

Crochet a Creature

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In this tutorial I will be making the frog. The frog contains all the basic part for the other creatures, the owl eyes, the corgi's muzzle, the frog's eyes, the sheep's head. The chick is just the basic shape with embroidered beak and eyes. The frog has a surface crocheted mouth.

The other modifications to the basic shape e.g. the corgi's and the sheep's ears will be described separately at the end of the notes.



You will need:

- Balls of Double Knitting yarn for the body in different colours. (optional)
- Yarn, toy eyes, beads or buttons for eyes (your choice).
- A 3.5 mm, 4 mm or 5.5 mm hook.
- Yarn needle
- Scissors

Abbreviations:

ch - chain

ss - slip stitch

dc - double crochet

tr – treble

htr - half treble

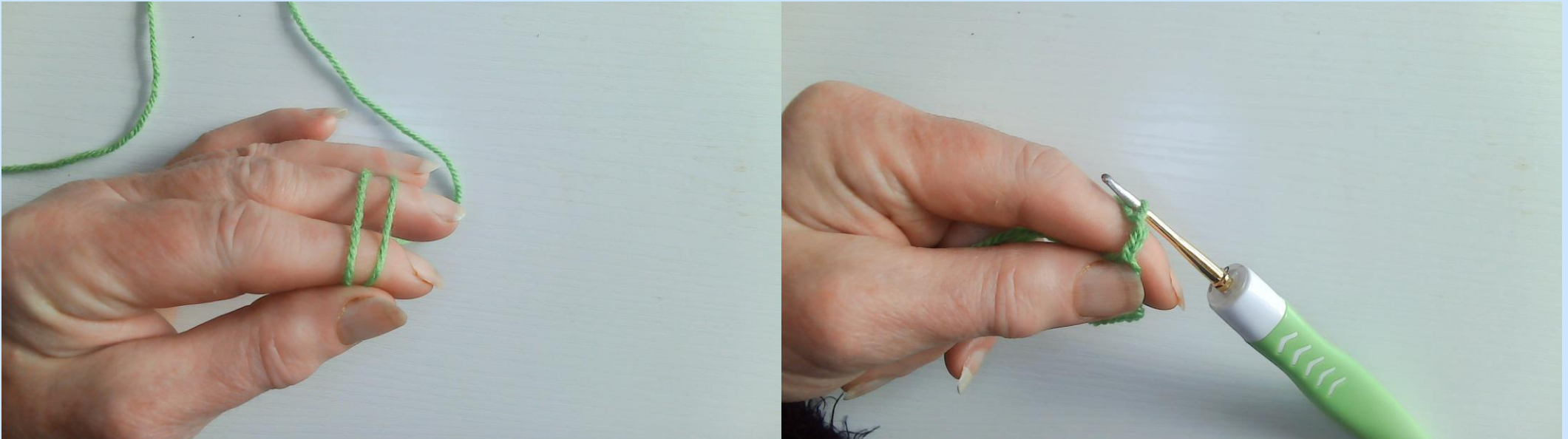
The Frog



Round 1:

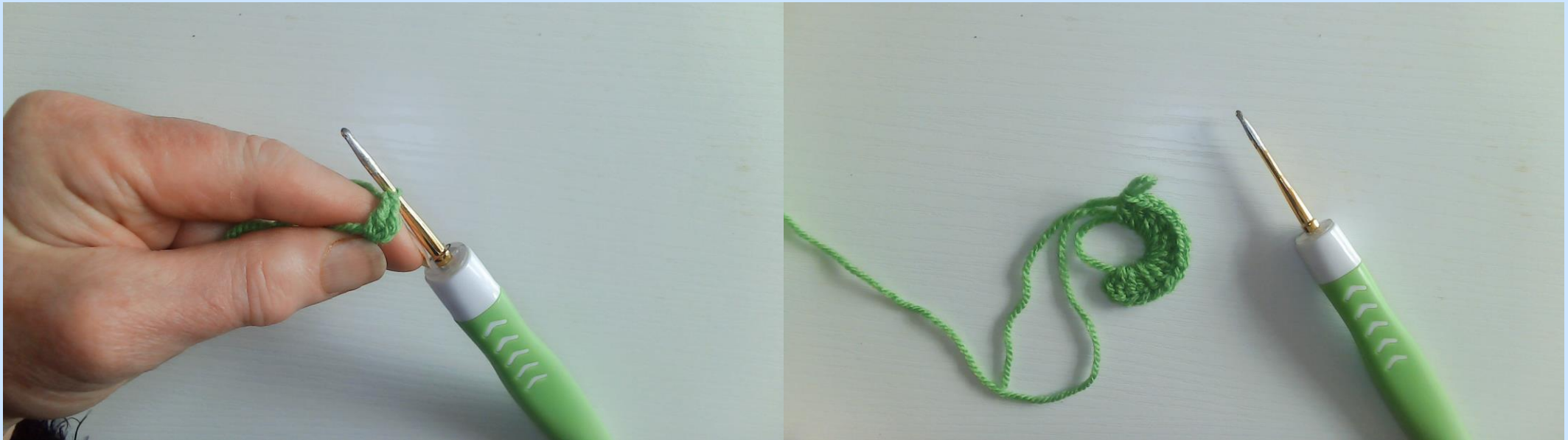
Make a circle either **Magic Circle** or **ch4 Circle**

Magic Circle start with ch 3 to stand as first treble, (or **ch4 Circle**: ch 4 then ss to 4th ch from hook to form circle, then ch 3 to stand as first tr.)



