



# In the Loop!

*Newsletter of Crochet Texas! a chapter of Crochet Guild of America  
Spring 2025*

## Flying Discs Take Off!

The Crochet Guild of America's 2025 Chapter Challenge is to create Crocheted Flying Discs to donate to Ronald McDonald Houses or to other charities such as family services organizations, hospitals, or women's shelters. Although the Chapter Challenge Team provided two patterns, there is no one pattern or color palette required. Members are allowed to use their creativity (and acrylic, cotton, or cotton blend yarn). The final disc count is due June 20, 11:59 p.m. (local time). Official rules can be downloaded at [https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.crochet.org/resource/resmgr/2025/chap\\_challenge/ChpCH\\_2025\\_RULES\\_FINAL\\_25030.pdf](https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.crochet.org/resource/resmgr/2025/chap_challenge/ChpCH_2025_RULES_FINAL_25030.pdf). The photos below show some of our discs crocheted to date.



Top Row: Melissa, Christine, Anna. Bottom Row: Jan, Molly, Lynne.



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## 2025 Upcoming Classes\*

### May Class: Turkish Flat Bead Crochet

Jan will be teaching.

### June Class: Brioche Crochet

Carla will be teaching.

### July and August Classes:

#### Dimensional Flowers Parts 1 and 2

Herma will be teaching.

### September: No class, we will have a meet-up at DFW Fiber Fest

*\*Class topic and/or delivery format are subject to change without prior notice. Check on Facebook each month for any changes..*

## 2025 Upcoming Events

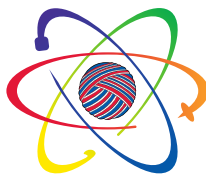
**Scottish Rite Hospital:** The Scottish Rite Hospital Spring Pop-Up will be Friday, May 9 for Mother's Day. Items will be delivered to the hospital on Monday, May 5. They mentioned they could use coasters, potholders and microwave bowl cozies for the sale in neutral colors as opposed to pastels. Lynne will collect items at the meeting on April 19.

### DFW Fiber Fest:

Class Registration starts May 17.

Dates for the 20th Anniversary event are September 19 - 21.

<https://dfwfiberfest.org/index.html>



### CGOA (Ch Sp) Retreat:

Registration is now open. The Reno retreat occurs on July 24 – 27.

<https://www.crochet.org/page/chsp>



## Learn to Crochet!

Crochet Texas! is excited to offer free in-person beginner crochet classes! Whether you've never picked up a crochet hook before or want to refresh your basic skills, our classes are perfect for you.

By joining our email message board, you'll gain access to:

- Expert guidance and tips from experienced crocheters
- A supportive community where you can ask questions and share your progress
- Simple and fun patterns to get you started on your crochet journey
- The opportunity to connect with fellow beginners and make new friends

Location: Saint Thomas Episcopal Church, South Room, 6525 Inwood Road, Dallas, TX 75209

Dates: Third Saturdays, February through November (except September and asunless otherwise noted), 10:30 - 11:20 am

Cost: FREE (but we will accept donations to the church for use of their facility)

Ages: Six and up (we will make exceptions for younger children if they are excited to learn, have the fine motor skills to hold a hook and yarn, and can sit still for at least 30 minutes).

An adult must be present and responsible for students 16 and under that you bring to attend classes.

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to learn crochet in a fun, welcoming environment. RSVP today and start your crochet journey with us! RSVP form: <https://forms.gle/8sLBPkJmKjGqfiRRA>.



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## 2025 State Fair of Texas

### Arts & Crafts Online Registration

**Opens:** May 7 (For information about reimbursement for one entry fee for a crocheted item, see page 4.)

### Registration Deadline: July 28

(Note: if mailing/shipping your entries, they must be received before the entry deadline.)

<https://bigtex.com/>

### Arts & Crafts Entry Drop Off:

August 1 – 3

### Arts & Crafts Winners

**Announced:** August 20

### Arts & Crafts Non-Winning Entry

**Pick Up:** September 3 – 5

### 2025 State Fair of Texas Dates:

September. 26 – October 19

Winning items will be on display at the Creative Arts Building.

### Arts & Crafts Winning Entry Pick

**Up:** October 22 –24

## In the News: Temperature Blankets

A reporter for a television local network was interested in temperature blankets, which led him to Anna M. She crocheted a temperature blanket, changing the color of each row based on how hot or cold it was every day at noon. The blanket was so long she had to make it two blankets, each large enough to cover a twin bed. Anna has started a new one for 2025, using granny squares.

