

CROCHET, krō-shā' (Fr. *crochet*, hook, dim. of *croc*, hook, from Icel. *krōkr*, hook, perhaps from Gael. *crocan*, Welsh *crwg*, hook, and connected with Lat. *crux*, cross). A form of fancy-work where threads of linen, cotton, worsted, or silk are looped with hooks called crochet needles to form various decorative and useful articles. Endless varieties of patterns may be formed, and lightness and elegance attained, by twisting the thread one or more times in taking up the loop, while openwork is formed by passing one or more loops.