**Sentences: Crochet (Fun Facts)**

1. Crochet helped pull the Irish out of the depths of the devastating potato famine (1845–1850).
   1. A group of Ursuline nuns taught local women thread crochet, which became known as "Irish Crochet."
   2. It became incredibly popular and provided much-needed income.
2. The first printed crochet pattern appeared in an early 19th-century Dutch magazine named *Penelope.*
3. In the late 1800s, men's and women's hairstyles required the use of oily pomade.
   1. Consequently, crochet became more popular as people put little sewn pieces on top of expensive furniture to protect them from the pomaded heads.
4. Crochet became increasingly popular in the 1920s when women stopped wearing corsets and began to crochet lacy underwear.
5. Because crocheting takes up so much thread, the popularity of crochet tends to decline during an economic downturn.
6. The popularity of crocheting waxes and wanes.
   1. In the 20th century, it was the most popular in the 1960s and 1970s.
   2. It became associated with the hippie movement.
7. A non-profit company called "Knots of Love" has donated over 300,000 crocheted hats to those going bald due to chemotherapy.
   1. They also donate blankets to premature babies.
8. Artist Nathan Vincent crocheted and knitted an entire locker room.
   1. He has also knitted taxidermy busts, urinals, guns, and tools.
   2. His goal is to represent masculine objects in a new and softer medium.
9. Over 2,000 women from 14 countries met in India to create the world's largest crocheted blanket.
   1. The mega-blanket measured approximately 120,000 square feet, or about the size of one-and-a-half football fields.
10. Spinning is the oldest fiber craft (20,000 BC).
    1. The earliest known written reference to crochet is from 1812.
    2. Crochet may have arrived late onto the fabric-creating stage because people preferred more economical weaving techniques.
    3. Crochet typically uses more thread than other techniques.
11. While crochet has proven health benefits, injuries do occur.
    1. Health professionals even have a medical code to note when a crochet injury has occurred: CODE Y93D1.
12. Crochet dropped in popularity after the 1970s.
    1. However, its popularity is increasing in the early 21st century since more people are interested in handcrafts, and yarn quality has improved.
13. Crocheting has been proven to help with insomnia, stress, anxiety, and depression.
14. Crocheting can reduce the risk of Alzheimer's by 30–50%.
15. Artist Shauna Richardson crochets life-sized brown bears, tigers, donkeys and more in what she calls "crochetdermy."
16. The Weldon Company in London published the first known granny-square pattern in 1897. It is one of the longest crochet patterns in print.
17. Yarn bombing (yarn graffiti) is a type of street art in which any type of yarn is crocheted or knitted onto an object in public.
    1. It's a type of temporary graffiti that uses yarn.
18. Famous crocheters include:
    1. Aretha Franklin, Meryl Streep, Patricia Arquette, Anne Bancroft, Clara Barton, U.S. President James Buchanan, George Washington Carver, Jane Seymour, and Madonna

Source: <https://www.factretriever.com/crocheting-facts>

**Crochet Sayings**

1. I am working on my PhD (projects half done).
2. May your stitch count be true and your frogs be few!
3. One who sleeps under a crocheted blanket is comforted by love.
4. It’s Friday – time to be a hero and rescue some craft supplies trapped in a store!
5. On a bad day, there is always crochet.

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