

CROCHET BIBLE COVER: PRINTABLE PATTERN

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Adapted in our own words from the verified free pattern sources listed at the end of this pattern. Stitch counts and finished Bible size follow the original Crochet N More design. This pattern is for personal use.

FINISHED SIZE

Made to fit a Bible measuring 5 3/4 inches wide by 8 3/8 inches tall and 1 1/2 inches thick. For a different Bible, change the starting chain and the number of rows, and check the piece against your own book before you sew the pockets in place.

SKILL LEVEL

Confident beginner to intermediate. You need chain, single crochet, double crochet, reverse single crochet, and simple sewing up. The source rates this design as difficult only because it has several pieces to sew together, not because the stitches are hard.

MATERIALS

- Worsted weight yarn, 4 ply (acrylic such as Red Heart works well, or cotton worsted weight for a firmer feel)
- Size I crochet hook (5.5 mm)
- Yarn needle or plastic canvas needle for sewing up
- Scissors
- One button, crocheted as below (a shop bought button of a similar size may be used instead)
- Measuring tape
- Stitch markers (helpful for placing the pockets)

ABBREVIATIONS (US TERMS)

ch: chain

sc: single crochet

hdc: half double crochet

dc: double crochet

rev sc: reverse single crochet (crab stitch)

sl st: slip stitch

sk: skip

st/sts: stitch/stitches

hk: hook

SPECIAL STITCH: CROSSED DOUBLE CROCHET

Skip the first stitch, work a double crochet in the next stitch, then work a double crochet back into the skipped stitch. This pair counts as one crossed double crochet. Repeat across the row.

PLEASE NOTE: SPECS WE COULD NOT VERIFY

The original source does not give a gauge swatch, a total yardage, or a button size, so none is stated here. Do not guess these. Instead, work the main piece and measure it against your own Bible as you go, and choose a button that fits comfortably through the latch buttonhole you make. Exact handle and latch placement in the source is shown in illustrations rather than written measurements, so place them by trying the cover on your Bible and pinning first. These gaps are flagged here on purpose rather than filled with invented numbers.

MAIN COVER

Row 1: Chain 27. Work a single crochet in the second chain from the hook and in each chain across. You will have 26 single crochet. Chain 3 and turn.

Row 2: Work crossed double crochet pairs across the row (12 pairs in total), then work one double crochet in the last stitch. Chain 3 and turn.

Rows 3 to 19: Repeat Row 2 (12 crossed pairs, then one double crochet in the last stitch). Chain 3 and turn at the end of each row.

Row 20: Repeat Row 2 once more, then chain 1 and turn.

Row 21: Work one single crochet in each stitch across. Chain 1.

Round 22 (worked all the way around the piece, not turned): Work 2 single crochet around the post of each double crochet along one row end, work one single crochet in each unworked loop along the foundation chain edge, then work 2 single crochet around the post of each double crochet along the other row end. Join with a slip stitch in the first single crochet of Row 21. Chain 1, do not turn.

Round 23: Working clockwise, work reverse single crochet in each stitch around. Fasten off and weave in the ends.

INSIDE POCKET PANELS (MAKE 2)

Row 1: Chain 27. Work a single crochet in the second chain from the hook and in each chain across. Chain 1 and turn. (26 single crochet)

Rows 2 to 15: Work one single crochet in each single crochet across. Chain 1 and turn. (26 single crochet in each row)

Round 16: Work single crochet all around the panel. Join with a slip stitch, chain 2, and turn.

Round 17: Work half double crochet in each stitch, placing 3 half double crochet in each corner. Fasten off and weave in the ends.

Sew one panel to the inside of the main cover at each end, so each panel forms a pocket that the front or back cover of the Bible slides into. Pin first and try the Bible inside before you sew, so the pockets sit evenly.

BRAIDED BOOKMARK

Cut 3 strands of yarn, each about 2 feet long. Knot them together at one end, braid the three strands to the other end, and knot again. Fold the braid in half at the middle to form a loop. With the outside of the cover facing you, draw the folded loop up through a stitch near the spine area, then pull the two loose ends through the loop and pull tight. One braid gives you two markers hanging inside the book.

LATCH (BUTTON CLOSURE FLAP)

Round 1: Chain 27. Work a single crochet in the second chain from the hook and in each chain across (26 single crochet). Chain 3: this chain forms the buttonhole. Working down the other side of the same chain, work a single crochet in each remaining loop, plus one extra single crochet in the last loop. Join with a slip stitch. Chain 1, do not turn.

Row 2: Working clockwise, work reverse single crochet in each stitch around, placing 2 reverse single crochet in each end of the latch. Fasten off.

Sew one end of the latch to the front of the cover, centered, so the buttonhole end folds over and reaches the button on the opposite side. Pin and test the closure on your Bible before sewing.

HANDLES (MAKE 2)

Round 1: Chain 27. Work a single crochet in the second chain from the hook and in each chain across (26 single crochet). Working down the other side, work a single crochet in each remaining loop, plus one extra single crochet in the last loop. Join with a slip stitch.

Row 2: Chain 1, do not turn. Working clockwise, work reverse single crochet in each stitch around, placing 2 reverse single crochet in each end. Fasten off.

Sew the handles to the cover so they sit evenly and the cover balances when carried. Pin first and check the hang before sewing.

CROCHET BUTTON

Chain 3. Work 6 single crochet in the third chain from the hook. Join with a slip stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Sew the button to the cover where the latch buttonhole falls when the cover is closed around your Bible.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends neatly on the inside of the cover. Slip your Bible into the two pockets, fold the latch over, and fasten the button. Check that the spine sits flat and the pockets hold the covers without pulling. If a pocket feels loose, move it slightly inward and sew again before the cover is used daily.

CARE

Remove the Bible before cleaning. Hand wash gently in cool water if needed, reshape flat, and air dry away from direct heat.

PATTERN SOURCES

This pattern is adapted in our own words from: Crochet N More, "Bible Cover Crochet Pattern" (main structure, stitch counts, Bible size, hook, and yarn weight used here), and Kirsten Holloway Designs, "Crochet a Lace Bible Cover" (lace alternative and pocket construction reference, not the main stitch pattern). Full URLs are in sources.txt. No color chart is used in this pattern, so no chart has been copied or reproduced.

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