FREE CROCHET TUTORIAL

Foundation Single Crochet

The chainless start, plus an envelope tablet sleeve in 2 sizes · US terms

SKILL LEVEL **Advanced beginner**	PRACTICE **Tablet sleeve, 2 sizes**	YARN **Worsted (#4) cotton blend**
HOOK **5 mm (US H-8)**	STITCHES **fsc, sc blo, ch, sl st**	TIME **About 3 / 4 hours**

Materials

- Worsted (#4) cotton blend: 120 yd for the 8 in tablet size, 195 yd for the 11 in tablet size
- 5 mm (US H-8) hook, 2 stitch markers, tapestry needle
- 1 button, 3/4 in (19 mm), with matching thread

Abbreviations (US terms)

ch	chain	**sl st**	slip stitch
fsc	foundation single crochet	**st(s)**	stitch(es)
sc blo	sc in the back loop only	**yo**	yarn over

Gauge: 16 sts and 18 rows = 4 in (10 cm) in sc blo. This is an assumed typical worsted value: swatch first.

Fsc: ch 2, insert in the 2nd ch from the hook, yo, pull up a loop, yo, pull through 1 (the 'chain'), yo, pull through 2 (the 'sc'). Every next fsc: insert under the 2 loops of the 'chain' just made and repeat.

Sleeve for an 8 in tablet

Foundation	Ch 2, then work 24 fsc (the ch 2 is part of the first fsc). Check the strip isn't twisted, then turn.	**(24)**
Row 1	Ch 1 (doesn't count as a st), sc in the back loop only (sc blo) of each st across. Turn.	**(24)**
Rows 2–36	Repeat row 1. Place a marker at the end of row 36: the 37 rows so far (fsc row included) are the front, 8.22 in (20.9 cm).	**(24)**
Rows 37–73	Repeat row 1 for the back, 37 more rows. Place a second marker at the end of row 73.	**(24)**
Rows 74–83	Repeat row 1 for the flap.	**(24)**
Row 84 (loop)	Ch 1, sc blo in the next 11 sts, ch 7, skip 2 sts, sc blo in the last 11 sts. Fasten off.	**(22 sc)**
Seam	Fold the front up along the first marker so the fsc edge meets the second marker. Sl st through both layers up each side, 1 sl st per row (37 per side).	
Button	Sew the button to the center of the front, on row 13 counted down from the fsc edge. Weave in the ends.	

Sleeve for an 11 in tablet

Foundation	Ch 2, then work 32 fsc (the ch 2 is part of the first fsc). Check the strip isn't twisted, then turn.	**(32)**
Row 1	Ch 1 (doesn't count as a st), sc in the back loop only (sc blo) of each st across. Turn.	**(32)**
Rows 2–45	Repeat row 1. Place a marker at the end of row 45: the 46 rows so far (fsc row included) are the front, 10.22 in (26.0 cm).	**(32)**
Rows 46–91	Repeat row 1 for the back, 46 more rows. Place a second marker at the end of row 91.	**(32)**
Rows 92–104	Repeat row 1 for the flap.	**(32)**
Row 105 (loop)	Ch 1, sc blo in the next 15 sts, ch 7, skip 2 sts, sc blo in the last 15 sts. Fasten off.	**(30 sc)**
Seam	Fold the front up along the first marker so the fsc edge meets the second marker. Sl st through both layers up each side, 1 sl st per row (46 per side).	
Button	Sew the button to the center of the front, on row 16 counted down from the fsc edge. Weave in the ends.	

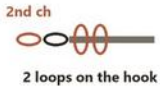
What's exact, what's calculated

Exact	Stitch counts checked row by row, the loop centerd, front and back the same height for the seam.
Calculated	Width, depth, button row and yarn from the gauge and the tablet size.
Assumed	The gauge and the yarn per stitch. Swatch and measure your tablet.

How to Crochet Foundation Single Crochet

a chain and a single crochet made in one go · no starting chain to work into

1 · Ch 2, pull up a loop



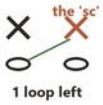
Ch 2. Insert the hook in the 2nd ch from the hook, yarn over and pull up a loop.

2 · Yo, through 1



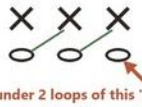
Yarn over and pull through 1 loop only. This little stitch is the 'chain' the next fsc goes into.

3 · Yo, through 2



Yarn over and pull through both loops: the 'sc' on top. 1 fsc made.

4 · Into the 'chain'



Insert under the 2 loops of the 'chain' you just made and repeat steps 1–3 from the loop.

