

FROM CROCHETSTACK

5 More Free Beginner Patterns

Five more projects at the same level as our free pattern library — a flower appliqué, a scrunchie, a bookmark, a headband, and a drawstring pouch. Same clear format: stitch counts after every row, nothing hidden.

New here? Start with [The Beginner Crochet Starter Guide](#) for the stitches and materials these patterns assume you already know.

1. Crochet Flower Appliqué

SKILL LEVEL

Beginner (chain, single crochet, half double crochet, double crochet)

FINISHED SIZE

About 2.5 inches across

TIME

20 to 30 minutes

What you need

- Worsted weight yarn, small amounts in two colors (A for center, B for petals)
- 5mm (H-8) hook
- Yarn needle
- Scissors

Abbreviations

ch (chain), sl st (slip stitch), sc (single crochet), hdc (half double crochet), dc (double crochet), st(s) (stitch(es)), rep (repeat)

Instructions

Round 1 (Color A). Ch 4, sl st in first ch to form a ring. Ch 1, 10 sc into the ring. Sl st to first sc to join. (10 sc) Fasten off Color A, leaving a short tail.

Round 2 (Color B, loops). Join Color B in any st. *Ch 3, skip next st, sl st in next st; rep from * around. (5 loops)

Round 3 (petals). Working into each ch-3 loop from Round 2: (sl st, hdc, 3 dc, hdc, sl st) in first loop. Repeat in each of the remaining 4 loops. (5 petals)

Finishing

Fasten off, leaving a tail. Weave in all ends. Sew or hot-glue the finished flower onto a hat, bag, or headband, or add a pin back for a brooch.

Notes

- The loops from Round 2 give each petal its rounded shape. Keep them a consistent length so the petals come out even.
- A contrasting center color is a quick way to make several flowers look different from the same base pattern.

2. Basic Hair Scrunchie

SKILL LEVEL

Absolute beginner

FINISHED SIZE

Fits a standard hair elastic

TIME

20 to 30 minutes

What you need

- Worsted weight yarn (about 20 to 25 yards)
- 5mm (H-8) hook
- One thin hair elastic (plain and thin, not a thick scrunchie band)
- Yarn needle
- Scissors

Abbreviations

ch (chain), sc (single crochet), sl st (slip stitch), st(s) (stitch(es))

Instructions

Step 1. Make a slip knot on your hook. Insert the hook through the center of the elastic loop, yarn over, and pull the loop through the elastic. This anchors your yarn to the elastic instead of to a chain.

Step 2. Ch 1 (does not count as a stitch).

Step 3. Work a single crochet directly onto the elastic: insert your hook through the center of the elastic band (not into a previous stitch), yarn over, pull through, yarn over, pull through both loops. Repeat all the way around, packing stitches close together so no bare elastic shows.

Step 4. Continue until you've worked all the way around and back to your starting stitch. Sl st into the first sc to join.

Finishing

Fasten off, leaving a 6 inch tail. Weave the tail through several stitches to secure it, then trim.

Notes

- Stitch count isn't fixed here — it depends on your elastic size and tension. Aim for even coverage with stitches snug against each other, not a specific number.
- If the elastic keeps twisting while you work, pin it to a cushion or hold it flat against your leg to keep it from rolling.

3. Simple Crochet Bookmark with Tassel

SKILL LEVEL

Absolute beginner

FINISHED SIZE

About 6 inches long, plus tassel

TIME

20 minutes

What you need

- Worsted weight yarn, small amount
- 5mm (H-8) hook
- Scissors
- A piece of cardboard or a book about 3 inches wide (for the tassel)
- Yarn needle

Abbreviations

ch (chain), sc (single crochet), st(s) (stitch(es))

Instructions

Row 1. Ch 8. Sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across. Turn. (7 sc)

Rows 2 to 12. Ch 1 (does not count as a stitch), sc in each st across. Turn. (7 sc)

Finishing

Fasten off after Row 12, leaving a long tail (about 8 inches) at the bottom edge instead of weaving it in right away. To make the tassel: wrap yarn around the 3-inch cardboard about 20 times, slide the loops off, tie the bookmark's long tail tightly around the center of the bundle, cut through the loops on the opposite end, and trim evenly. Weave in the starting tail from Row 1 at the top.

