



In the Loop!

Newsletter of Crochet Texas! a chapter of Crochet Guild of America
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Why Crochet?

During the Crochet Texas meet-up at the 2025 DFW Fiber Fest, a knitter kept on asking Jan, "Why not knitting?" Jan mentioned many reasons to crochet. But the knitter kept on asking, "Why not knitting?" Finally, Jan said that Crochet Texas is a chapter of the Crochet Guild of America, and part of its mission is education devoted to crochet.

To explore the question further, why not knitting? Well, you can often create the same effects in crochet and knitting. Honorary Crochet Texan Margaret Hubert published a book called *Knit or Crochet—Have It Your Way*. She shows the same projects as knitted and crocheted. However, in her introduction, Margaret notes that converting a knit pattern directly to a crochet pattern is not easy. *"With the help of a calculator, knowledge of lots of different stitches and how they behave, the ability to convert gauge and figure out how many crochet stitches it would take to get the same size swatch, and understanding the slope of decreasing or increasing, you could probably do it."* There are other books as well, such as the stitch dictionary *From Needles to Hook — Complete Guide to Converting Knit Patterns to Crochet*, by The Needlecraft Shop. However, I did not find any books on converting crochet to knit.



You can also knit with a crochet hook. Many years ago, a CGOA conference introduced this technique in one of their classes. It was later popularized as knooking. The scarf shown at left is a simple knit and purl stitch repeat, created on a crochet hook. You can knook with special hooks that have holes on the end to run a cable and move your work around back to the hook. Or you can knook with an interchangeable crochet cable hook, with a knitting needle tip the same size or a smaller size. There are many books and patterns available for knooking. Yet you can't crochet with a knitting needle.



There is nothing wrong with knitting—it's an incredible art form—but it's not normally a part of Crochet Texas! If you want to see what stretching your crochet muscles can create, see our classes from 2025!



January



February



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Why Crochet? (continued)



March



May



June

July and August



September

October



November

December



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2026 Upcoming Classes*

January: Our class was Adding Zippers to Crochet
Mindy taught.



February: Topstitch Finished Crochet
Ronni will be teaching.



March: NOTE, THIS CLASS WILL BE ZOOM ONLY!
Brioche Part 2
Carla will be teaching.



April: Tunisian Leaf Stitch Jewelry
Christine will be teaching.



May: Making Stitch Markers
Jan will be teaching.



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



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 in 2026, January through November (except March and 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.

Upcoming 2026 Events



Knitapalooza is held by the Bluebonnet Knitting Guild, but they welcome crocheters and other fiber artists. There are door prizes, raffles, the Knitapalooza Fair, and a goody bag for attendees, as well as a delicious lunch. It is held on March 21 at the Rec of Grapevine.

East Texas Fiber Festival is March 27–28 in Canton, Texas (about an hour east of Dallas). They offer classes, demonstrations, and make 'n takes, along with a vendor hall. <https://easttexasfiberfestival.weebly.com/>



In the Loop!

Free Game for Freeform

Furl's Fiberarts gave us permission to use this game for freeform crochet. Have fun with the game, take a photo and tag your results on Facebook with @CrochetTexas and @FurlsFiberarts.

ROLL WITH THE STITCHES

freeform crochet dice game

Roll the dice to determine the fate of your freeform crochet project. Keep rolling to figure out your next move! Stop when your swatch is a square, or keep going to create a unique cowl or scarf!

Lets Go! Grab a Furls Streamline Metal crochet hook, several colors of stash yarn, and a 6-sided die. Start with your favorite color of yarn and chain 24 to begin, then turn and ch 1 then sc across to establish your foundation. At the end of each row, turn then roll to find out your crochet fate.

Notes: Instructions written in US terms. Each row should always equal 24 st. Starting ch stitches on each row count as 1 st. Unless specified, you may change yarn to color of your choice if desired at the start of each row. When finished, bind off, then weave in all ends.

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	Basic Row! Change yarn to darkest color you have and ch3 for first st, then dc in each st across.
	Marled Row! Hold 2 strands together and ch2 for first st, then hdc across. Decide if you want to keep or lose the 2 nd strand for the next row.
	Shell Stitches! Row 1: ch 1 then sc in same st, *sk 2 st then work 5 dc in next st, sk 2 st then work sc into next st. Rep from * 3x. Turn. Row 2: Ch 3, dc 2 in same stitch, sk 2, sc in next st, *sk 2, dc 5 in next st, sk 2, sc in next, rpt from * x 2, sk 2, 3dc in last sc from previous row.
	Stripes! Close your eyes and choose 2 stash yarns. Crochet a row in the first color using the st of your choice across. Then crochet a row in the next color using the same st across. Roll to find out how many times to repeat these rows. Ex. If you roll a 4, repeat 4x.
	Puff/Bobble Row! Go back to your 1 st color, then ch3 for first st, sk st, [puff or bobble st, ch1 and sk next st] 11x until last st, which should be a dc. Optional: Turn, ch 1 and sc across.
	Tapestry crochet! Crochet over unused colors as you carry them to hide the floats. Add a 2 nd yarn color (if you don't have one) and with C1 ch3 in first st, then dc in next 3 st. *With C2 dc in next 4st, change to C1 and dc in next 4st. Repeat to end of row.