



In the Loop!

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When Is Crochet Art?

The easy answer is, whenever the crocheter thinks it is, whenever they feel that they have been inspired to create an item that is “art-worthy.” However, we can get a lot more specific. One type of popular crochet art is yarn bombing.

In June, the Crochet Texas! guest speaker was London Kaye. She is a crochet artist and yarn bomber extraordinaire. London started yarn bombing when she lived in New York City, creating whimsical pieces of art, mainly in her neighborhood. This led to her being asked to crochet much larger projects, such as wrapping a bus. London has crocheted art for Disney, Carvana, Hallmark, Starbucks, and more. She also crochets for Love Across the USA, a public art project led by London Kaye. They create large, powerful crochet art installations that amplify the voices and visions of women from the past and present that are changing the world.



Photo courtesy of London Kaye



London's latest project is a baby book called *Crochet, Baby!* It is a colorful board book introduction to the world of crochet for little hands and big imaginations! The book can be ordered at <https://londonkayebooks.com/products/crochet-baby-board-book>.

Yarn bombing is not new to Crochet Texas! In 2014, we were asked to yarn bomb the set of “Good Morning Texas.” Later that year we yarn bombed the lower lobby at Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas. We used mainly baby blankets that they could later sell at their bazaars. We crocheted dozens and dozens of blankets, and had donations of blankets from as far away as Colorado and Hawaii. In 2019, the Dallas Farmers Market asked us to yarn bomb an antique tractor for their Spring Festival. We also help yarn bomb DFW Fiber Fest. See below:



Good Morning Texas



Scottish Rite Hospital



Dallas Farmers Market



DFW Fiber Fest

Background Photo courtesy of London Kaye



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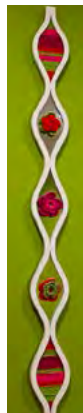
When Is Crochet Art? (continued)

Sometimes inspiration fills a need in a creative way. Mindy likes to hang crochet decorations on the front door of her condo. She needed one for the winter once the holidays were over. So she looked for a pattern that was small enough and looked like winter.



The Frida's Flowers afghan, inspired by the artist Frida Kahlo, was a class held over the course of several meetings in 2024. Lynne, despite being a beginning crocheter, was drawn in by the color combinations. She learned a lot in the process, and the results kept her going. Now she is looking for a place to display her beautiful afghan!

Molly had purchased several mirrored wall decorations to hang near her staircase, but one came with a broken mirror. She was able to replace it, but the broken motif inspired her to create something new. The solution was, of course, crochet. She spray painted the piece white, wrapped the top and bottom with yarn, and crocheted flowers for the center sections. Now she has the perfect piece of mixed media crochet art for her office wall.



Anna fell in love with free form crochet quite a while ago, and she still loves it. While cleaning out her condo in New York, she came across this free form piece she started years ago. The crochet art still resides in New York, maybe it's just not ready to leave The Big Apple.

Before COVID, DFW Fiber Fest asked Crochet Texas! to make mandalas to hang in the convention center. Jan had a lot of purple and purple-complementary yarn, and she crocheted a garden of puffy flowers to go on her mandala. Since the conference was canceled due to COVID, her artwork now hangs in her bedroom.



Crochet and Ceramic Art

Crochet Texas! had a field trip to Eric Orr's ceramic studio to show how patterns can be created by embedding crochet doilies or lace into



the wet clay. For Christine, her piece was about form, memory, and meaning. The selected design departed from the traditional circle doily. Instead, it had lacet edging sections that squared off the final shape. More than a craft experiment, this event showcased crochet as a form of expressive art. The fusion of fiber and clay allowed each creator to explore the tactile possibilities of stitch work beyond fabric.

The Heart of Crochet



Sometimes your heart is so overflowing with an emotion, such as gratitude, that the only way you can express it is to crochet. This sounds grandiose, but it is the experience

of Pam, who had a heart transplant. Her feelings towards the family who gave her life while mourning the loss of a loved one was almost impossible to put into words. So she created an incredible work of art and love for her donor's family. The judges of the State Fair of Texas recognized the art of her free form heart afghan. Not only did it receive a Blue Ribbon and Best of Show, it also received the Director's award.



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2025 Upcoming Classes*

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 on Saturday, September 20.

October: Brioche Crochet

Carla will be teaching.

November: Double-Ended Tunisian

Karen Whooley will teach 2-3 stitch patterns. In January, Karen will start a series of double-ended hook classes, four stitch patterns per month for \$9.00 each month, for 25 months.