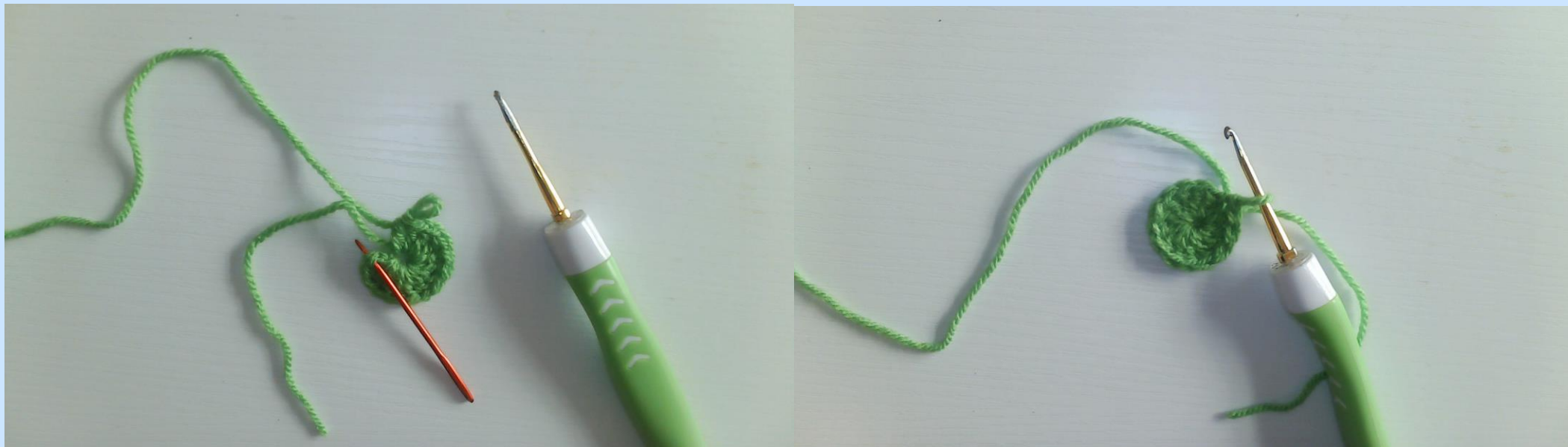
Round 1 contd:

Next, tr 13 into circle, (14 stitches in total in circle)



Round 1 contd:

Next tighten circle by pulling on the free end of the yarn, then ss to top of three chains, the needle indicates the position.



Round 1 contd:

When working with more than one colour

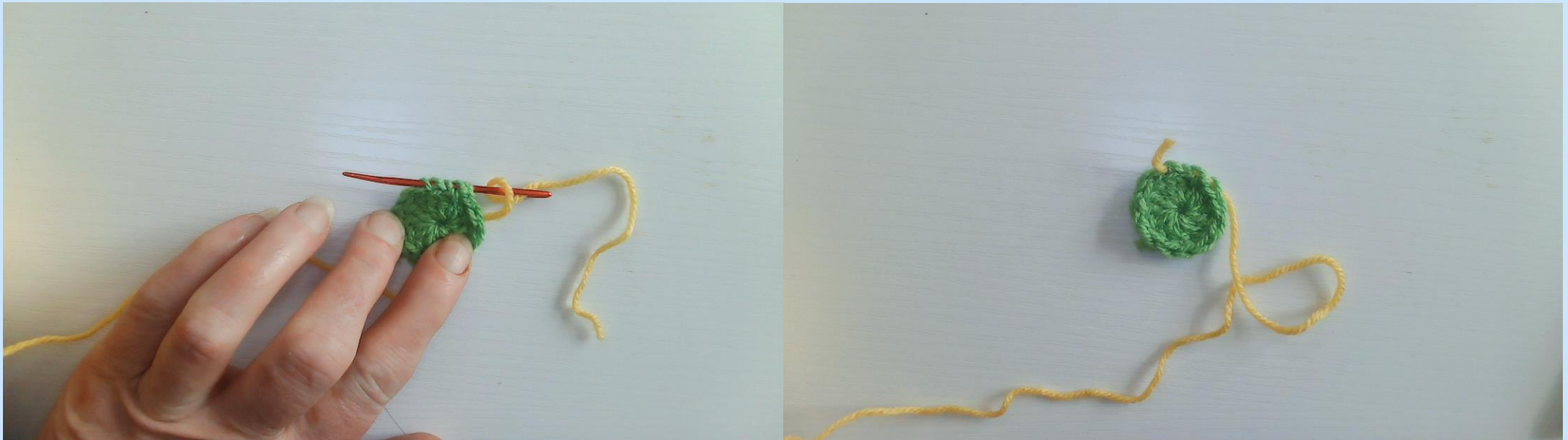
Pull up a loop and cut off. Darn the centre circle yarn in at the back and trim. Weave the cut in the end into the back loops of the next 5 or 6 stitches and trim. *(This will be hidden by the next round.)*



Round 2 :

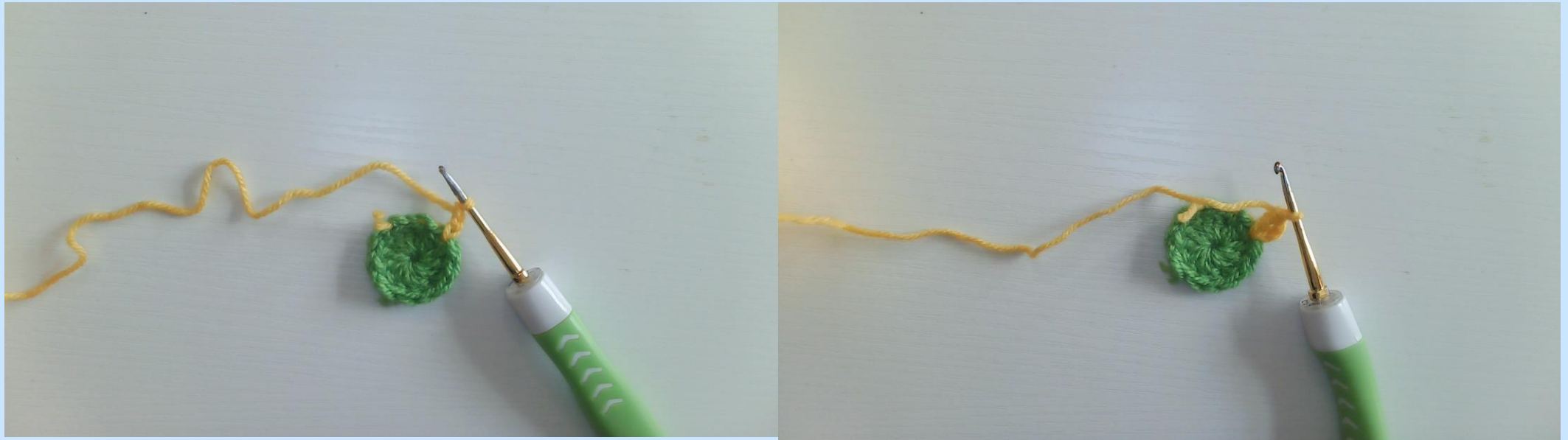
When working with more than one colour

Join the new colour by weaving the new colour into the back loop of 5 or 6 stitches. Make sure to bring the needle out near a space next to the stitch (or later a cluster). Gently pull the yarn end up, or trim off.



