

# Definitions of Netting Terms

## **cord**

Several strands of lightweight fibers that are twisted together—a heavy-weight string.

## **diamond-mesh netting**

Netting that is made in rows. When the piece is finished, the meshes hang in a diamond shape.

## **fine thread**

Thread that is size 10 crochet thread or finer.

## **foundation loop**

Circle of crochet thread that is attached to the tension device and has the thread from the netting shuttle tied to it. The first row of knots is tied into this loop.

## **heavy thread**

Thread that is thicker than size 10 crochet thread.

## **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. Its width determines the size of the netting meshes. Also known as a netting gauge.

## **net plain**

One knot is tied in each loop of the previous row.

## **netting shuttle**

A device that holds the thread or cord. It needs to be small enough to fit through the meshes.

## **netting gauge**

A gauge made of plastic, wood, or other rigid material that the netting loops are formed around. Its width determines the size of the netting meshes. Also known as a mesh stick.

## **netting needle**

A thin, rigid length of metal that is forked at both ends, around which thread is wound. It is used with fine thread for making lace.

## **repeat**

Follow the given instructions along the rest of the row.

**repeat from \* to \***

Follow the instructions between the asterisks (\* . . \*) along the rest of the row.

**rope**

A thick, heavy cord.

**slipknot loop**

The loop that is formed when a slipknot is tied.

**slipknot slides on tail**

When the tail of the slipknot is pulled, the knot disappears.

**square-mesh netting**

When the piece is finished, the meshes hang as squares rather than as diamonds.

**stirrup**

A tension device made of a 2-to-3-yard (2-to-3 meter) cloth strip, cord, rope, or crocheted yarn chain.

**string**

A light-weight cord.

**tension device**

An item that provides the tension needed to pull the netting knot tight. It can be a cord, a pillow, a small weight, a safety pin attached to a pant leg, a C-clamp, post, doorknob, or cup hook.

**without a 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.

**working string**

This is the string with which you have been working. It can come from your netting shuttle or a ball of string, thread, or yarn. It can also be the part of the string that is closest to the netting shuttle or ball of string.

**yarn**

Natural or synthetic fibers twisted together to form a continuous strand.