CROCHET AIRPODS CASE: A BEAUTIFUL LITTLE POUCH IN 2 HOURS

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FINISHED SIZE

About 3 in (7.5 cm) wide x 2.75 to 3 in (7 to 7.5 cm) tall, laid flat with the flap closed. The tube is about 6 in (15 cm) around. Fits a standard AirPods charging case, about 1.75 x 0.85 x 2.1 in (44 x 21 x 53 mm), and most AirPods Pro cases. The real test is fit: slip your earbuds case inside at the end of the walls and check the walls reach just below the lid line.

SKILL LEVEL

Intermediate. You need single crochet, increases, working in the back loop only, simple decreases (sc2tog), and working in continuous rounds with a stitch marker. A confident beginner who can single crochet and count stitches can make one.

TIME

About 2 hours, as stated in the source pattern.

MATERIALS

- DK cotton yarn (Light #3), about 25 g / 60 yd (55 m), in sage green. Any DK cotton in a similar weight works. Choose cotton over acrylic: it stretches less, so the case keeps its snug fit.
- 3.5 mm (E-4) crochet hook, or the size needed to obtain gauge
- 1 small wooden button, about 12 mm (0.5 in)
- 1 silver keyring clip or split ring
- Stitch marker
- Yarn needle
- Small scissors

ABBREVIATIONS (US terms)

BLO: back loop only. ch: chain. inc: increase (2 sc in the same stitch). MR: magic ring. RS: right side. sc: single crochet. sc2tog: single crochet two stitches together. sl st: slip stitch. st(s): stitch(es).

NOTES

This pattern is written in US crochet terms. Rounds are worked in a continuous spiral: do not join at the end of a round, and do not turn. Move the stitch marker up into the first stitch of each new round so you never lose the start of the round. The ch 1 at the start of a flap row does not count as a stitch. Gauge: about 5 sc x 5 rounds = 1 inch (2.5 cm). The finished case is small, so check your fit as you go: the fit check after Round 11 and Round 13 matters more than the gauge swatch.

THE ROUND BASE

Work in continuous rounds. Do not join.

Rnd 1: Make a magic ring, work 6 sc into the ring. Pull the tail snug and place the marker in the last stitch. (6 sc)

Rnd 2: Inc in every st around. (12 sc)

Rnd 3: (1 sc, inc) rep around. (18 sc)

Rnd 4: (2 sc, inc) rep around. (24 sc)

Rnd 5: (3 sc, inc) rep around. (30 sc)

GAUGE CHECK: Lay the circle flat. It should measure about 1.9 in (5 cm) across and sit nearly flat. If it ruffles, your tension is loose; if it cups hard, it is a little tight. Either is fine once the walls go up, as long as it sits nearly flat.

BUILD THE WALLS

Rnd 6: Sc in the BLO of every st around. (30 sc) This turns the corner so the walls grow straight up.

Rnds 7-13: Sc in every st around. (30 sc in each round, 7 rounds in total)

FIT CHECK: After Round 11 and again after Round 13, slip your earbuds case inside. The walls should reach just below the lid line of the case. Add one more round for a taller case, or stop one round early for a shorter one.

THE FLAP

Flatten the pouch so the start of the round sits at one side. The flap is worked in rows across the 15 back stitches only. The other 15 stitches are the front of the pouch and are left unworked.

Rows 1-5: Ch 1, turn, sc in each of the next 15 sts. (15 sc in each row)

Row 6: Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in the next 11 sts, sc2tog. (13 sc) This gently rounds the flap.

Row 7 (button loop): Ch 1, turn, sc in the next 6 sts, ch 6, sc in the remaining 7 sts. (13 sc, with a ch-6 loop at the center) Check the loop fits over your button before fastening off. Add one chain if it feels tight. Fasten off, leaving a tail to weave in.

BUTTON AND CLOSURE

Fold the flap down over the front of the pouch and mark where the loop lands. With the yarn needle and a length of the same yarn, sew the wooden button on at that mark, about 2 rounds

below the top edge. Sew through it four or five times so it stays firm. Fasten the flap with the loop and give the button a gentle tug: it should hold closed in a bag without straining the loop.

KEYRING LOOP AND FINISHING

Make a side loop: join yarn at one top side edge, ch 5, sl st back into the same edge stitch, and fasten off. Or sew on a small folded loop of yarn with the needle. Clip the silver keyring clip through the loop. Weave in every end with the yarn needle and trim. Do a final fit check with your earbuds case inside. If the flap curls, a few seconds of gentle steam and a minute pressed flat under a book will settle it.

CARE

Hand wash in cool water with a little mild soap, reshape it around the earbuds case, and dry flat. Cotton softens slightly with washing, which makes the case feel even nicer.

TIPS FOR A SNUG CASE

- Choose cotton over acrylic. Cotton stretches less, so the case keeps its snug fit.
- If your stitches look loose or holey, drop to a 3.0 mm hook. A firm fabric protects the case better.
- Mark the first stitch of every round. Small rounds are where counts quietly wander.
- For gifts, embroider tiny initials or a mini flower on the flap before sewing the button on.
- If the case will not go in, the base is too small or your tension is tight. Add an increase round to the base, or go up to a 3.75 mm hook.
- If the case slides out, the pouch is too loose. Go down to a 3.0 mm hook or stop one increase round earlier, and keep the walls just below the lid line.
- If the flap sits crooked, work the flap over the back half exactly, the same number of stitches on each side of center, and check by flattening the pouch first.
- If the button loop stretches, work the chain tightly and reinforce it with a round of slip stitches back along the chain.

VARIATIONS

- Wider case (AirPods Pro or a larger earbuds case): add one more increase round to the base, (4 sc, inc) repeated around, for 36 stitches, and work the flap over 18 stitches. The source gives no stitch counts for the decrease and button-loop rows of the wider flap, so work them to match the shape of the standard flap and check the fit as you go.
- Two colors: work the flap and the side loop in a contrast color for a simple two-tone case.
- A gift set: make three cases in different colors. One case takes about 2 hours, so a set of three is a comfortable evening project and a lovely handmade gift.
- Coin purse: skip the keyring loop and use the pouch on its own as a tiny coin purse.

Pattern adapted from the free pattern by Crochet Step by Step: "Crochet AirPods Case Pattern: Free Tutorial" (How to Crochet an AirPods Case: A Step-by-Step Earbuds Pouch Tutorial), https://www.crochetstepbystep.com/tutorial/how-to-crochet-an-airpods-case-a-step-by-step-earbuds-p

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