How to work colour changes in an (almost) straight line

When rounds are closed with 1 slip stitch, you end up with a seam running diagonally to the left where the rounds start and finish. When you have to change colours at this point, this diagonal seam looks unsightly. However, there is a technique that will make colour changes run in an (almost) straight line:

- 1 After the beginning chain in every round, insert the hook for the 1st dc in the dc below the beginning chain.
- 2 At the end of the round, do not insert hook in the last dc; instead skip this dc and close the round with 1 slip stitch in the 1st dc of the round.
- 3 If you need to change colour where the round ends, close the round with 1 sl st using the new colour. You can then make the beginning chain with the new colour.



Normal colour changes in the round: The point at which you change colour creates a diagonal seam running to the left.



Changing colours: Close the round with 1 sl st using the new colour



Start a new round with a beginning chain.



Insert the hook for the 1st dc in the dc below the beginning chain.



Work the 1st dc in the dc below the beginning chain.



For the last double crochet of the round (= green st), insert the hook in the penultimate stitch.