

Netting Definitions

Term	Definition
circular netting	Netting that is done in a circle. It usually starts in the center and works outward. Each round ends with a CK that finishes off the round and prepares for the next one to begin.
CK	Abbreviation for Collecting Knot. This is the final knot of each round. It is tied by hand using an overhand knot. A CK is tied at the end of each round of circular netting even if the instructions do not mention it.
cord	Several strands of light-weight fibers that are twisted together. This results in a heavier-weight string or thin rope.
diamond mesh netting	Netting which is made in rows. When the piece is finished, the meshes hang in diamond shape.
fine thread	Thread that is size 10 crochet thread or finer.
foundation loop	Circle of cord that is attached to the tension device and has the thread from the netting needle or shuttle tied to it. It is used in flat netting, and the first row of knots is tied onto this loop.
foundation loop cord	The cord, or thread that will become the foundation loop.
grommet	A ring found at the center of circular netting or the bottom of a string bag. It can be metal, plastic, or formed with thread or string.
grommet anchor	A bead with a circle of string attached to it. The string goes through a grommet and attaches to a tension device. The bead is held against the grommet and takes the place of the foundation loop used in flat netting.
heavy thread	Thread that is thicker than size 10 crochet thread.
kn	Abbreviation for knitting needle. Double-pointed or single-pointed knitting needles are used as mesh sticks.
long loop	A loop longer than some of the other loops in the row or round. It may be created by using a wider mesh stick or two mesh sticks held together, or by wrapping the thread around the mesh stick two or more times before forming and tying the netting knot.

mesh	Any of the open spaces in netting, or the strands that surround those spaces.
mesh stick	A gauge made of plastic, wood, or other rigid material that the netting loops are formed around. It determines the size of the netting meshes. It is also known as a netting gauge.
net plain	Net one knot in each loop.
netting gauge	A gauge made of plastic, wood, or other rigid material that the netting loops are formed around. It determines the size of the netting meshes. It is also known as a mesh stick.
netting needle	A netting needle is used to hold thread and move it through the meshes that make up the netting. A netting needle is used to hold thin thread like crochet thread. There are many different sizes and styles to choose from and they can be made from metal or wood.
netting shuttle	A netting shuttle is used to hold thread and move it through the meshes that make up the netting. A netting shuttle is used to hold thick threads like yarn, cord, or rope. There are many different sizes and styles to choose from and they can be made from metal, plastic, or wood.
repeat	Follow instructions just given until the row or round is completed.
repeat from * to *	Follow the instructions between the * * until the row or round is completed.
rope	A thick, heavy cord.
slip-knot loop	The loop that is formed when a slip knot is tied.
slip knot slides on tail	When the tail of the slip knot is pulled, the slip-knot loop gets smaller or the knot disappears.
spiral netting	Netting that is done in a circle. Unlike circular netting, there is no end to a round. It just continues around and around until you decide to stop.
square mesh netting	Netting which is made on the diagonal. When the piece is finished the meshes hang as squares rather than as diamonds.

string	A light-weight cord.
stirrup	This is the cloth strip, rope, or crocheted yarn chain that is 2-3 yards long. It is placed through the foundation loop or grommet anchor and tied into a circle. Your foot is then placed through the stirrup circle and holds it firmly against the floor. It helps provide tension to tie the knots. It may also be a piece of thin board with cords attached to the sides.
tail	The loose end that is not attached to anything.
tension device	An item that provides the tension needed (or the necessary pull in the opposite direction) when the netting knot is pulled tight. It can be a stirrup, a pillow, a small weight, a safety pin attached to a pant leg, a c-clamp, post, doorknob, or cup hook.
without mesh stick net	Wrap the thread as usual, but remove the mesh stick before the knot is tightened. This means that no new loop is formed. This technique is usually used at the beginning of a round to join several loops together when one of those loops was formed with the CK. It can be used to join netting loops together or to decrease the number of loops in a row.
working thread	The thread, yarn, cord, etc. that is attached to the netting needle or shuttle.
wrapped loop	A long loop that is created by wrapping the thread around the mesh stick two or more times before forming and tying the netting knot.
yarn	Natural or synthetic fibers twisted together to form a continuous strand.