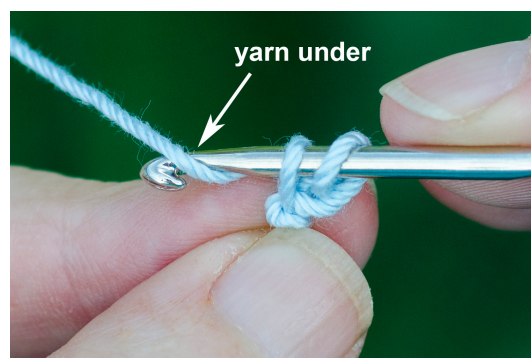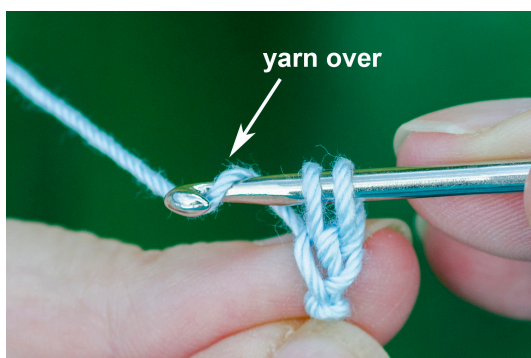**Step-by-Step Instructions for**
Romanian Cord – right handed

Crocheted Romanian cord is used as the outline when working Romanian Point Lace. It is historically worked with size #20 crochet thread in white or ecru.

Unlike most crochet that only ravels from one end, Romanian cord can be unraveled from either end. This allows continuous outlines to be formed in Romanian Point Lace that are precisely placed and invisible. To produce a cord that ravels from either end, you use a combination of yarn overs and yarn unders.

A **yarn over** (yo) it the usual way to pick up the tail thread in crochet. The hook is passed under the tail and then up behind it so that the thread lies **over** the top of the hook before pulling the thread tail through loop(s) sitting on the hook.

A **yarn under** (yu) is made by passing the hook over the top of the thread tail and then down behind it so that the thread lies **under** the hook before pulling the thread tail through loop(s) sitting on the hook.

The difference between a yarn over and a yarn under is how the new loop twists to sit on the hook. In a yarn over, the thread tail trails off the front of the loop. In a yarn under, the thread tail trails off the back of the loop. When combined with other stitches, this makes the difference whether Romanian cord will ravel from the starting end or not.

Romanian Cord – Concise Instructions
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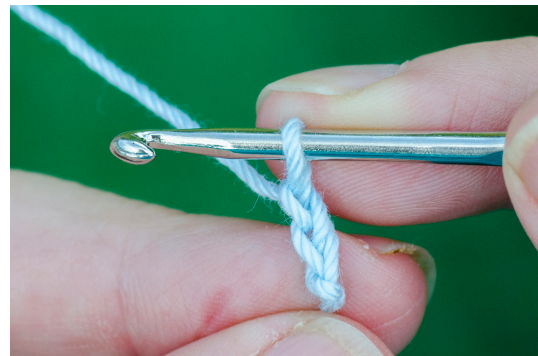Row 1: Insert hook in 1st ch, yu, pull through one loop, yo, pull through 2, turn.
Row 2: Insert hook under side bar, yu, pull through bar, yo, pull through 2, turn.
Row 3: Insert hook under 2 side bars, yu, pull through bars, yo, pull through 2, turn.
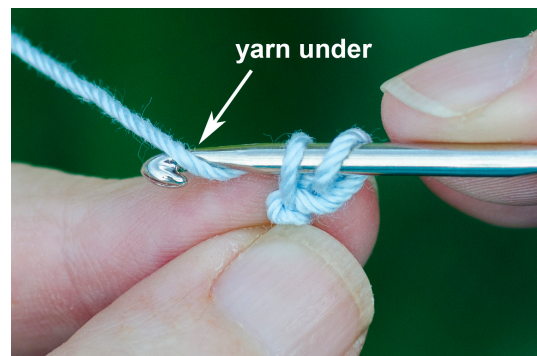Repeat row 3 for desired length.