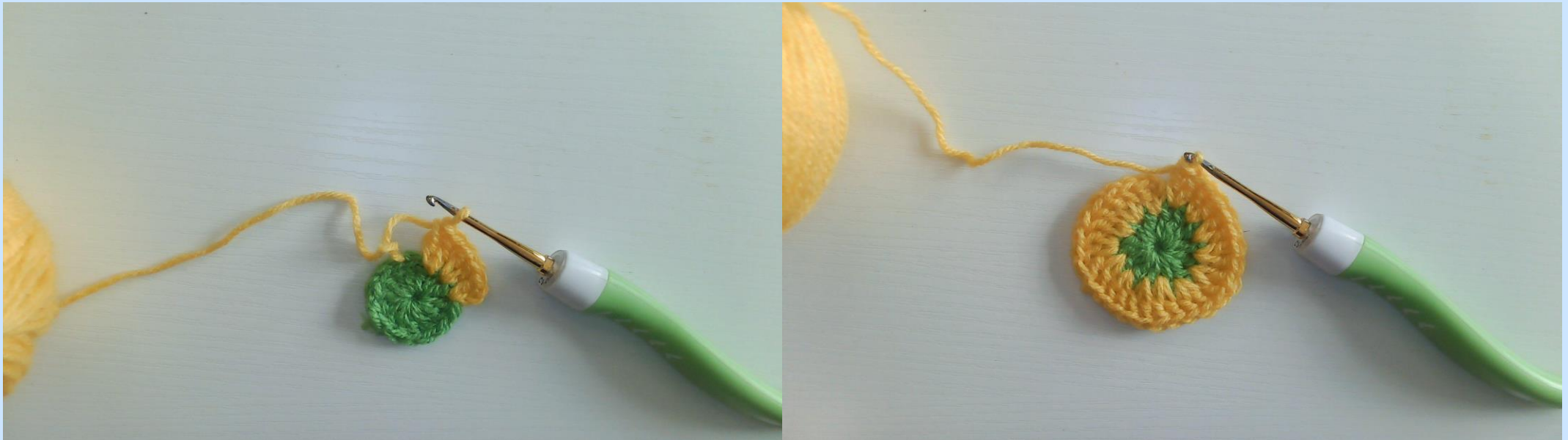
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Next, between two tr of previous round, ch 3 (this stands as first tr) and make 1 tr same space.



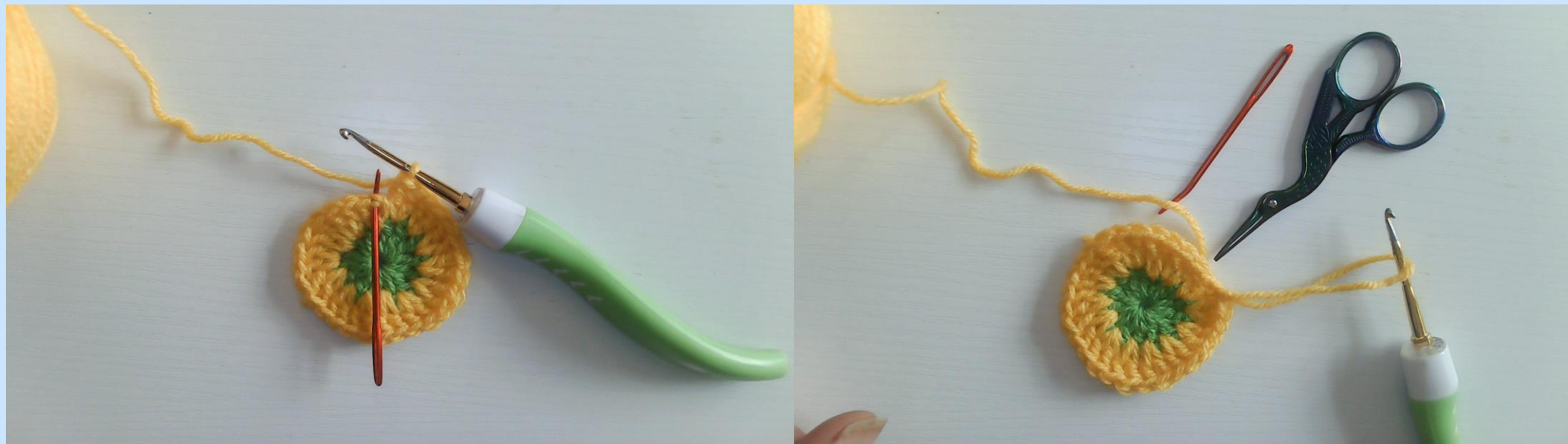
Round 2 contd. :

Then continue making 2 tr between each stitch around.



Round 2 contd. :

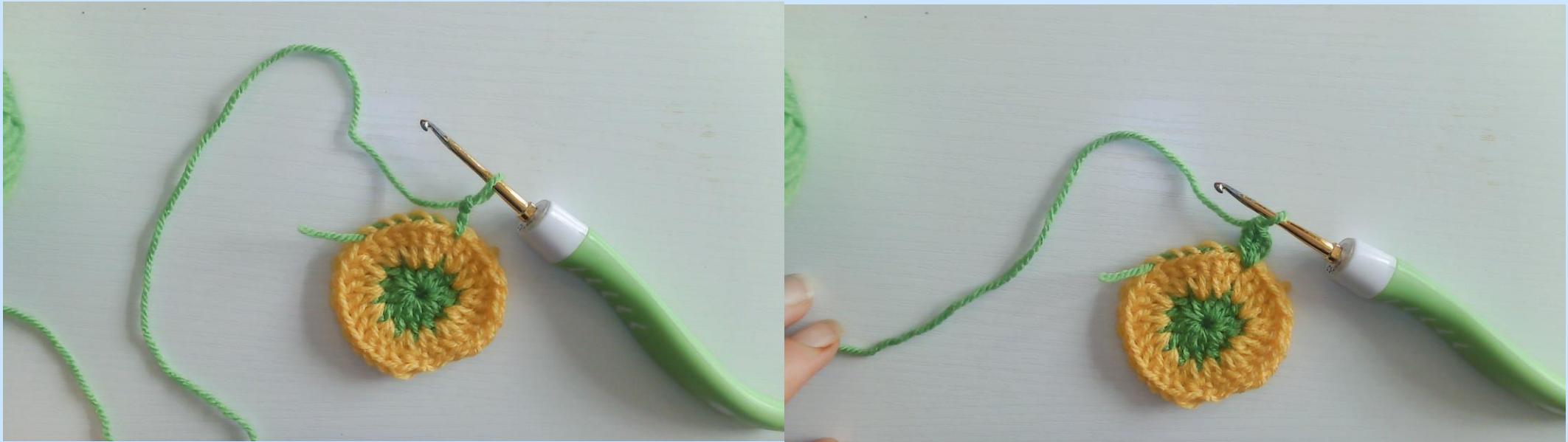
Join with a ss to the top of ch 3 to complete the round (*the needle shows the where to make the ss*). Fasten off. (14 two tr clusters).