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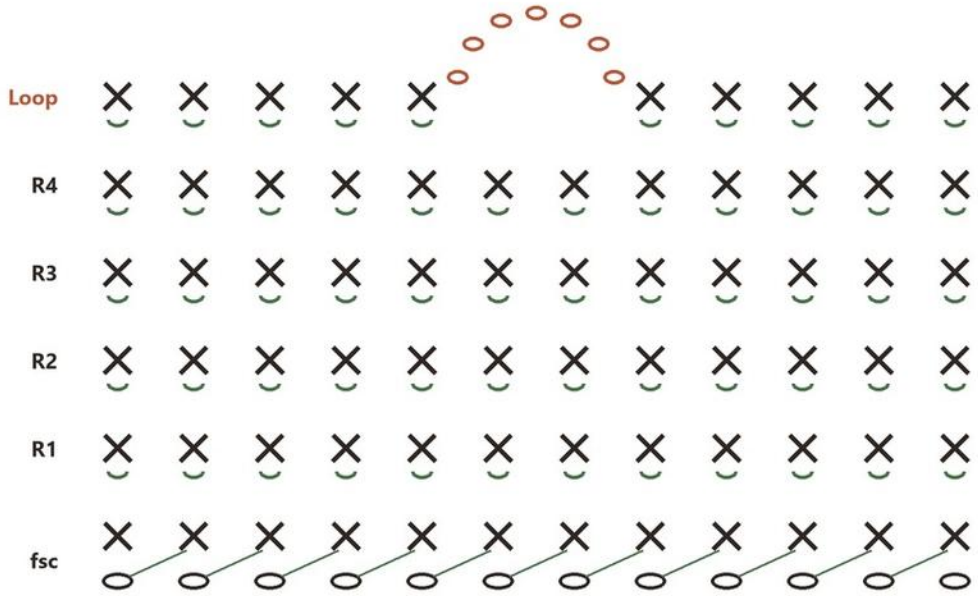
Foundation Single Crochet · Chart

12 fsc, 4 rows of sc blo, then the button-loop row (ch 7 over the middle 2 sts)



Bottom row: oval = the 'chain' of each fsc, X = its 'sc'; the green line shows each sc worked into the chain before it.

X with a small arc below = sc through the back loop only (blo). Ch 1 at the start of each row doesn't count.

Loop row: sc blo to the middle 2 sts, ch 7, skip 2, sc blo to the end.

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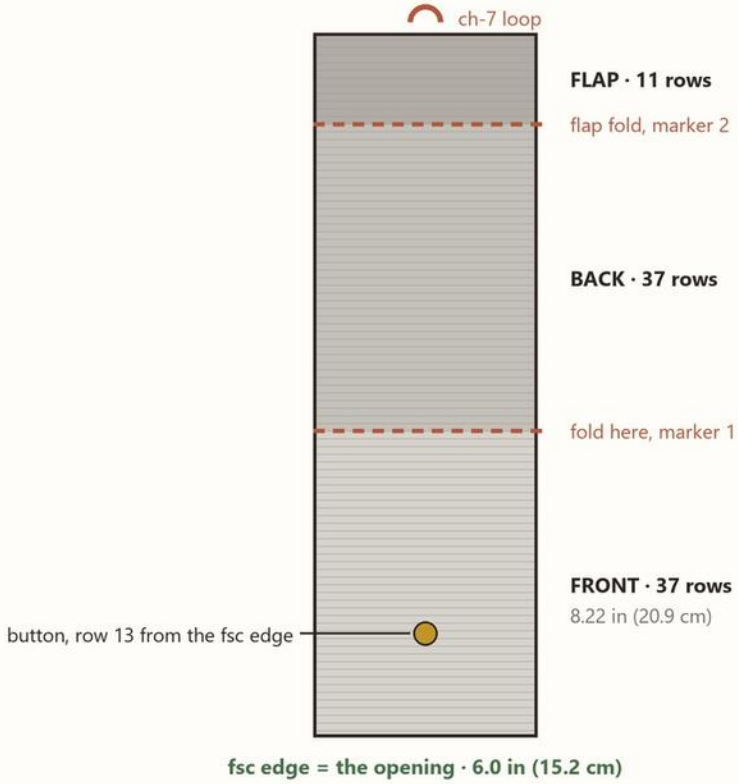
Envelope Tablet Sleeve · Flat Layout (8 in tablet)

24 sts wide · 85 rows: front 37 · back 37 · flap 11 (fsc row = row 1 of the front)



Fold the front up so the fsc edge meets marker 2, sl st up both sides, fold the flap down over the opening.

Drawn to scale for the assumed gauge of 16 sts × 18 rows = 4 in in sc blo.

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Envelope Tablet Sleeve · Sizes

Worsted (#4) cotton blend · 5 mm (US H-8) hook · assumed gauge 16 sts × 18 rows = 4 in in sc blo

Size	Fits a tablet	fsc	Rows front / back / flap	Total rows	Inside, flat	Worsted
8 in tablet	up to 8 × 5.3 × 0.3 in	24	37 / 37 / 11	85	5.75 × 8.22 in	120 yd
11 in tablet	up to 9.9 × 7.2 × 0.3 in	32	46 / 46 / 14	106	7.75 × 10.22 in	195 yd

Tablet in a case? Measure it in the case. Every 2 more fsc add 1/2 in (1.3 cm) of width; 2 more rows in the front and the back add 0.45 in (1.1 cm) of depth.

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