You can see the interview at:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jC\\_FvZxV-dQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jC_FvZxV-dQ)



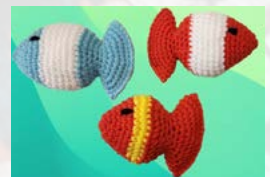
*Photos courtesy of Mike Kinney CBS News 11 Texas*

## Making a Friend With Friends of the Library

Crocheters and knitters met and made a friend or two for the Welcome Baby Program at the Lewisville Public Library. These small stuffies will be placed in welcome bags for new members of the Lewisville Library who have small children. You can continue to make the small animals and Crochet Texas! will make sure they get to the library.

Item size should be 3" – 8" and yarn should be machine washable (acrylic preferred). Please sew facial features instead of using buttons or other attachments. Favorite animals are kittens, bears, and small sea creatures. Simple crocheted and knitted animals with no attached arms, legs, and tails are preferred, although octopus tentacles are fine.

*Samples at right by Molly. See page 4 for more photos.*





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Friends of Library (continued)



Jan



Christine



Jan

## Two Crochet Texans Go to Knitapalooza and Come Back with Blue!

Blue ribbons, that is. Knitapalooza is the Blue Bonnet Knitting Guild's one-day retreat. Yes, they are a knitting guild, but the event is open to all things fiber. They held a Knitapalooza Fair, and attendees vote on their favorites in specified categories. Melissa won for her Ubuntu baby blanket and Jan won for her Jenny King Waterfall necklace. Plus, it was a fun day with lunch, games, and swag.



## Sewn Together Art Exhibition

Art that explores how America can maintain its pluralism. Our country is more divided than ever. A collaboration between the Art and Political Science students illuminates ways our country can move forward amidst polarizing times.

Anna Kelley, one of the curators of the above exhibition, visited Crochet Texas! at our holiday party in December. We gave her some squares towards the textile, and below is the final piece of art.





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### Crochet Texas! Membership

Crochet Texas! (CT) is a chapter of the Crochet Guild of America (CGOA).

Per the CGOA, all *Members* of a chapter must be members of the CGOA. But wait! No one will be left out.



To be a *Member* of Crochet Texas!, you must be a member of the CGOA. Dues for Crochet Texas! are \$30 a year, and dues for the CGOA are \$35 annually for a digital membership or \$40 with a hard copy of *Crochet World* magazine. To learn more about the CGOA, and for information about benefits and joining, go to [www.crochet.org](http://www.crochet.org).

You can enjoy almost all the benefits of Crochet Texas! by purchasing a *Crochet Texas! Annual Guest Pass* for \$30 a year. Classes, monthly door prizes, access to our video library, and more will be available to you. You will not have a vote in chapter business (but you will still have input in votes like choosing classes). Like chapter *Members*, you can be a Committee leader or member. Please fill out a [Membership Application](#). It works for both CGOA Members and Guest Pass Applicants.

We meet on the third Saturday of each month, January – November, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Our September meeting is often held at DFW Fiber Fest in Irving. Meetings are hybrid: online via Zoom and in person at Saint Thomas Episcopal Church, 6525 Inwood Rd., Dallas, Texas 75209. The meetings are held in the South Room, the first room at the corner of Inwood and Mockingbird. (*This is not a church-sponsored group. Please do not send any mail to the church. All communication should be via CT! email or Facebook.*)

Visitors can receive their first class for free (except for any applicable class fees), in person or on Zoom, before deciding to join. [visit+subscribe@crochettexas.groups.io](mailto:visit+subscribe@crochettexas.groups.io).

If you're feeling unwell or have been exposed to illness, please join us via Zoom to keep everyone safe. Masks are optional for in-person attendees. For more information about the meetings, please email [crochettexas@gmail.com](mailto:crochettexas@gmail.com).

### North Texas Crochet Guild, Our Sister Guild

The North Texas Crochet Guild (NTCG) is not a chapter of the CGOA. We are social group with no dues or formal class instruction. We meet via Zoom only.



We meet on the first Saturday of each month, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. For more information, email [jscogin@swbell.net](mailto:jscogin@swbell.net). Subscribe to NTCG emails at [northtexascrochetguild+subscribe@groups.io](mailto:northtexascrochetguild+subscribe@groups.io).