Round 3 :

When working with more than one colour

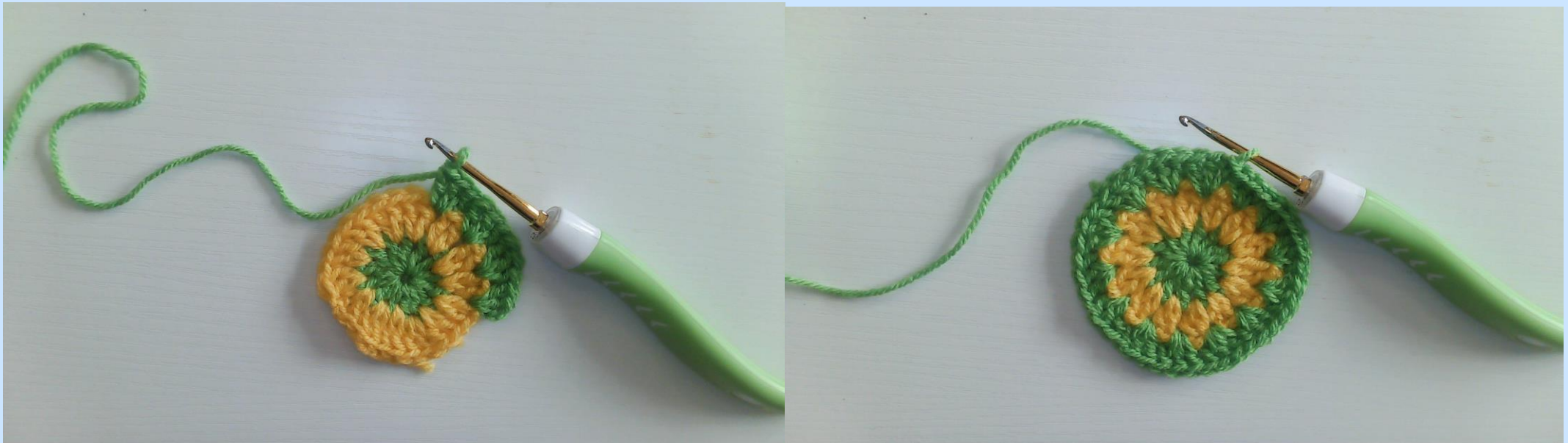
Join new colour yarn by weaving in and in round two. Then in space between two pairs of trebles, ch 3 and tr 2 in same space.



Round 3 contd.:

Now make tr 3 in each space between each two treble clusters around, join with a ss to the top of chain 3 to complete the round. (14 three treble clusters).

NB. If changing colour, fasten off and weave end in and join new colour as described previously.



Round 4:

To shape the head, ch 2, tr 2 into next stitch, tr 1 into next, two st, into next st tr2, tr1 into next two stitches, into next stitch tr 2, into next stitch htr 1, then ch 1.



Round 4 contd:

Then 1 dc next and each remaining stitch around.

Complete round by joining with a ss into the top the two chains (*position indicated by the needle*).

Do not fasten off on to **Round 5**



Round 5 – short round:

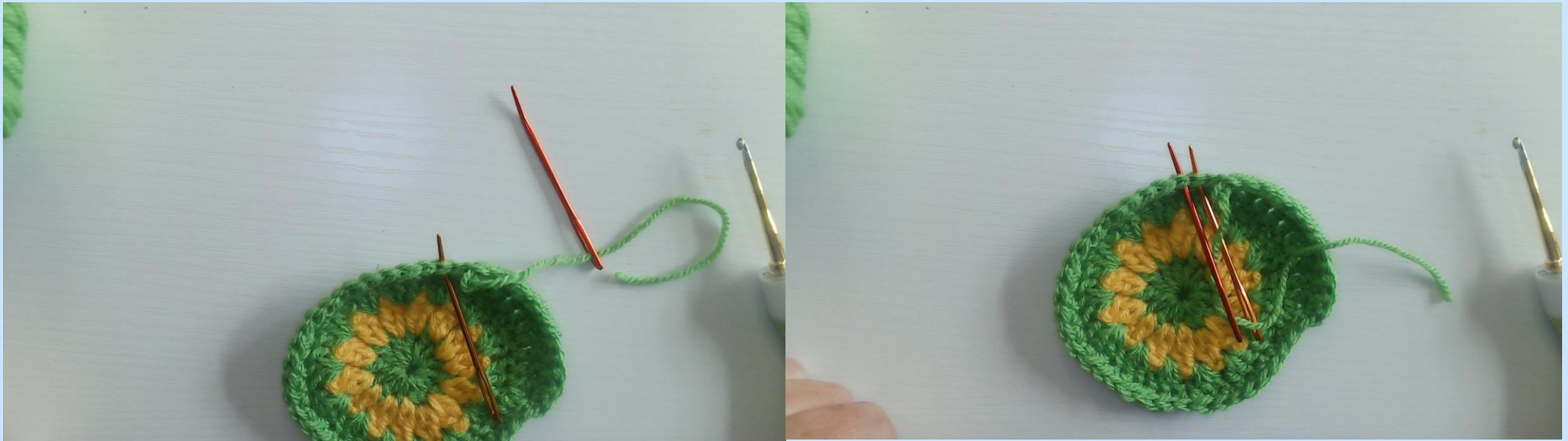
ch 1 then htr 1 in next 11 stitches, ch 1, ss into next stitch. If making a two sided creature, pull up a loop, then trim, leaving an end long enough to sew the two parts together.

