CROCHET SUNGLASSES CASE: A BEAUTIFUL HERRINGBONE CASE WITH A BUTTON LOOP AND WRIST STRAP

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FINISHED SIZE

One size: about 3 in (7.6 cm) wide and 7.25 in (18.4 cm) tall, not counting the wrist strap. The case fits standard sunglasses and reading glasses.

SKILL LEVEL

Easy. The stitches are chains, herringbone half double crochet, single crochet, and slip stitches, worked in joined rounds. The source pattern gives no formal skill level; this rating follows from the stitches used and the source calling the case "quick and easy".

TIME

The source pattern gives no exact time. It calls the case a quick project you can finish "in minutes" once you know the stitch, so allow about an hour at a relaxed pace. That time is an estimate, not a source fact.

MATERIALS

- Bulky weight (#5) yarn, Bernat Maker (317 yds / 290 m, 8.8 oz / 250 g per skein): 50 yards (46 m). Colorway shown: Sky Blue.
- US K (6.5 mm) crochet hook, or the size needed to obtain gauge
- 1 button, 1 5/8 in (4.1 cm) across
- Stitch markers
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors
- Needle and thread, to sew on the button

ABBREVIATIONS (US terms)

blo: back loop only. ch: chain. hhdc: herringbone half double crochet. psc: picot single crochet. rep: repeat. RS: right side. sc: single crochet. sk: skip. sl st: slip stitch. st(s): stitch(es). yo: yarn over.

SPECIAL STITCHES

Hhdc (herringbone half double crochet): Yo, insert the hook in the st, yo and pull up a loop, yo and pull through 1 loop on the hook, yo and pull through the remaining 2 loops on the hook.

Psc (picot single crochet): Insert the hook in the next st, yo and pull up a loop. [Yo and pull through 1 loop] 10 times. Yo and pull through both loops on the hook. This makes an 11-chain loop; push it to the inside of the case while you work the next stitch. Adjust the number of chains to fit your button if needed.

NOTES

This pattern is written in US terms. The case begins with one row, then switches to joined rounds. Chain 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch. Join each round with a slip stitch to the first stitch of the round. The chain-3 space in Top Rnd 1 sits directly above the button, and the picot loop in the same round is the closure loop that slips over the button. Gauge: 14 hhdc x 11 rows = 4 in (10 cm). Check your gauge before you start: if your case is too wide, go down a hook size; if it is too narrow, go up a hook size.

BOTTOM OF CASE

Row 1: Ch 10, skip the ch closest to the hook, hhdc in each rem ch across; turn. (9 sts)

Rnd 2: Ch 1, hhdc in each st across, hhdc in the side of the last st worked, hhdc in each foundation ch along the other side, hhdc in the side of the last st; join with sl st to the first hhdc. (20 sts)

Rnds 3-20: Ch 1, hhdc in each st around; join with sl st to the first hhdc. (20 sts)

Work 18 rounds in total for Rnds 3-20. The piece should be long enough to cover your glasses; if your glasses are longer, add more rounds. The exact round count does not matter.

TOP OF CASE

Rnd 1: Ch 1, blo sc in the first st, blo sc in the next 4 sts, ch 3, sk the next 3 sts, blo sc in the next 8 sts, blo psc in the next st, blo sc in each rem st; join with sl st to the first sc. (16 sc, 1 psc)

Rnd 2: Ch 30, sc in each sc and in the psc, work 3 sc in the ch-3 sp (or sc in each ch of the ch-3); move the ch-30 loop to the outside of the work, then join with sl st to the first sc. (20 sc)

The chain-30 loop is the wrist strap.

Rnd 3: Sl st in each st around; break yarn and join with a seamless join. (20 sl st)

ASSEMBLY

Sew the button to the outside of the case directly below the ch-3 space. To close the case, slip the picot loop over the button. The wrist strap loop hangs from the top edge: slip it over your wrist, or hook it onto a bag strap.

FINISHING

Weave in all loose ends with the tapestry needle, hiding them inside the stitches so they do not show.

CARE

The source pattern gives no care instructions. Bernat Maker is listed by Yarnspirations as machine washable on a delicate cycle, so a gentle machine wash or a hand wash in cold water both suit this case; lay flat to dry.

TIPS FOR A NEAT CASE

- Check your gauge first. Work a small swatch in herringbone half double crochet: 14 hhdc and 11 rows should measure 4 in (10 cm). If your swatch is too wide, go down a hook size; if too narrow, go up.
- Count your stitches after Rnd 2. You should have 20 stitches: 9 across the row, 1 in the side, 9 along the foundation chain, and 1 in the other side. If the count is off, the case will lean.
- Keep the fabric tight. The herringbone stitch should make a plush, dense fabric with no gaps, so your lenses stay safe. If you can see through the stitches, go down a hook size.
- Push the picot loop to the inside while you work the next stitch, as the special stitch says, so the loop sits neatly and does not twist.
- Test the fit before you sew on the button. Slide your sunglasses in and check that the top edge closes over them with the picot loop reaching the button.

VARIATIONS

- Match it to your bag: this case was designed to match the Casual Crochet Crossbody Bag and the Casual Crochet Pouch in the same yarn, so make the set in one colorway.
- A longer case: add more rounds to Rnds 3-20 until the case covers your glasses with room to spare. The exact round count does not matter.
- A softer yarn: any bulky weight (#5) yarn works if you match the gauge, but a smooth cotton blend is kindest to lenses. Avoid fuzzy yarns that shed onto glass.
- Skip the strap: if you do not want the wrist strap, start Top Rnd 2 with ch 1 instead of ch 30 and work the round as written.

Pattern adapted from the free pattern by Moogly (Tamara Kelly): Casual Crochet Sunglasses Case, https://www.mooglyblog.com/casual-crochet-sunglasses-case/

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