# CROCHET BOOK SLEEVE: FREE PATTERN

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A textured book sleeve with a shell edging and a button tab closure.

Skill level: Easy. US crochet terms.

## MATERIALS

- Worsted weight, number 4 yarn, 100% cotton (the source pattern uses Lion Brand 24/7 Cotton, 186 yards / 170 m per 3.5 oz / 100 g skein)
- Estimated yardage: about 140 yards
- Crochet hook: 6 mm
- 1 button
- Yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker

## GAUGE

The source pattern states that gauge is not crucial to this project. Work with an even, fairly firm tension so the fabric holds its shape and protects the book. If your stitches are very loose, go down a hook size.

## FINISHED SIZE

Note: the source pattern does not state a finished measurement. The sleeve is sized by measuring your own book: the starting chain is adjusted to fit the book you plan to carry, and the rounds are repeated until the sleeve matches the book's height. As a general guide only, a separate published book sleeve pattern offers a small of about 6 inches wide by 8 inches tall (e-reader), a medium of about 7.5 inches wide by 9.5 inches tall (standard book), and a large of about 8.5 inches wide by 11 inches tall (hardback or tablet). Always measure your own book before you start.

## ABBREVIATIONS

ch: chain

sc: single crochet

hdc: half double crochet

xhdc: crossed half double crochet

dc: double crochet

sl st: slip stitch

st(s): stitch(es)

rep: repeat

## SPECIAL STITCHES

Crossed half double crochet (xhdc): skip the next stitch, work a half double crochet in the following stitch, then, working in front of the stitch just made, work a half double crochet into the skipped stitch. This makes one crossed pair.

Shell: 5 double crochet in the indicated stitch.

## PATTERN NOTES

- The sleeve is worked in joined rounds, starting with a foundation chain that wraps around the book.
- Do not work the foundation chain too tightly, or the book will not slide in.
- Adjust the number of starting chains to fit your own book: the chain should wrap comfortably around the book, including its thickness.
- Any other number 4 weight yarn can be substituted.

## BODY

Round 1: Chain 74 and join with a slip stitch to the first chain, taking care not to twist the chain. Chain 1, then work 1 half double crochet in each chain around. Join with a slip stitch to the first stitch. (74 hdc)

Round 2: Chain 1, then work crossed half double crochet pairs all the way around. Join with a slip stitch to the beginning chain. (37 crossed pairs)

Rounds 3 to 15: Repeat Round 2.

Keep repeating Round 2 until the sleeve is as tall as your book. Add or remove rounds as needed for a taller or shorter book.

## SHELL EDGING AND BUTTON TAB

Round 16: Chain 3, then work the following repeat three times: shell in the next stitch, skip the next 2 stitches, single crochet in the next stitch. Then single crochet in the next 4 stitches, turn, and leave the remaining stitches unworked. (3 shells, 7 sc)

### Button tab

Rows 1 to 13: Chain 1, single crochet in the next 5 stitches, turn. (5 sc)

Row 14 (buttonhole row): Chain 1, single crochet in the first stitch, chain 4, skip the next 3 stitches, single crochet in the last stitch, turn. (2 sc, chain-3 space)

Row 15: Chain 1, single crochet in the first stitch, work 3 single crochet in the chain space, single crochet in the last stitch, turn. (5 sc)

Fasten off.

### Finishing the edging

Join yarn with a slip stitch at the base of the tab. Working up one side of the tab and around the opening, chain 1 and single crochet in each stitch along the edge until you reach the other side of the sleeve. Then repeat the shell pattern around the rest of the opening: shell in the next stitch, skip 2 stitches, single crochet in the next stitch, repeating until you reach the beginning chain-3 space. Join with a slip stitch and fasten off.

## FINISHING

- Turn the sleeve to the wrong side and sew the base of the foundation round closed.
- Weave in all ends.
- Sew the button on the front of the sleeve, opposite the tab, so it lines up with the buttonhole.
- Slip your book in and check the fit before trimming any remaining tails.

## CARE

Machine wash cold on a gentle cycle and lay flat to dry, following your yarn label.

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