If making a one sided creature, pull up a loop about 15 cms (6 *inches*) and don't tighten the yarn, then go to **Invisible Join**.



Invisible join:

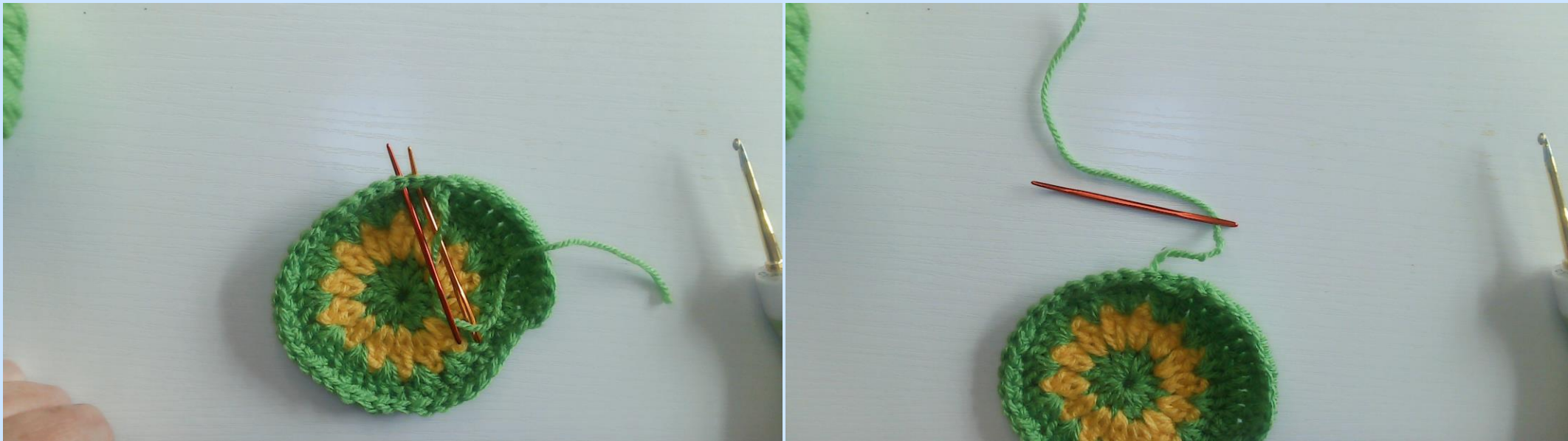
Cut through the loop and thread end onto yarn needle. Now identify where you will make your join. You will miss the next stitch, shown by the gold needle you will work into the stitch next to it, identified by the red needle.



Invisible join contd.:

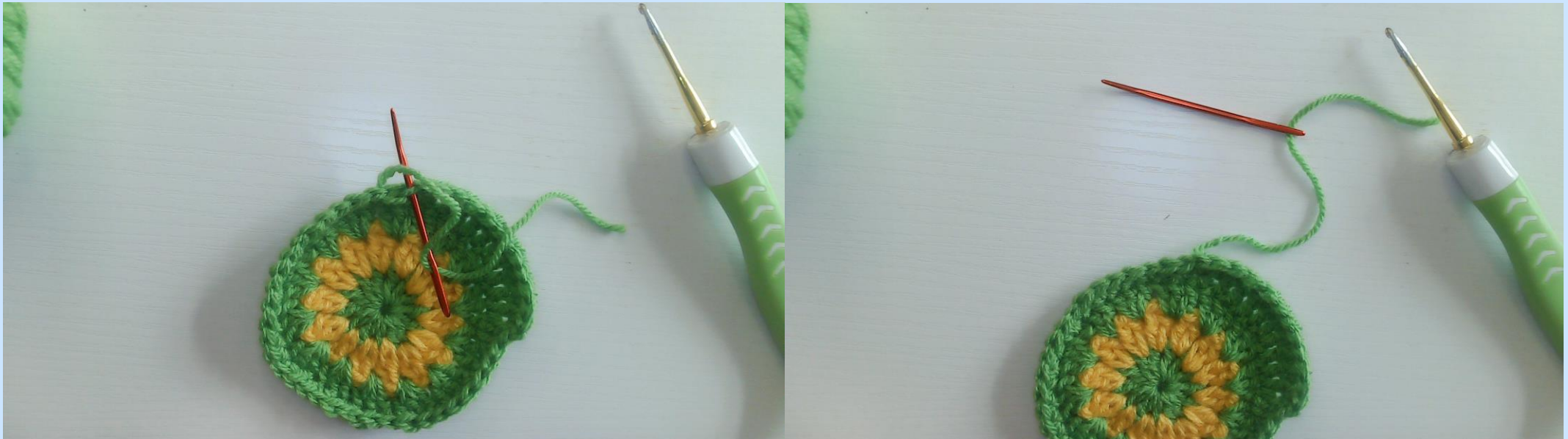
With the needle, pick up the two loops at the top of the stitch shown by the red needle.

Then pull the yarn through, (second photo.)



Invisible join contd.:

Now go back to the stitch the yarn is coming from and insert the needle under the back loop of that stitch (*first photo*). Then gently pull the yarn through and gently tighten until it matches the other stitches, (*second photo*.) Turn the work over and carefully darn the end in, making sure you don't tighten the stitch you have just made.



Invisible join contd.:

Turn the work over and carefully darn the end in, making sure you don't tighten the stitch you have just made (*photo 1*) Your creature shape is complete, (*photo 2*).



Frog's Eyes:

The frog's eyes are made in two part, a green part at the back and a yellow part in front.

