

Fabric Doobie Chain

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Reinvent the 80's gold doobie chain craze with this amazingly easy fabric version! All it takes is a bit of scrap yarn or fabric strips, and basic crochet skills. This makes a great last-minute gift, or a quick way to spruce up a boring outfit. This project was created by David Morgan, a Bronx, New York-based accessories designer and blogger (and Project Coordinator for BurdaStyle!). You can find more about him on his blog, [Yes, David Is Here](#)

Materials

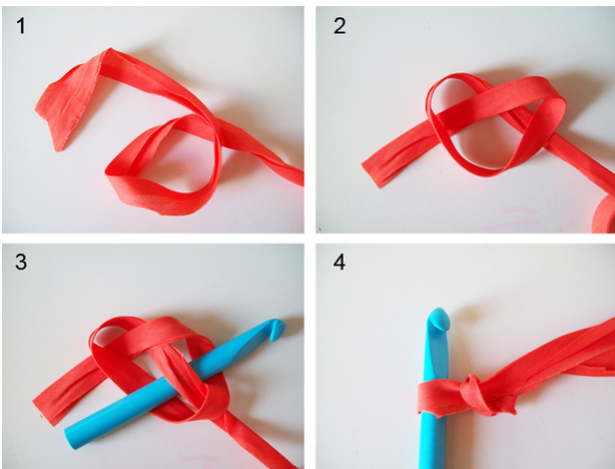
Fabric strips or thick yarn (ribbon would work too) Crochet hook (preferably very large, like Size 12 - 15). Sewing Needle and Thread

Step 1 — Collect Your Material



For this project you will need very long strips of fabric, ribbon or thick yarn. Some yarn supply stores carry spools of fabric strips (I found mine in a local thrift store), or you can cut and sew strips from your existing fabric collection. As this may take a lot of time, I would recommend just using thick yarn if you don't have fabric strips readily available.

Step 2 — Learn the Slip Knot

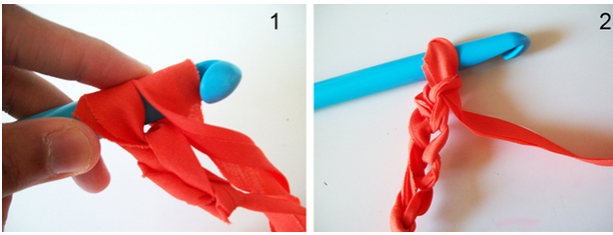


This necklace is simply created from a series of chain stitches. For those wanting to learn to crochet, this is a super-easy way to learn the very first skill.

In order to create your chain stitch, you must first create a slip knot. A slip knot allows you to control the width of your first chain.

- First, wrap the strip around your finger once.
 - Instead of inserting the end in the back of the loop as in a regular knot, insert it in the front, creating a pretzel shape
 - Then, take your crochet hook and insert it through the front of the loop and behind the portion of the strip connected to the longer spool (not behind the end tail).
 - With your crochet hook in place, grab both ends of your strip and pull to tighten.
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Step 3 — Begin the Chain Stitch

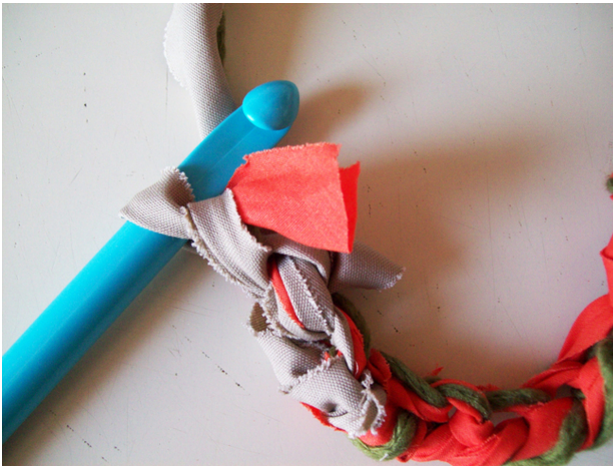


- First, take your strip and bring it over your hook.

- Grabbing the tail end portion of your string, catch the strip you just brought over with your hook and pull it through your slip knot loop.

This may be a bit tricky in the beginning, but you'll get the hang of it with practice!

Step 4 — More Chain Stitching



This necklace is created from a very long chain stitch.

When your fabric strip ends, grab another color, or try using two strips at once. When you incorporate another color, crochet the end of your previous color along with it. That way, you don't have to worry about weaving in ends when you are finished.

Chain stitch up to 15-20 feet. As you keep going, it will be easier and faster for you. This will probably take about 20-30 minutes.

Step 5 — Fold In Half



When you reach the end, cut your strip, leaving about two feet left

- Grab your beginning stitch (the very first one you made) and connect it to your ending stitch (the last one you made). Your long chain will now be in half.

Step 6



Repeat Step 5, taking the folded portion of your chain and connecting it to the end with a chain stitch.

Step 7



Again, you are going to repeat Step 5, but this time with a twist...literally :)

Holding the end portion (the one with your hook in place), grab the folded end with your other hand and twist your entire necklace.

Then, take the folded end and connect to the hooked end with another chain stitch,

Step 8 — End The Chain Stitch.



With the remaining strip still looped, grab your crochet hook and pull up until the end comes out.

Step 9 — Stitch The Ends



Wrap the remaining strip around the end of your necklace and stitch in place. You can also use your needle and thread to stitch any loose fabric ends that may be sticking out of your chain.

Step 10



You now have your very own fabric doobie chain!
