

7ip of the Month—April 2018

tip

Perfecting Filet Crochet

- 1. Work your stitches tightly. If you are naturally a loose crocheter, use a smaller hook than you would normally use.
- 2. If you are feeling creative and have your own design you'd like to crochet use graph paper to create your design blocking out squares for the pattern.
- 3. Always block your finished product to even out the pattern.
- 4. Reading a chart (rather than symbol diagram) is read from the bottom up where filled in blocks represent 4 trebles and blank blocks represent a treble, 2 chain, treble. (beware of the 'shared' treble between blocks).





- 5. If you are using a chart, mark off the rows as you go.
- 6. If you prefer symbol charts, convert the diagram, as shown above.
- 7. To begin the foundation chain of your own design count the number of squares on the bottom, and times that by three plus one this equals your starting chain. Pay attention to the starting square if blocked add 3 chain to represent the first treble. If blank add 5 chain to represent the first treble and 2 ch.