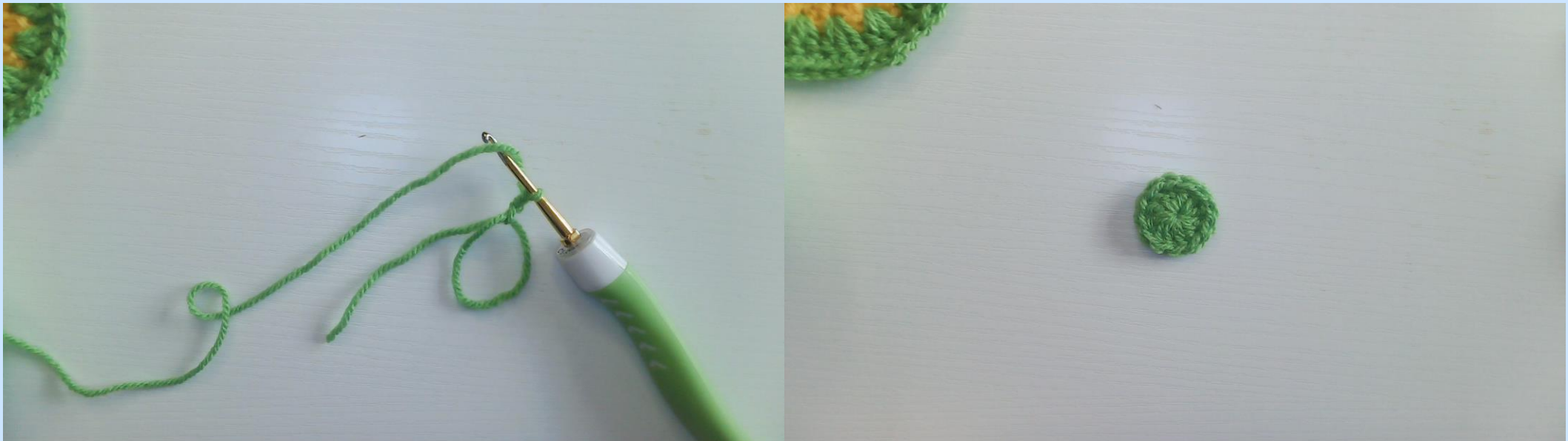


Frog's Eyes contd.:

The green part, worked in tr, make two.

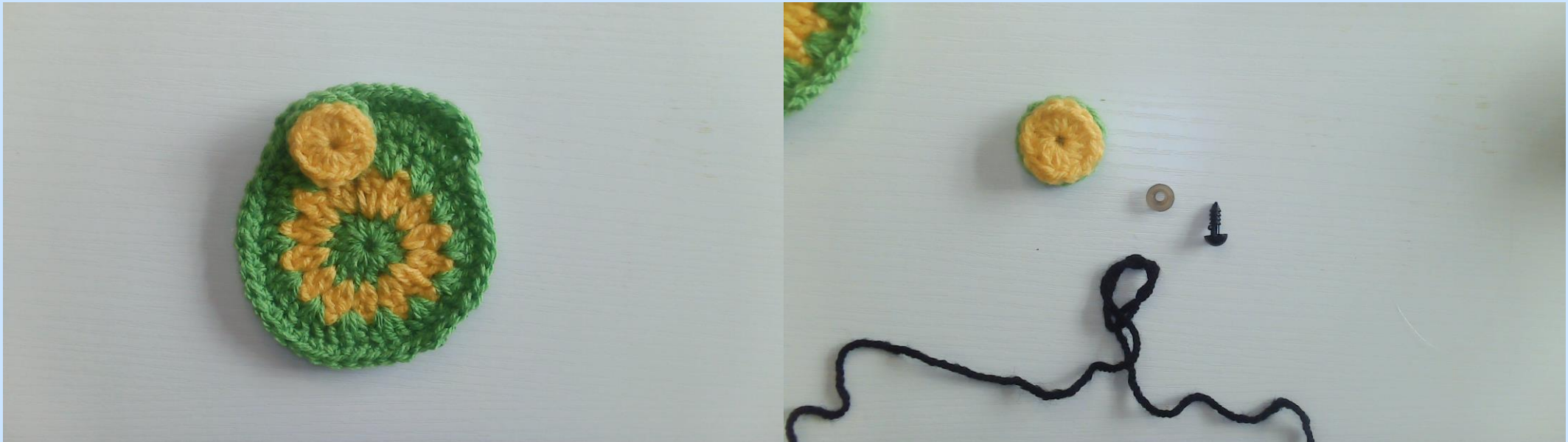
Magic Circle, ch3 or (*ch 4 circle, ch 3*)

Then tr 11 into circle (*twelve st total*), ss into ch 3 and invisible join.



Assembling the Frog:

Check the position that the eyes will be attached to the body. Then join the yellow part to the green part in your chosen way. It could be a piece of yarn with a large knot, stitched through the centre. It could be a bead stitched through the centre, or a toy eye fixed through the centre.



Assembling the Frog contd.:

In this case a toy eye has been used. If using knotted yarn as the pupil, the eye part's can be attached together and to the body in one process.

If using a toy eye or bead, join the eye parts together first then stitch the complete eye to the body using the appropriate colour yarn (in this case green). A running stitch is best.



The Chick



Chick:

This chick has been made in one colour. There is no need to fasten off each round. When working on the cluster, you will need to ss across to a space between clusters to start the next round. The procedure is then the same as for the frog.

Eyes (*beads, knotted yarn etc.*) are added straight onto the body. The beak is embroidered on or you could use a piece of felt instead.



The Corgi



Corgi features:

The body is worked as for the frog, changing colour as necessary.

Muzzle:

The muzzle is worked the same way as the green parts of the frog's eye but in white yarn.

A pink nose and mouth is embroidered onto the muzzle before it is attached to the body.

To attach the muzzle, identify where you want to place it and stitch it to the body using a running stitch. Use the same colour yarn as the muzzle. Contd.

