FREE CROCHET TUTORIAL

How to Single Crochet

The 3 moves, the chain rule, where to put the hook and a practice pouch · US terms

SKILL LEVEL	PRACTICE	HOOK
Beginner	**Button-flap pouch, 2 sizes**	**5 mm (US H-8)**
YARN	**STITCHES**	**TIME**
Worsted cotton (#4)	**ch, sc**	**About 2 hours**

Materials

- Worsted (#4) cotton: small 57 yd, large 84 yd
- 5 mm (US H-8) hook, tapestry needle, 1 button (0.75 in), sewing thread

Abbreviations (US terms)

ch	chain	**yo**	yarn over
sc	single crochet (UK dc)	**RS**	right side
st(s)	stitch(es)		

Single crochet: insert the hook in the st, yo and pull up a loop (2 loops on hook), yo and pull through both loops.

Gauge: 16 sc × 18 rows = 4 in (assumed typical worsted cotton gauge; a pouch doesn't need exact gauge).

The 3 moves

Move 1	Insert the hook under both loops of the stitch.	**(1 on hook)**
Move 2	Yarn over and pull up a loop.	**(2 on hook)**
Move 3	Yarn over and pull through both loops.	**(1 on hook)**

Small pouch (6.25 × 4.44 in)

Chain	Ch 26 (that's 25 sts + 1).	
Row 1	Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across. Turn.	**(25)**
Row 2	Ch 1 (doesn't count as a st), sc in the first st and in each st across. Turn.	**(25)**
Rows 3–51	Repeat Row 2. The piece is now about 6.25 × 11.3 in. Don't fasten off.	**(25)**
Fold	Fold Rows 1–20 up so they sit against Rows 21–40 (right sides out). Rows 41–51 are the flap.	
Edging	Ch 1. Working along the side through both layers: 20 sc (1 per row end) to close the side; then 1 sc in each of the next 11 row ends up the flap; 3 sc in the corner; sc across the top to the middle st (st 13), (sc, ch 8, sc) in the middle st, sc to the last st; 3 sc in the corner; 11 sc down the flap; 20 sc through both layers to close the other side. Fasten off.	**(92 sc)**
Button	Close the flap and sew a 0.75 in button on the front where the loop reaches: about 1.23 in up from the bottom fold, centred.	

Large pouch (8.25 × 5.11 in)

Chain	Ch 34 (that's 33 sts + 1).	
Row 1	Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across. Turn.	**(33)**
Row 2	Ch 1 (doesn't count as a st), sc in the first st and in each st across. Turn.	**(33)**
Rows 3–59	Repeat Row 2. The piece is now about 8.25 × 13.1 in. Don't fasten off.	**(33)**
Fold	Fold Rows 1–23 up so they sit against Rows 24–46 (right sides out). Rows 47–59 are the flap.	
Edging	Ch 1. Working along the side through both layers: 23 sc (1 per row end) to close the side; then 1 sc in each of the next 13 row ends up the flap; 3 sc in the corner; sc across the top to the middle st (st 17), (sc, ch 8, sc) in the middle st, sc to the last st; 3 sc in the corner; 13 sc down the flap; 23 sc through both layers to close the other side. Fasten off.	**(110 sc)**
Button	Close the flap and sew a 0.75 in button on the front where the loop reaches: about 1.45 in up from the bottom fold, centred.	

What's exact, what's calculated

Exact	Stitch counts: every row and the edging were counted in code for both sizes.
Calculated	Sizes, button position and yarn come from the gauge.
Assumed	The gauge (typical worsted cotton, 5 mm hook). Check yours on a small swatch.

How to Single Crochet in 3 Moves

Count the loops on your hook: 1, 2, then 1 again

1 · Insert



1 loop on the hook

Put the hook under both loops of the next stitch (or into the chain).

2 · Pull up a loop



2 loops on the hook

Yarn over and pull the yarn back through the stitch.

3 · Through both



1 loop on the hook

Yarn over and pull through both loops on the hook. Done.

