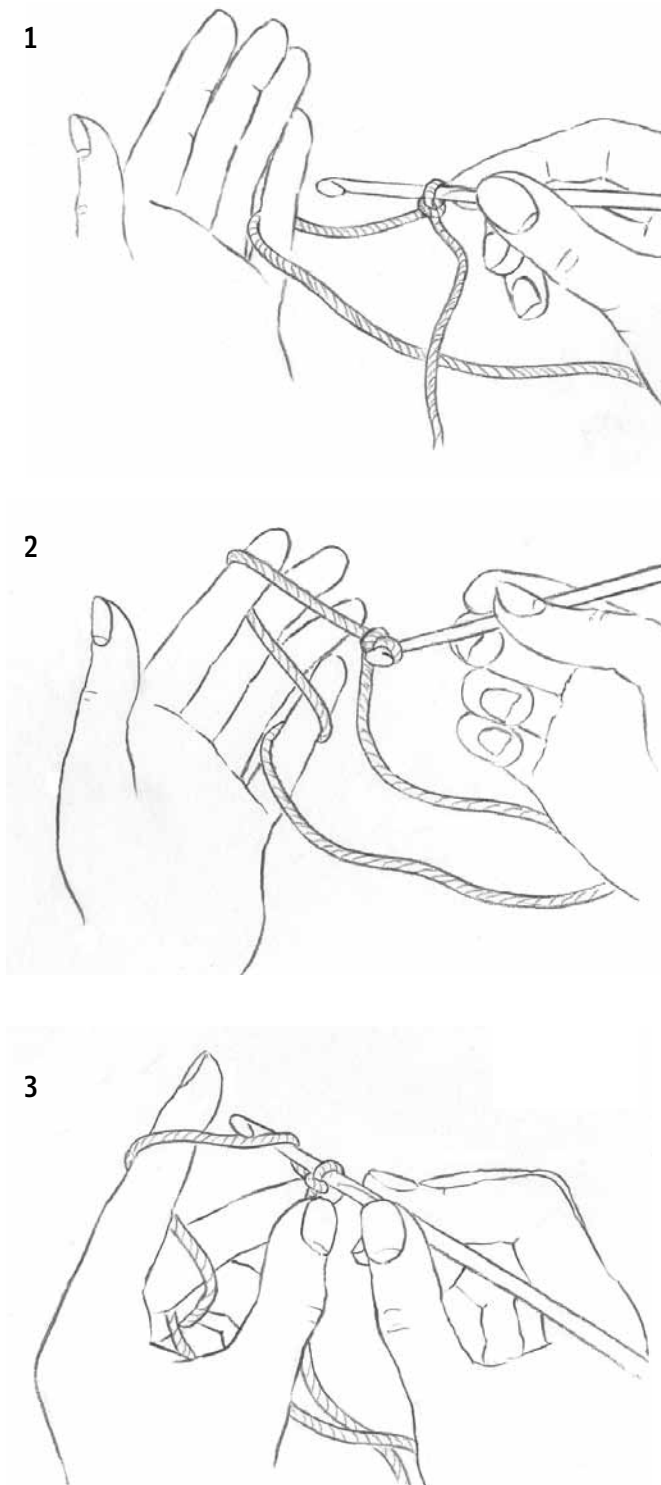
The way you hold the yarn allows it to flow from the ball with the right amount of tension. There are two methods to try: the index finger method and the middle finger method. Again, try both of them and see which you find most comfortable.

Index Finger Method

1 Hold the hook with the slip knot in your right hand. Take the working yarn (the end attached to the ball) between the little finger and the next finger and wrap it clockwise around your little finger.

2 Take the yarn under the next two fingers and over and around the index finger.

3 Hold the yarn, beneath the slip knot, between the thumb and middle finger of your left hand. Now raise your index finger. You are now ready to crochet, working with the yarn between the hook and your index finger.

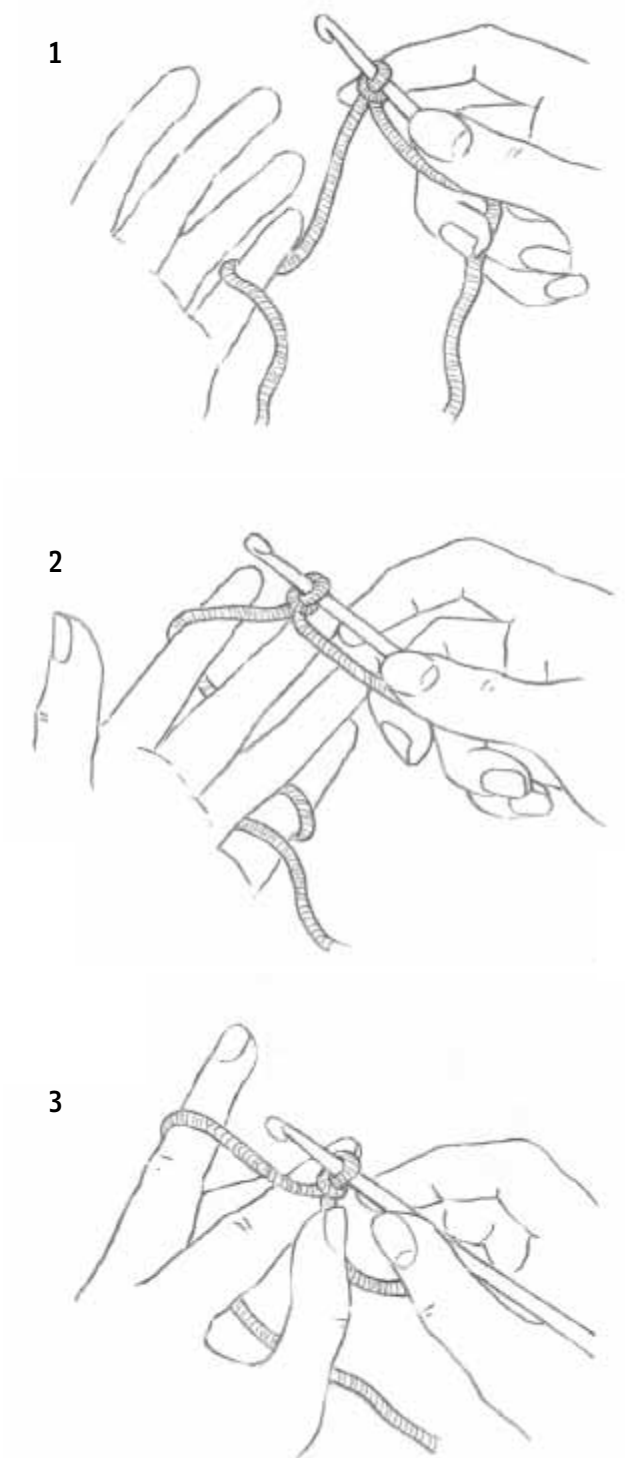


Middle Finger Method

1 Hold the hook with the slip knot in your right hand. Take the working yarn (the end attached to the ball) between the little finger and the next finger and wrap it clockwise around your little finger.

2 Take the yarn across your other fingers and over the top of your index finger.

3 Hold the yarn, just below the slip knot, between the thumb and index finger of your left hand. Now raise your middle finger to control the yarn and pull it through your fingers. You will be working with the yarn between the hook and your middle finger.



Tensioning the tail

It is necessary to apply some tension to the tail end of the yarn, otherwise you'll find yourself attempting to crochet in mid air. Use either the second or the third finger and thumb of your left hand to pull gently on the tail end of the yarn by pinching it just below the hook.