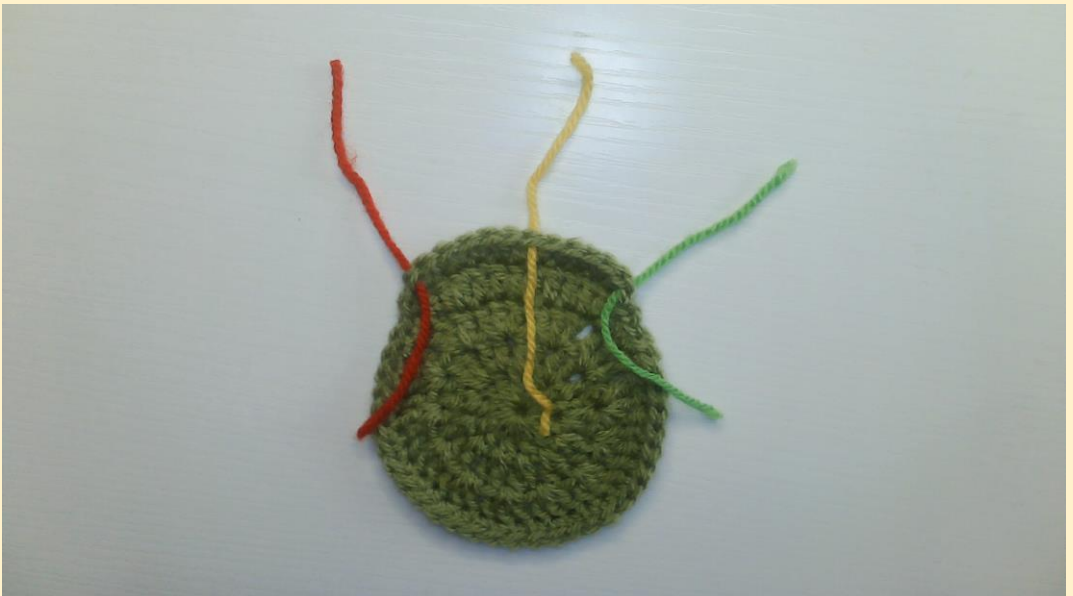


Corgi features contd:

Ears:

The ears are crocheted like this:

Identify the centre of the head (*shown by gold needle*) and mark with a piece of yarn. Including that needle/stitch, count eight stitches to the right, mark with yarn (*shown with green needle*) and 8 stitches to the left and mark (*shown with red needle*), mark with yarn.

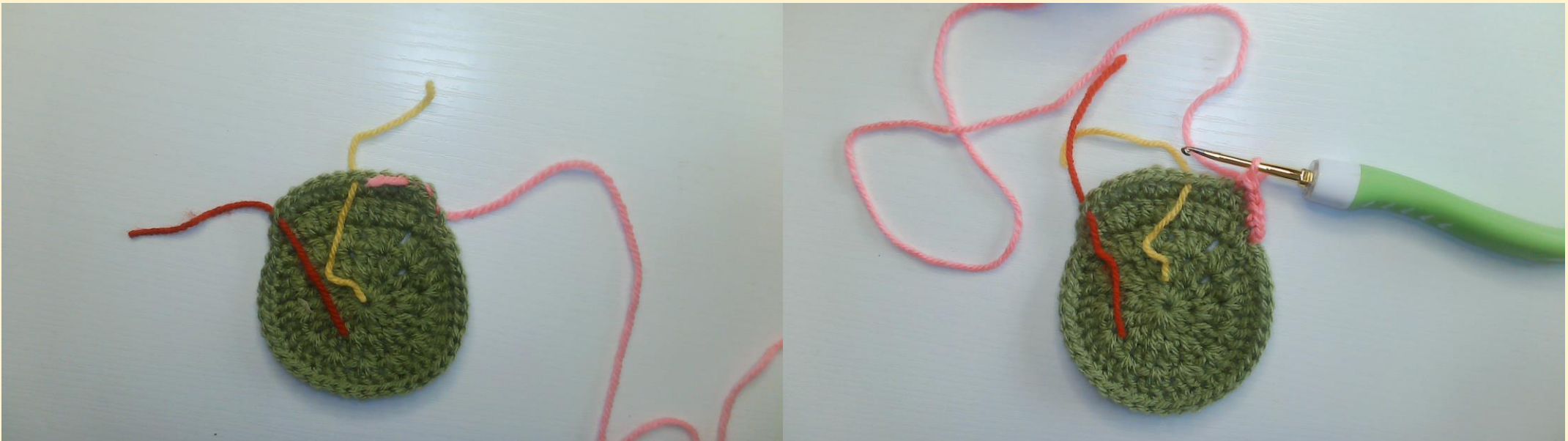


Corgi features contd:

Right Ear:

Starting on the right side. Join your yarn as previously described. With working yarn at the 8th stitch from the centre.

Round 1: working toward the centre, dc 5. Turn. contd.



Corgi features contd:

Right Ear:

Round 2: Miss a stitch, dc to end (4 stitches). Turn.

Round 3: Miss a st, dc to end (3 stitches). Turn.

Round 4: miss a st dc into last stitch (2 stitches) Turn

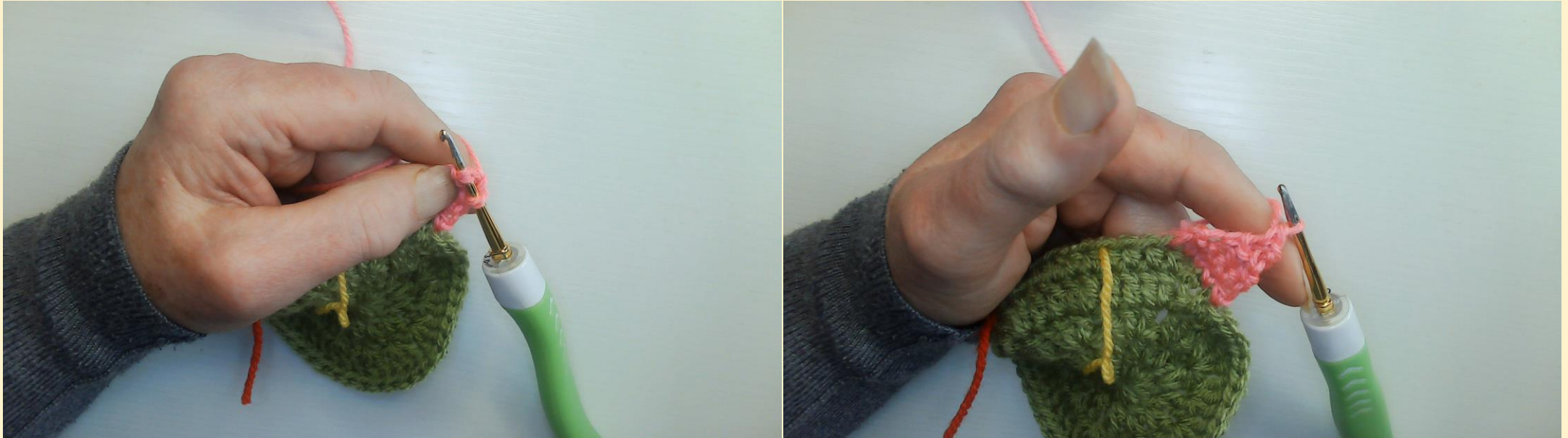


Corgi features contd:

Right Ear:

Round 5: dc remaining stitches together and ch 1, turn work so right side is facing.