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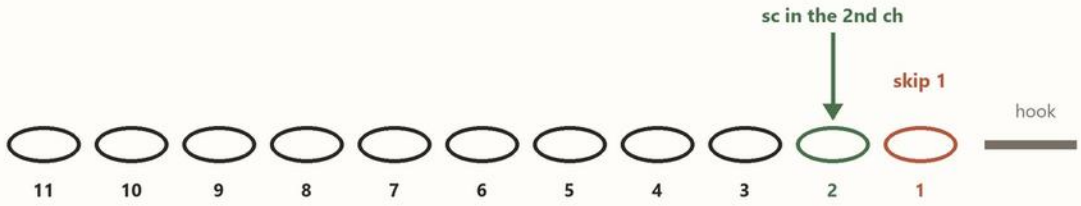
Where the First Single Crochet Goes

For 10 sc, chain 11: stitches + 1. Count from the hook (the loop on the hook doesn't count).

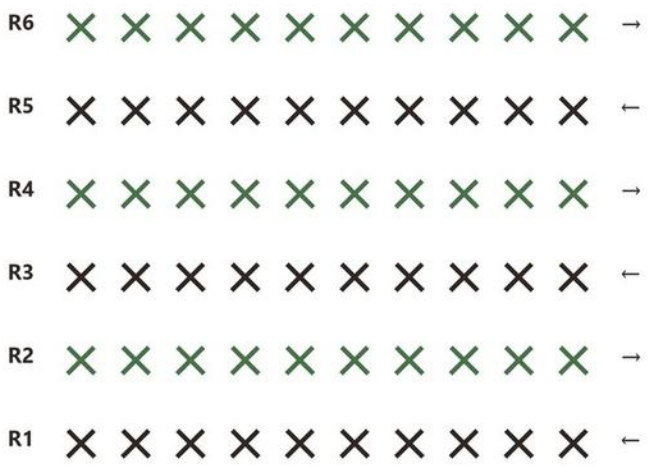


Chains 2–11 = 10 sc = 10 stitches. The skipped chain becomes the turning chain of Row 1.

Work into the top loop of each chain (or the back bump for a neat bottom edge).

Single Crochet Rows · Stitch Chart

10 sc a row. Each row starts with ch 1 that doesn't count: the first sc goes in the first stitch.



Row 1 goes into the chain (start in the 2nd ch from the hook). Rows 2+: ch 1, turn, sc in every stitch.

Sc symbol: an x (some charts use a +). Read odd rows right to left, even rows left to right.

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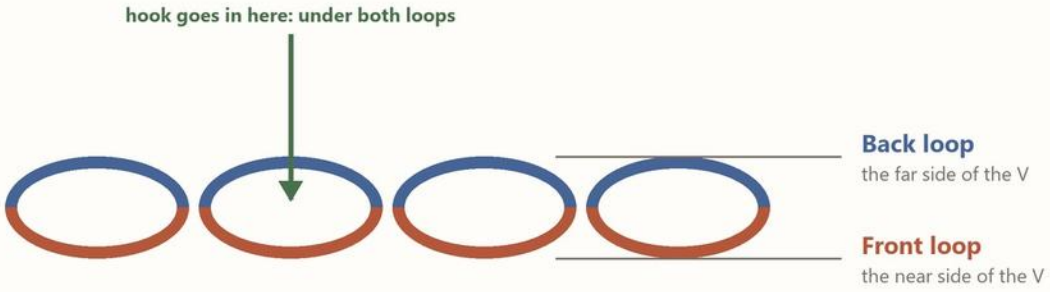
Where to Put the Hook: the Two Loops on Top

The top of a row seen from above: the side facing you is at the bottom of the picture



Under both loops = standard sc (firm, flat). Back loop only = ridges. Front loop only = a softer, wavy fabric.

Count stitches by counting these Vs along the top of the row.

