

Crocheting

THE MARYJANE WAY™

Crocheted Rag Rug



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Supplies

Crochet hook: Size P

Fabric strips

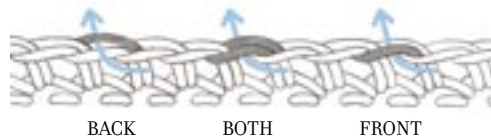
For fabric, choose lightweight cotton (old sheets are ideal). I prefer to rip my fabric into 1 1/2" strips rather than cut it with scissors. The messy strings don't bother me. I use scissors to make a starter cut, then rip. Better yet, if you have a rotary cutter and table mat, you can cut through several layers of fabric at once. To join the pieces of fabric as I create balls of strips, I cut a 1/2" lengthwise opening in the end of each strip (like a buttonhole) and pull the next strip through that opening—like putting two rubber bands together. This method of joining won't work once you're actually making your rug and need to switch to a new ball. I merely tie them together using a square knot, but you can hand stitch them together if you want.

Instructions

Ch 10.

Work a sc into each st. Work 3 more sc into the last ch, then work a sc into the other side of each ch to make an oval shape. Keep going in a big spiral until your rug is as large as you want it. If your rug starts to curl, simply work a few additional sc along the curves. It's very forgiving and encourages individuality!

Note: It is customary when crocheting to pick up the two top threads of every stitch. When only the front stitch is picked up, a different effect is produced. My rag rug is made with only the front stitch picked up from start to finish.



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Knitting

T-shirt Rag Rug



T-Shirt Rag Rug

Approximately 26" x 19"

Supplies

Size 15 (10.0mm) 29" circular knitting needles

7 T-shirts

Instructions

Using a rotary cutter and mat, cut T-shirts into 1" strips widthwise through both layers. Discard hem, arms, and collar. Cut circular strips once, making them long and flat. Connect the 1" strips together to create your T-shirt yarn. Cast on 50 stitches. Knit as many rows as you like; the more you knit, the larger your rug. Cast off. Wash.