CROCHET BOOKMARK: EASY STRIPES BOOKMARK

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Printable pattern, adapted in my own words from the free Rich Textures Crochet design listed in sources.txt. US crochet terms.

SKILL LEVEL

Easy

MATERIALS

- Light weight (3) 100 percent mercerized cotton yarn, for example Patons Grace (50 g, 136 yards per ball). About 30 yards in total across two colors.
- Crochet hook: size E/4 (3.5 mm)
- Yarn needle
- Scissors (for trimming ends and for an optional tassel)

GAUGE

Not stated by the source. The source lists gauge as not applicable, so no gauge figure is given here and none has been invented. Because this is a small, flat item, exact gauge is less critical than keeping your stitches even and the finished piece slim.

FINISHED SIZE

Approximately 0.5 inches wide by 8 inches long, excluding any tassel.

ABBREVIATIONS

ch: chain

hdc: half double crochet

sc: single crochet

sl st: slip stitch

st: stitch

rpt: repeat

PATTERN NOTES

- The pattern is worked in rows for the main strip, then a single round forms the edge.

- The turning chain at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- To change the length, adjust the foundation chain. The source notes that the foundation chain follows a multiple of 3 plus 2 stitches.
- Weave in ends as you go or at the end, keeping the back as flat as possible.

MAIN STRIP

Using color A, make a foundation chain of 41 chains.

Row 1: Work one half double crochet in the second chain from the hook using color A. Then work the following repeat across the rest of the chain: with color B, work one half double crochet in each of the next two stitches, then switch back to color A and work one half double crochet in the next stitch. Repeat this color sequence to the end of the row.

Fasten off, leaving a tail to weave in.

EDGE ROUND

Join color A to any stitch around the outside of the strip with a slip stitch.

Round 1: Chain 1, then work one single crochet in each stitch along one long edge. Work three single crochets in each corner stitch to turn the corner neatly, and work one single crochet in each stitch along each short end. Join the round with a slip stitch in the first stitch of the round.

Fasten off and weave in all ends neatly.

FINISHING

- Weave in every yarn end on the back of the work, trimming close so the back stays smooth.
- Press or block lightly if you wish, laying the bookmark flat until dry, to help it lie straight.
- Optional tassel: attach a small tassel to one short end if you like. The source does not give an exact tassel length, so trim yours to a balanced length that suits your book and your taste.
- Check the finished piece: it should lie flat, close neatly inside a book, and slide in and out without catching on the pages.

Source credit: adapted from Rich Textures Crochet, Easy Stripes Bookmark Crochet Pattern. See sources.txt for the full link.

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