### State Fair of Texas and Crochet Texas!

Crochet Texas! will reimburse each Member and Annual Guest Pass Holder for one crochet entry fee for the State Fair of Texas annually. You will need to show the president or treasurer proof of entry. This amount can be applied to the next year's dues if desired.





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### Mini-Madness

FiberLady has graciously given Crochet Texas! permission to include this pattern in the Spring *In the Loop!*



# Mini- Madness

by Michele Harlass

### Materials:

*US size F (3.75mm) hook*

*6 Midori Minis, Rich Russet color  
way shown*

*Darning Needle*

Gauge: sts = 4" in pattern

Finished Size: 5" x 64" blocked

### Stitches used:

ch

sc

dc

v stitch: dc, ch1, dc in same space

spike v stitch: v stitch in ch1 space in the second row below



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## Stitch Pattern:

Using CC, Ch 12

Row 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, \*ch1, skip next ch, sc in next ch; repeat from \* across, sc in last ch, ch1, turn.

Row 2: sc in sc, ch1, \*sc in ch1 space, ch1; repeat from \* across, sc in last sc, ch4, turn.

Row 3: spike v stitch in ch1, ch1, \* skip ch1 space 2 rows below, v stitch in next ch1 sp; repeat from \*; end ch1, dc in sc, ch4, turn.

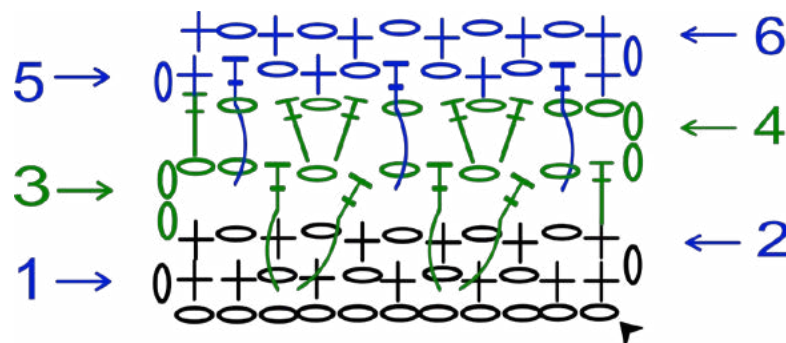
Row 4: \* v stitch in ch1 of spike v-stitch, ch1; repeat from \*, end dc in turning chain, ch1, turn.

Row 5: \*dc spike in turning ch 2 rows below, ch1, sc in ch1 of v-stitch, ch1; repeat from \*, end sc in turning ch, ch1, turn.

Row 6: sc in sc, \*ch1, sc in ch1; repeat from \*, end sc in sc, ch4, turn.

Repeat Rows 3 - 6 for pattern.

## Stitch Chart:



## Crochet Instructions:

With CC ch42. Work Rows 1 and 2 in CC. Add in MC at the start of Row 3.

Suggested color progression:

Use current CC color for all Row 5 & 6 rows.

Use current MC color for all Row 3 & 4 rows.



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**Row 1:**

Color A = CC  
Color B = MC

**Row 13:**

Color C = CC  
Color D = MC

**Row 25:** Color

E = CC Color F =  
MC

**Row 37:** Color

B = CC Color C  
= MC

**Row 49:**

Color D = CC  
Color E = MC

**Row 61:**

Color F = CC  
Color A = MC

**Row 79:**

Color D = MC  
Color E = CC

**Row 91:**

Color B = CC  
Color C = MC

**Row 103:**

Color E = CC  
Color F = MC

**Row 115:**

Color C = CC  
Color D = MC

**Row 127:**

Color A = CC  
Color B = MC

## Edging:

Ch4, \*Picot V-Stitch in ch1 space, ch1; Repeat across, end dc in sc. Break yarn. Weave in ends.

Join Color A to beginning ch and working in the ch1 spaces of row1:. Ch4, \*Picot V-Stitch in ch1 space on row 1, ch1; Repeat across, end dc in sc. Break Yarn. Weave in ends.

## Finishing Instructions:

Soak in hot water. Squeeze out excess water. Roll in towel and squeeze to remove as much water as possible. Spread on blocking board or terry towel pulling the edges out to match the finished dimensions of the pattern. Pull the points of the lace edging to sharp points. Allow to dry overnight.

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