

## Simple Crochet Techniques for Knitters

When knitting, sometimes you'll want to add a row of crocheted stitches around a hem. This technique can be used for purely decorative reasons or can actually shape your work. For example, a line of single crochet stitches can be used to flatten lace, which has a tendency to curl upwards.

### Single stitching around a lace hem

Knitted lace hems have a tendency to curl (at least when I make them). To add some weight, and to provide a flatter edge, I crochet single stitches around the edge.



#### ***Before and after:***

The sections on the right have crocheted edging. Crochet is stitched from right to left.

	<p><b>Steps 1-4:</b> Download my tutorial for picking up stitches with a crochet hook. Steps 1-4 will get you started with your first stitch, which will be on your crochet hook. <a href="http://www.glassandlight.blogspot.com">www.glassandlight.blogspot.com</a></p>
	<p><b>Step 5:</b> Without inserting the crochet hook through the work, snag the yarn from the back and pull it through the first loop. You should now have just one loop on the hook.</p>



**Step 6:** Insert the hook through the base of the next stitch to the left, under both strands of yarn.

In this photo, you see the loop on the crochet hook (yarn on the right) and the two strands of the base of the hem stitch (center and left).



**Step 7:** Snag the yarn and bring it under the base of the hem stitch.



You should now have two loops on the hook.



**Step 8:** Without inserting the crochet hook through the knitting, snag the yarn from the back.



**Step 9:** Pull the yarn through both loops on the crochet hook. You will now have 1 loop on the crochet hook.

**Repeat from Step 6**, each time moving one stitch to the left. As you work your way around the hem, don't pull the yarn too tight. At any corners, crochet 3 stitches instead of one.



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