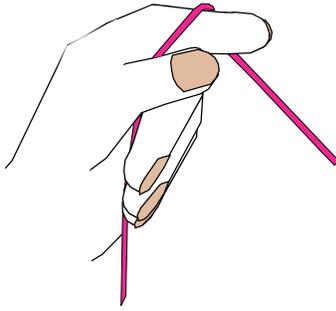


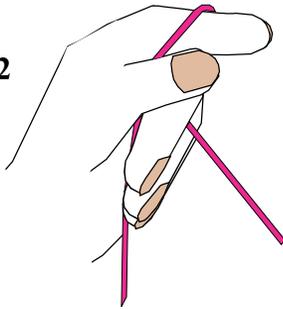
## Detail Overlay - Crocheted Chains

Fig. #1



1. Break off a strand of the desired yarn. Gently untwist it, separating the plies. Drape a single ply over the index finger of your left hand, placing the short tail in your palm. **Fig#1.**

Fig. #2

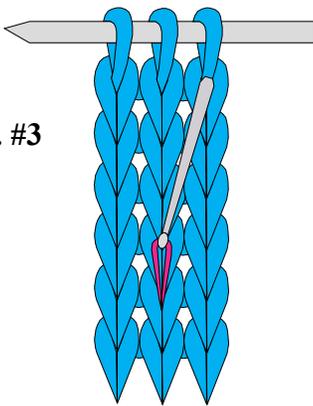


2. Next, take the long tail and tuck it under your 2nd finger, or your palm. See **Fig.#2.**

*The main thing is, your working end can't be flopping around loose.*

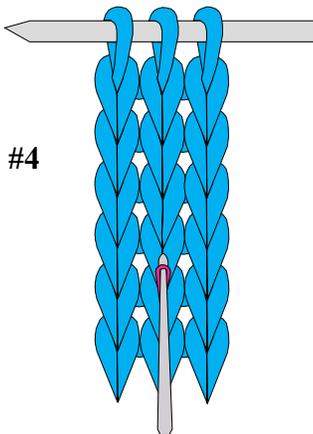
3. Roll or fold the knitted pillow top so that you can hold the area you want to crochet in your left hand, securing the area with the thumb and 3 fingers.

Fig. #3



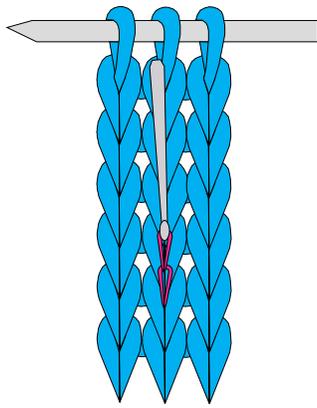
4. Insert the crochet hook into the knitted surface from the top, where you want to begin your chain and pull up a loop. With hook, go under the yarn riding on your index finger and pull up the first loop through the knitting to the front of your work. See. **Fig.# 3.**

Fig. #4

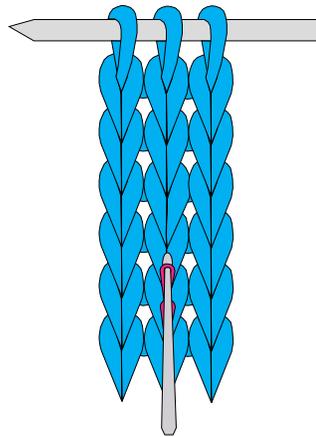


5. Once you have pulled up the loop, release it and reposition your crochet hook, turning it over so that the top of the loop rests on the top of the hook.

You are now in a position to stick the hook down through the knitted surface to the back to pick up another loop. See **Fig. #4.**



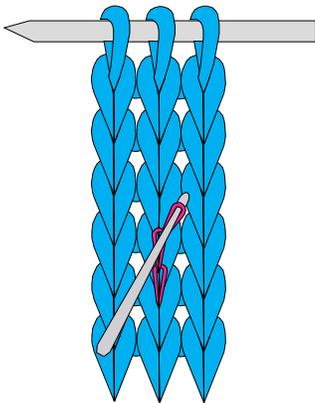
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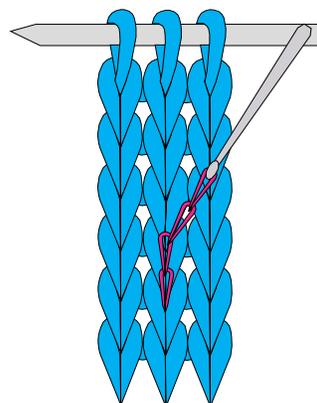
**Fig. #6**

**6.** Once this loop is pulled through, release it , re-position the hook and prepare to make another loop following your desired path. See **Fig# 5-6.**

You do not have to stay in the stitches. You can make your chains go any direction that is necessary to accomplish the desired affect.



**Fig. #7**



**Fig. #8**

**7.** In **Fig. # 7**, you can see that I decided to make my chain go to the right, using the space between the stitches.

Simply stick down between the stitches, pick up the yarn off your index finger, and pull is through as before.

You can see the result in **Fig. #8**

\* It is a good idea to adjust your stitch as you go. If one is a bit large then take up the slack. If on e is to tight, secure the loop below with your thumb and adjust the loop.

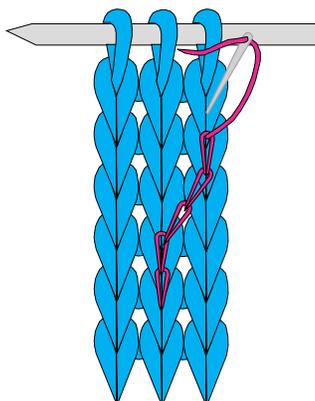
**8.** When you want to end your chain, just pull the end of the strand through the last loop, thread it into a needle, and stick it back through the knitted surface to the back , making sure it goes over the end of the last loop, as in **Fig. #9.**

When you are finished making all of your chains, weave in the ends as before.

These chains make great outline stitches. You can use them to accent many details in your picture. You can work them in any direction.

Try using different number of plies. You can also stretch the loop out as long as you need them, as for fir needles on a tree.

Experiment!!!!



**Fig. #9**