

FREE CROCHET PATTERN

Chain Stitch Bracelet

The perfect very first project: a slim, adjustable bracelet made from one chain and a row of slip stitches, with a loop-and-knot closure. About 20 minutes.



SKILL LEVEL Absolute Beginner	FINISHED SIZE About 1/4 in (6 mm) wide; length made to fit your wrist	YARN WEIGHT Light
HOOK 4 mm (US G-6)	TIME About 20 minutes	TERMS US terms

Gauge: Not important for this project — you measure as you go.

Materials

- ☐ DK (light — About 3–4 yd (3–4 m) (Worsted-weight cotton with a 5 mm hook also works; the bracelet will be a little thicker)
- ☐ 4 mm (US G-6) crochet hook
- ☐ Scissors and a tape measure

Abbreviations

ch — chain

st(s) — stitch(es)

sl st — slip stitch

Notes before you start

- Measure your wrist before you start. You chain to that length, so there is no set number of chains.
- The slip knot and the loop on your hook never count as chains.
- Keep your slip stitches loose. Tight slip stitches make the cord curl and are hard to work into.

The pattern

Chain

- ☐ **Start:** Leaving a tail of about 8 in (20 cm), make a slip knot and place it on your hook.
- ☐ **Chain to length:** Chain until the chain, not including the tail, is as long as your wrist measurement. Stretch it gently as you measure. In DK yarn this is usually 40 to 50 chains.
- ☐ **Make the loop:** Ch 8, then sl st in the 8th ch from the hook — the first of the 8 chains you just made. You now have a small loop at the end of the chain.

Tip: The knot you tie at the end needs to pass through this loop snugly. If you are using thicker yarn, make the loop with 10 chains instead of 8.

Slip stitch row

- ☐ **Row 1:** Working back along the long chain, sl st in the next ch and in each ch to the beginning, inserting your hook into the V at the front of each chain. Do not work into the slip knot.
- ☐ **Fasten off:** Cut the yarn, leaving a tail of about 8 in (20 cm), and pull it through the loop on your hook. Both yarn tails are now at the same end of the bracelet.

Finishing

- ☐ **Tie the knot:** Hold both tails together and tie an overhand knot right at the end of the bracelet. Tie a second overhand knot on top of the first to make a knot big enough to hold the loop.
- ☐ **Test the fit:** Push the knot through the loop. If it slips out too easily, tie one more knot on top; if it won't fit through, undo one knot.
- ☐ **Trim:** Trim both tails to about 1/2 in (1 cm) beyond the knot.

Tips

- If your chain is very tight, make it with a hook one size larger, then switch back for the slip stitch row.
- Before the slip stitch row, lay the chain flat so all the Vs face you. This stops the bracelet from twisting.
- Make a few in different colors. They are quick, and each one improves your tension.

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