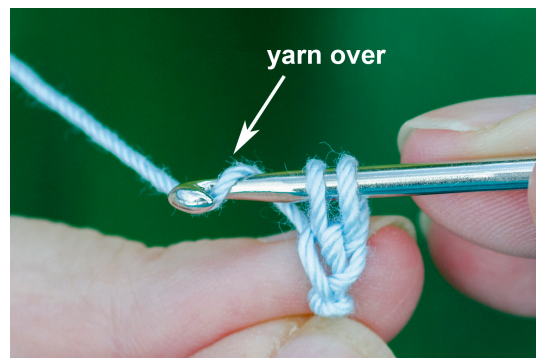**Romanian Cord – Illustrated Instructions**
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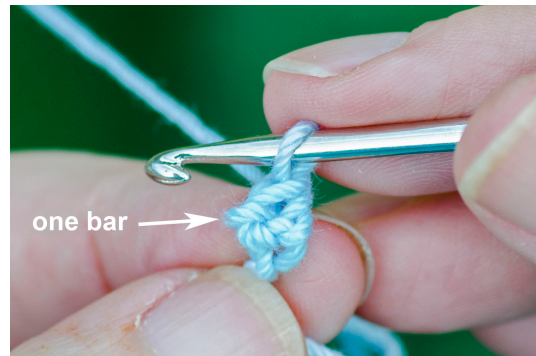Row 1: Insert hook in back loop of first chain, yarn under,
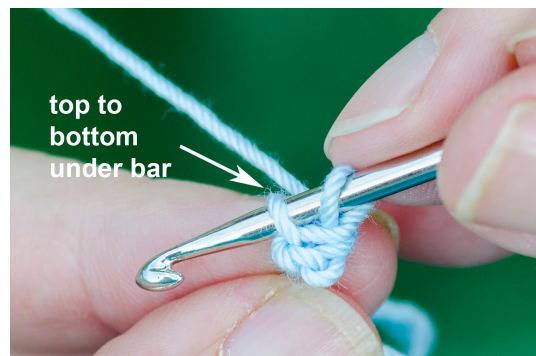

yarn under

pull through one loop,

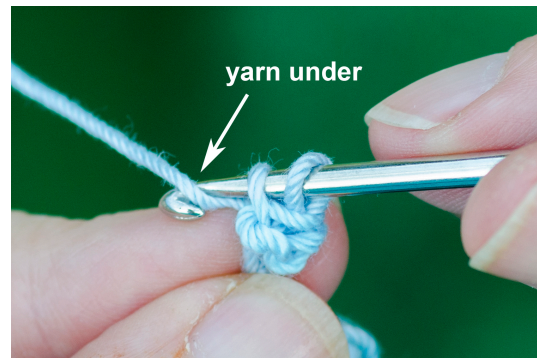yarn over, pull though two, turn.

Row 2: Locate bar that wraps from front to back along edge,

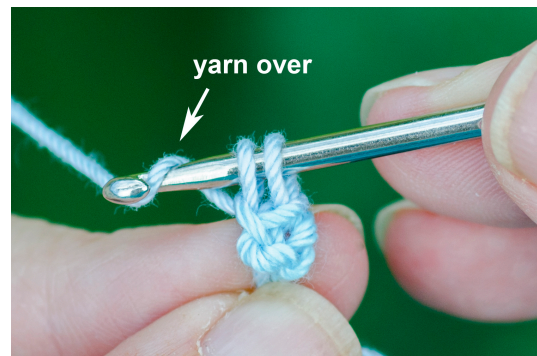insert hook from top to bottom under bar,

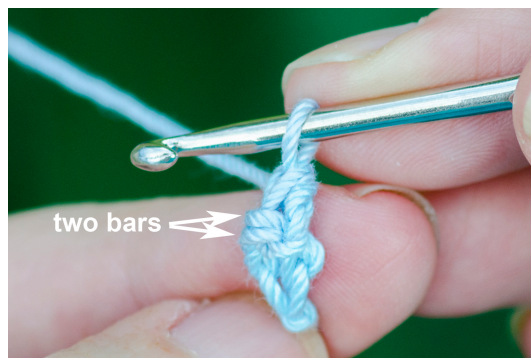yarn under,

pull through bar,
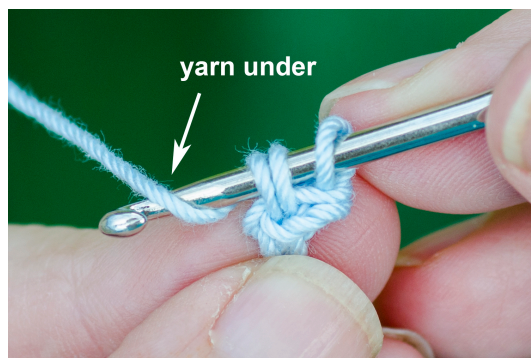

yarn over,

pull through 2, turn.

Row 3: Locate two side bars,
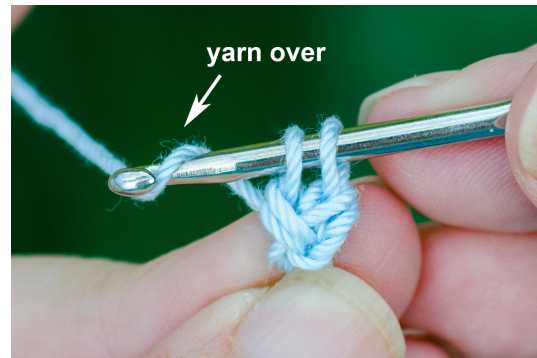

insert hook from top to bottom under two side bars,

yarn under,

pull through 2 bars,

yarn over,

yarn over

pull through 2, turn.

Repeat row 3 for desired length.