



In the Loop!

Newsletter of Crochet Texas! a chapter of Crochet Guild of America
Fall 2025

Fall Crochet

The first big crochet event in the fall is DFW Fiber Fest. Between volunteering, yarn bombing, taking classes, having our meeting at the conference, and even playing bingo, there was a lot for Crochet Texans to do.



And of course there was the vendor mart, with all the incredible yarn. But as a reminder to everyone, next year's DFW Fiber Fest will be in August. This means they will be able to use all four floors of the conference center. Six additional classrooms will be available, allowing more amazing teachers and an expanded lineup of classes.

Behind the scenes, DFW Fiber Fest will be upgrading their registration and class management software, so registration, class sign-ups, and homework distribution will all run more smoothly.

Fall is also the time we announce the Crochet Texas! winners at the State Fair of Texas! Congratulations!



Ronni, First Place, Teacher & Professional Division



Mindy, Second Place, Stuffed Animal / Toy, Original Design



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Fall Crochet (continued)

Fall provides so many excuses to craft: colder weather, Halloween, Día de los Muertos, Thanksgiving, the December holidays, and more. Thanks to everyone who provided photos of their fall crochet!





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Brioche Crochet

Carla taught Part 1 in October. Part 2 will either be a class or a video only. Details are TBD.



2025 Upcoming Classes*

November:

Double-Ended

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Karen Whooley will teach 2-3 stitch patterns. This is a preview of a new series of classes for Karen.



December: Holiday Party on the Second Saturday

Final details are to be determined.

January: Adding Zippers to Crochet

Mindy will be teaching.

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

2026 Upcoming Events

Happy Knit Year (Dallas Hand Knitters Guild) and **Knitapalooza** (Bluebonnet Knitting Guild) are held by knitting guilds, but they welcome crocheters and other fiber artists.

Happy Knit Year, in January, will be held at the Best Little Retreat Center in Dallas. Knitapalooza will be held mid-March at the Rec of Grapevine.

East Texas Fiber Festival is March 27–28 in Canton, Texas (about an hour east of Dallas). They will have classes and a vendor hall. <https://easttexasfiberfestival.weebly.com/>



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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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.

CGOA Chapter

Challenge

Crochet Texas! came in sixth place, honorable mention, in the CGOA Chapter Challenge! We received a check from the CGOA. Better yet, Anna was fifth in the CGOA overall for the number of discs she crocheted! Well done!





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RAYmond Library Critter

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

RAYmond Library Critter

Designed for Friends of the Lewisville Public Library

[Welcome, Baby! Program](#)

Materials

Yarn: Color A - 20 yd White, cream or light yellow

Color B - 25 yd Dark blue/brown/grey speckled

Black 1 yd for mouth & eyes

For worsted weight use hook size 4.0mm (G). Makes 7" RAY.

For sport/baby weight use hook size 3.75 (F). Makes 6" RAY.

Small amount of fiber-fill for light stuffing

Tapestry needle

Special Stitches

FC: Foundation Chain

LTR: Linked treble crochet - pull up a loop from each of the horizontal bars of the previous stitch and the next stitch from the row below, complete the LTR by yo pull through two until one loop remains on the hook.

Body (make two)

Make one Body belly with Color A. Work through R12 and fasten off. Add Mouth.

Make one Body top with Color B but do not fasten off. Add Eyes then continue to Join & Finish.

FC: Ch 5

R1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook across, ch1 turn.

R2: 2sc in each st across, ch1 turn.

R3-R11: 2sc in first st, sc in each st across ending with 2sc in last st, ch1 turn.

R12: 2sc in first st, sc in next 7 st, ch2, pull up loop through 2nd chain from hook, front loop of the sc last made and the next sc from the row below, with 4 loops on hook, complete the LTR, 9LTR, sl st through each of the horizontal bars, sc in each st across ending with 2 sc in last st.



A charted pattern is available on my Ravelry store.

<https://ravel.me/raymond-library-critter>

Want this pattern **for free** in 2025? Follow **A Stitch Less Ordinary** on [Facebook](#), where I showcase my crochet designs, and comment or DM "Everybody loves RAYmond" to receive a **special coupon code**!

Mouth & Eyes

Thread the tapestry needle with black yarn, sew a shallow "V" mouth in the LTR area of the Body belly.

Sew two eyes in the LTR area of the Body top.

Join & Finish

Hold the Body top and belly with wrong sides together to work through both layers, matching rows and stitches. Ch1 3sc in the sc of both top and belly wing tip, join with sc each row end until the FC, join with sc in 2 FC.

To make the tail, ch10, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and each ch, sl st in last sc made.

Continue joining with sc in each st & row ends until wingtip, join with 3sc in same stitch, join with sc until the first LTR, join with sc evenly to corner, join with sc in each LTR, place a small amount of fiber-fill in the center of the body (shaded area), join with sc evenly to corner, join with sc until the first joining sc, sl st in first sc & fasten off. Weave in ends.

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