How Many Chains for a Single Crochet Piece?

sc = width × stitches per inch · chain = sc + 1 · gauge from typical yarn labels

Yarn	Hook	4 in wide	8 in wide	30 in wide	10 in tall
DK (#3)	4 mm (G-6)	19 sc · ch 20	38 sc · ch 39	142 sc · ch 143	52 rows
Worsted (#4)	5 mm (H-8)	16 sc · ch 17	32 sc · ch 33	120 sc · ch 121	45 rows
Bulky (#5)	6.5 mm (K-10.5)	12 sc · ch 13	24 sc · ch 25	90 sc · ch 91	35 rows
Super bulky (#6)	9 mm (M/N-13)	9 sc · ch 10	18 sc · ch 19	68 sc · ch 69	25 rows

Swatch first: chain 21, work 20 rows, measure the middle 4 in, then use your own numbers.

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Single Crochet Pouch · Sizes

Worsted (#4) cotton, 5 mm hook · 16 sc × 18 rows = 4 in · 1 button (0.75 in)

Size	Each row	Rows	Finished pouch	Flap	Cotton
Small	25 sc	51 rows	6.25 × 4.44 in	2.44 in	57 yd
Large	33 sc	59 rows	8.25 × 5.11 in	2.89 in	84 yd

Small fits crochet hooks and notions; large fits pencils, pens and a 7 in ruler.

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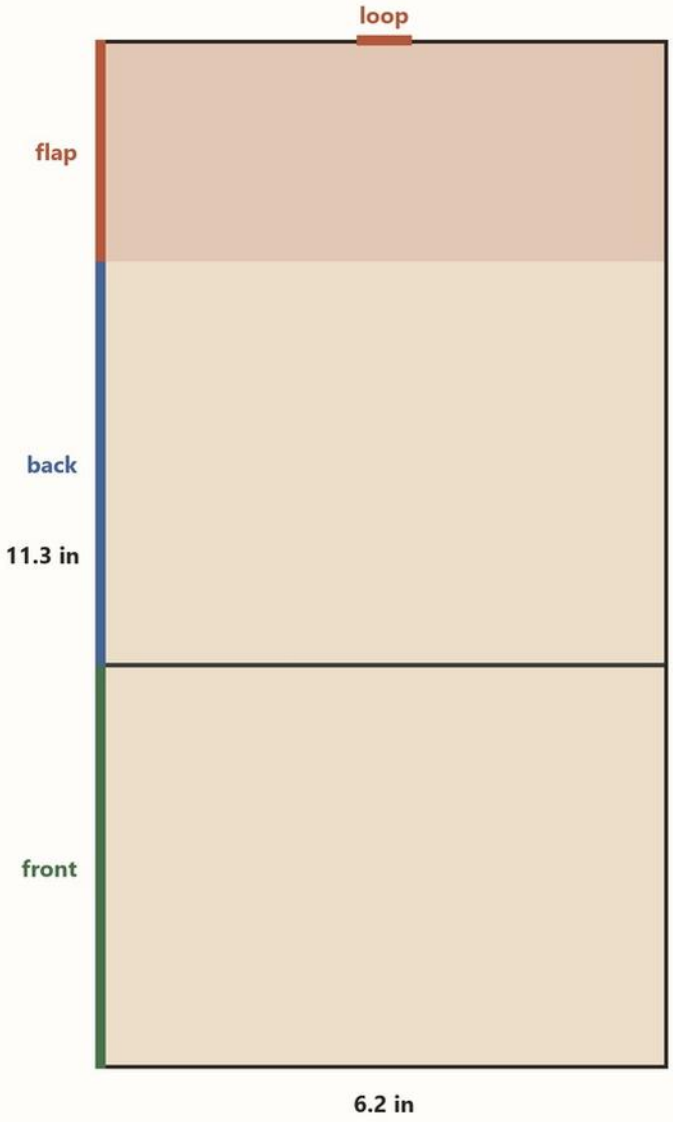
Single Crochet Pouch · Layout

One rectangle of 51 rows (small size): fold the pocket, close the sides in the edging



Rows 1–20: front · Rows 21–40: back · Rows 41–51: flap

Fold along the dark line, then seam both sides with sc through both layers

Button loop: ch 8 at the middle st (13) of the flap edge

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