Notes

- This is a good pattern for practicing straight edges, since a bookmark shows every wobble more than a bigger project would.
- Skip the tassel and this becomes a simple keychain or luggage tag base instead.

4. Half Double Crochet Headband

SKILL LEVEL

Beginner (comfortable with chain and single crochet; introduces half double crochet)

FINISHED SIZE

About 20 inches around, 3 inches wide

TIME

1 to 1.5 hours

What you need

- Worsted weight yarn (about 90 yards)
- 5mm (H-8) hook
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- One button (optional, for closure)

Abbreviations

ch (chain), hdc (half double crochet), st(s) (stitch(es)), yo (yarn over)

Instructions

New stitch: hdc. Yarn over, insert hook into the stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop (3 loops now on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 3 loops at once. Taller than single crochet, shorter and denser than double crochet.

Row 1. Ch 13. Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and each ch across. Turn. (11 hdc)

Rows 2 to 20. Ch 2 (counts as first hdc), hdc in each st across. Turn. (11 hdc)

Finishing

Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Overlap the two short ends slightly and sew them together to form a loop, or sew a button on one end and make a small loop on the other end instead of sewing it closed. Weave in remaining ends. Try the strip on before finishing — 2 rows is roughly 1 inch, so add or remove rows for a longer or shorter fit.

Notes

- The turning chain counts as your first stitch in hdc rows. Don't skip it and don't work an extra stitch into it — both are common mix-ups when switching over from single crochet.
- If your headband comes out narrower or wider than 3 inches, check your gauge, or just adjust the starting chain up or down by a few stitches.

5. Simple Drawstring Pouch

SKILL LEVEL

Beginner (comfortable with single crochet and basic increases)

FINISHED SIZE

About 4 inches wide, 5 inches tall

TIME

1.5 to 2 hours

What you need

- Worsted weight yarn (about 120 yards)
- 5mm (H-8) hook
- Stitch marker
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- A cord, ribbon, or crocheted chain for the drawstring (about 24 inches)

Abbreviations

ch (chain), sc (single crochet), st(s) (stitch(es)), rep (repeat)

Instructions

Base — worked in continuous rounds, do not join unless noted; use a stitch marker to track the start of each round

Round 1. 6 sc in a magic ring. (6 sc)

Round 2. 2 sc in each st around. (12 sc)

Round 3. *Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around. (18 sc)

Round 4. *Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around. (24 sc)

Round 5. *Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around. (30 sc)

Rounds 6 to 15 — sides. Sc in each st around, no increases. (30 sc each round)

Round 16 — eyelets. *Sc in next 3 sts, ch 2, skip next 2 sts; rep from * around. (6 eyelets)

Round 17. Sc in each st and each ch-2 space around, working 1 sc into each chain space as if it were a stitch. (30 sc)

Finishing

Fasten off, leaving a tail. Weave in the tail and the starting tail from the magic ring. Thread your cord or crocheted chain through the eyelets from Round 16, going in and out of alternating gaps so both ends come out on the same side. Pull the drawstring to close the pouch, and knot or tie the ends.

Notes

- The increase pattern in Rounds 1 to 5 (adding 6 stitches each round, one more stitch of spacing between increases each time) is the standard way most flat crochet circles are built. Once you've done it here, you'll recognize it in amigurumi patterns too.
- If you lose track of where a round starts, move your stitch marker up into the first stitch of each new round as you complete the previous one.

Where to get the yarn and hook for these

All five patterns use the same 5mm (H-8) hook and worsted weight (#4) yarn as the rest of our free pattern library. [This hook set](#) covers the size range you'll need, and [Red Heart Super Saver](#) is an inexpensive, easy-to-see practice yarn for all five. Full picks and why: [best crochet yarn for beginners](#).

Keep going

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