Round 6: now ss back down the side of the ear to the body, working in the ends of the rows.



Corgi features contd:

Right Ear end Left ear start:

Round 7: now ss 6 across the top of the head, you will cross the centre marker and should end 5 stitches from left ear maker ,

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Corgi features contd:

Left Ear:

Round 8: Now dc 1 into the five stitches up to the maker, ch1, turn.

Complete the Left ear by following Right Ear pattern from row 2 to row 6.

Then finish off.



Corgi features contd:

Ears:

The position and size of the ears can be altered by changing the number of missed stitches across the top of the and by altering the number of stitches at the base of each ear and increasing or decreasing the number of rows accordingly. It this way that can become cat's ears, pigs ears etc.



The Owl



Owl:

The eyes are made with a circle of ch 3 and tr 12 into a magic circle. An invisible join is used to close the circle. See the frog for the full patterns. The eyes are attached to body with a running stitch. The pupils can be toy eyes, in a double sided owl, you could also use beads or embroider them on.

The beak is embroidered on. You could use felt or other fabric.

The tufts (beak and eyes) are shown in the video.

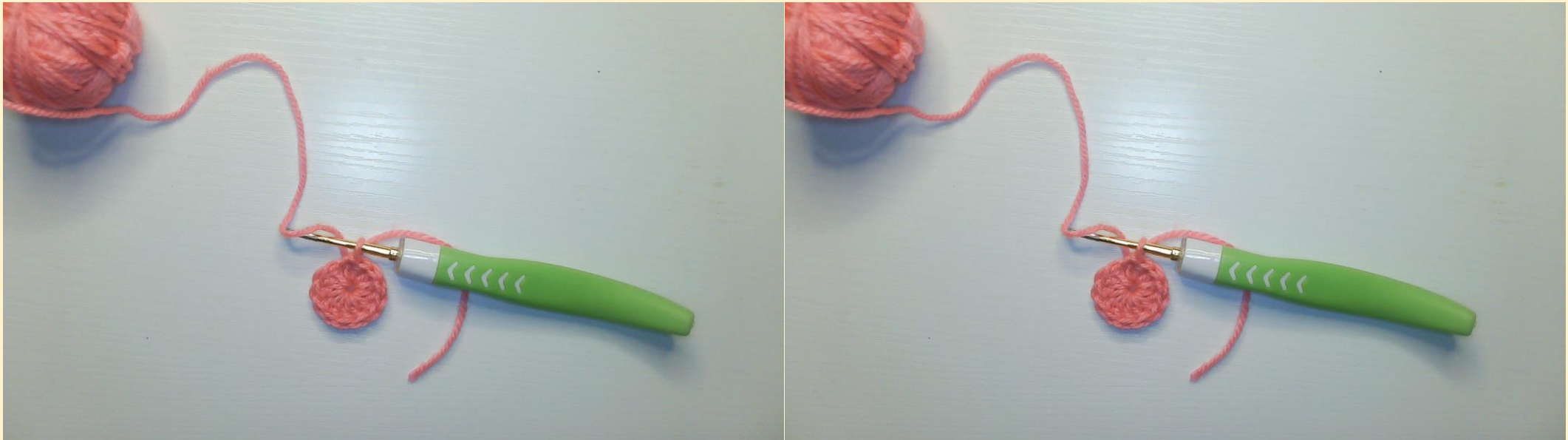


The Sheep



Sheep's face:

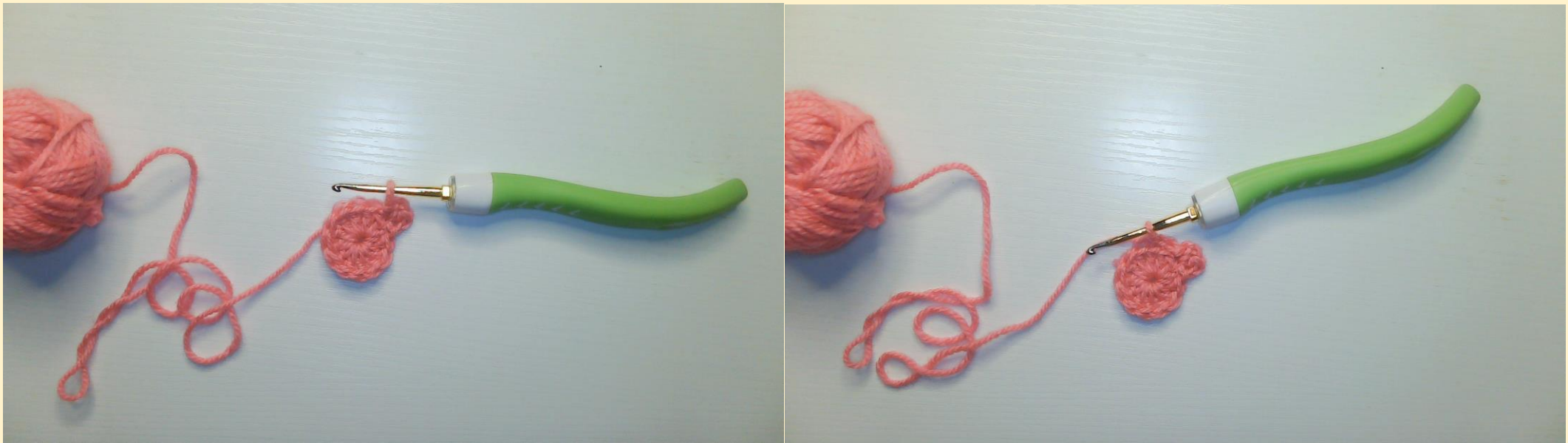
The basic head is worked in the same way as green part of the frog's eye, (a circle with ch 3 and tr 12 worked into it, joined with an invisible join (see frog pattern)). Do not fasten off. Contd.



Sheep's face contd:

Right ear: ch 3 then into same stitch work htr1, ch 3 and ss back into same stitch.

Next work ss 1 into the next 4 stitches. Contd.



Sheep's face contd:

Left ear: Then ch 3 and into same stitch work htr 1, ch 3 and ss back into same stitch.
Then invisible fasten off.



Sheep's face contd:

Attach face to the sheep body. Add eyes and the sheep is complete.



Have fun 😊 ...

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