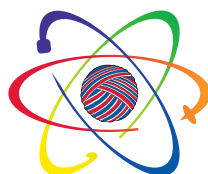
**Class topic and/or delivery format are subject to change without prior notice. Check on Facebook each month for any changes..*

2025 Upcoming Events

Scottish Rite Hospital: The Scottish Rite Hospital Holiday Bazaar is in early November. They mentioned they loved the small hats that hold gift cards that Molly designed, along with the small stockings that also hold the cards. Lynne will collect items at the meeting on October 18.

DFW Fiber Fest:

Class Registration is still open. Dates for the 20th Anniversary event are September 19 - 21. Classes start September 18.
<https://dfwfiberfest.org/index.html>



CGOA (Ch Sp) Retreat:

The Reno retreat is 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 as 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

Registration Deadline: July 28
(Note: if mailing/shipping your entries to Creative Arts, they must be received before the registration 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 during the fair.

Arts & Crafts Winning Entry Pick Up: October 22 – 24

Making a Friend with Friends of the Library

We are still collecting small stuffies 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.



2025 CGOA Chapter Challenge

Drum roll, please. Crochet Texas! members made 390 flying discs for the chapter challenge. (That does not include the discs made by guest members.) We should know the after the CGOA Annual Meeting on August 5, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. CDT. Win or lose, Crochet Texans made an incredible, creative effort. These will be distributed to Ronald McDonald houses in the DFW area, and possibly to other charities too. Well done!





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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.

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.

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.

North Texas Crochet Guild, Our Sister Guild

The North Texas Crochet Guild (NTCG) is not a chapter of the CGOA. We are a 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. Subscribe to NTCG emails at 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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Love Across the USA

London Kaye has graciously given Crochet Texas! permission to include this pattern in the Summer *In the Loop!* She says it's a perfect first yarn bomb pattern.



How to crochet LOVE

LOVE ACROSS the USA



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Supply List

Crochet Hook - 20 mm and 9mm

Yarn - A collection of medium and bulky weight yarn.

Measuring Tape

Terms

Chain - ch

Single Crochet - sc



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Tree Wrap

1. With 20 mm hook and one strand of each of medium weight and bulky weight yarn or 3 medium weight yarn strands in hand, make a slip knot and ch until the length reaches 36 inches or the length of your tree.
2. Make 1 sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and 1 sc in each remaining ch.



***Double stranding yarn** is a technique for combining and crocheting with two (or 3) different strands of yarn at the same time. Double stranding yarn adds dimensions to your crochet piece.



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3. Turn, make 1 sc in each remaining sc across.
4. Repeat step 3 until the width of your rectangle reaches 24 inches, or the circumference of your tree.
5. Finish off.



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Letters - 9 mm hook

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1. Make a slip knot and ch 10.
2. Make 1 sc in the 2nd ch from the hook, then make 1 sc in each of the next 9 ch.
3. Turn, make 1 sc in each of the next 9 sc.
4. Finish off.
5. Make a slip knot and ch 7.
6. Make 1 sc in the 2nd ch from the hook, then make 1 sc in each of the next 6 ch.
7. Turn, make 1 sc in each of the next 6 sc.
8. Finish off.
9. Glue or sew together.



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1. Make a slip knot and ch 24.
2. Join ends with 1 sc to work in the round. Make 1 sc in each ch around, increasing in the 4th, 10th, 16th, and 23rd ch-- 27 stitches.
3. Continue to make 1 sc in each sc around, increasing in the 6th, 12th, 18th, and 24th sc-- 31 stitches.
4. Finish off.

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1. Make a slip knot and ch 11.
2. Make 1 sc in the 2nd ch from the hook, then make 1 sc in each of the next 10 ch.
3. Turn, make 1 sc in each of the next 10 sc.
4. Finish off.
5. Repeat steps 1-3 to make a second piece.
6. Glue or sew together.

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1. Make a slip knot and ch 10.
2. Make 1 sc in the 2nd ch from the hook, then make 1 sc in each of the next 9 ch.
3. Turn, make 1 sc in each of the next 9 sc.
4. Finish off.
5. Make a slip knot and ch 5.
6. Make 1 sc in the 2nd ch from the hook, then make 1 sc in each of the next 4 ch.
7. Turn, make 1 sc in each of the next 4 sc.
8. Finish off.
9. Repeat steps 4-7 to make three short pieces total.
10. Glue or sew together.

*Add a border to each letter by working one sc stitch around the perimeter. Use a different color yarn to make the letters pop!



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How to yarn bomb it!

Start at the top of the tree wrap and weave pieces of yarn back and forth, creating an X pattern down one side of the tree. Crisscross the strings over and under each other, working your way in and out of the crochet loops the same way you would lace a shoe. When you reach the bottom secure with a double knot. Sometimes I secure the top and the bottom of the crochet by wrapping extra yarn around the tree.

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