CROCHET WALLET: A BEAUTIFUL FOLDOVER WALLET WITH TWO CARD POCKETS

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FINISHED SIZE

About 4.5 in (11.5 cm) wide x 4 in (10 cm) tall when closed, excluding the flap.

Main cash compartment: about 4 in (10 cm) deep.

Each card pocket: 4.5 in (11.5 cm) wide x about 2.5 in (6.5 cm) tall.

A standard credit card (3.375 in x 2.125 in / 8.6 cm x 5.4 cm) fits fully inside a card pocket.

Sizes are approximate and will vary a little with your yarn and tension.

SKILL LEVEL

Intermediate. Ambitious beginners will also find it achievable with a little patience. You need chains, single crochet, slip stitches, and basic sewing with a yarn needle. The stitches are simple; the project skills are checking your gauge, sewing the side seams neatly, and attaching the card pockets through one layer only.

TIME

The source pattern gives no exact time. It is a relatively fast project: a weekend project, or a single relaxed afternoon for most crocheters.

MATERIALS

- Worsted-weight (#4) cotton yarn, approximately 100 to 120 yards (for example Lily Sugar'n Cream or Dishie Cotton). Choose a sturdy cotton for durability.
- G-6 (4.0 mm) crochet hook, or the size needed to obtain gauge
- Yarn needle for weaving in ends and assembly
- Scissors
- Stitch markers
- One button, approximately 0.75 to 1 in (2 to 2.5 cm) in diameter, for the flap closure
- Optional: sewing needle and thread, or fabric glue, for securing the button more firmly

ABBREVIATIONS (US terms)

ch: chain. ch sp: chain space. FO: fasten off. RS: right side. sc: single crochet. sl st: slip stitch. sp: space. st(s): stitch(es). WS: wrong side.

NOTES

The turning chain (ch 1) at the start of a row does not count as a stitch. Work in rows, turning at the end of each row. The main body is one long rectangle that folds to form the wallet: the starting edge folds up to make the front, and the end with the button loop becomes the flap. Mark the fold lines with stitch markers before you sew, so the folds stay even. Gauge: 16 sc and 18 rows = 4 in (10 cm) with the 4.0 mm hook. Check your gauge before you start: this is what will ensure your wallet turns out the size you expect, and that your cards fit.

CORRECTION TO THE SOURCE: the source pattern starts the main body with ch 31 (30 sc), but at the source gauge of 16 sc to 4 in, 30 sc measures 7.5 in (19 cm) wide, not the 4.5 in (11.5 cm) finished width the source itself states. The card pockets, at 18 sc, measure 4.5 in wide and match the finished width. This pattern starts the main body with ch 19 (18 sc), so the body, the pockets, and the finished width all agree at 4.5 in (11.5 cm). See verification.md for the full arithmetic.

GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 17. Row 1: Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across. (16 sc). Rows 2 to 18: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across. (16 sc). Your swatch should measure 4 in x 4 in (10 cm x 10 cm). If it is larger, try a smaller hook. If it is smaller, try a larger hook.

Note: the source tells you to chain 18 for the swatch, which gives 17 sc. At the stated gauge of 16 sc to 4 in, 17 sc measures 4.25 in (10.8 cm), not 4 in. This pattern uses ch 17 to give exactly 16 sc. See verification.md.

MAIN BODY

Row 1: Ch 19. Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across. (18 sc)

Row 2: Ch 1, turn. