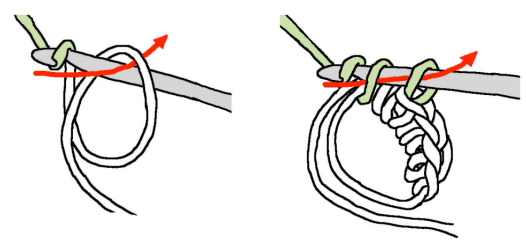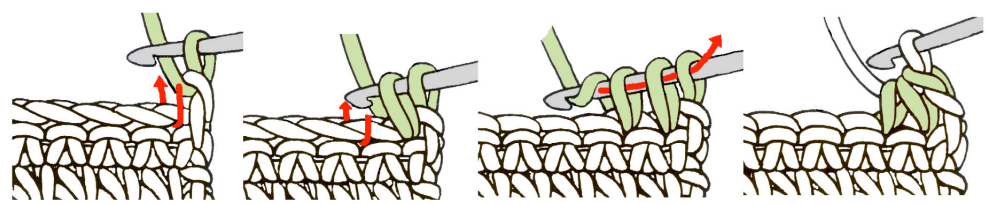**Simple Crochet Button pattern** – This simple button pattern will come in handy when nothing else suits or is available - experiment with yarns, threads & hook sizes – work pattern in back loops of stitch only – play with multi colours by changing colour on every round or use variegated yarn/thread – thread beads onto your yarn/thread & bring them into your work as desired – stuff with wadding for a firm button or cover old buttons

Abbreviations:			Adjustable Base Ring
ss	=	slip stitch	
ch	=	chain	
st (sts)	=	stitch (stitches)	
YO	=	yarn over hook	
PM	=	place marker	
dc (US sc)	=	double crochet (US single crochet)	

dc (US sc) decrease: insert hook into first stitch & draw up a loop (*2 loops on hook*), insert hook into next stitch & draw up a loop (*3 loops on hook*), YO & draw through all 3 loops on hook

Simple Crochet Button:

Round 1: into an adjustable base ring (*see diagram 1*) make 6 dc (US sc), join with ss to first st – 6 sts

Round 2: 1 ch, 2 dc (US sc) in first st & in each st around, join with ss to first st – 12 sts

Round 3: 1 ch, dc (US sc) in first st, * 2 dc (US sc) in next st, dc (US sc) in next st, repeat from * around – 18 sts

Round 4: 1 ch, dc (US sc) in first st & in each st around – 18sts

Round 5: 1 ch, decrease next 2 sts around – 9 sts – finish off leaving a long tail end for sewing

Alternate Simple Crochet Button:

Round 1: into an adjustable ring make 6 dc (US sc), do not join, place marker (PM) – 6 sts

Round 2: 2 dc (US sc) in first st & in each st around to marker, do not join, (PM) – 12 sts

Round 3: dc (US sc) in first st, * 2 dc (US sc) in next st, dc (US sc) in next st, repeat from * around to marker, do not join, (PM) – 18 sts
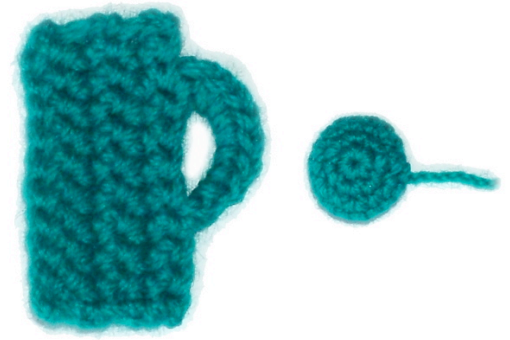
Round 4: dc (US sc) in first st & in each st around to marker, do not join, (PM) – 18sts

Round 5: 1 ch, decrease next 2 sts around to marker – 9 sts – finish off leaving a long tail end for sewing

Crochet Button Loop:

* bring in yarn where required on edge of fabric, make a number of chains appropriate for button size, skip 3 or 4 sts (*or number appropriate for button size*), join with ss to edge of fabric (*ch-loop made*), turn **, 1 ch, work a number of dc (US sc) over ch-loop just made to cover, join with ss to first ss, finish off & weave in tail ends

Alternate Crochet Button Loop:

work from * to ** as above, then thread yarn on needle & blanket stitch to cover loop, finish off & weave in tail ends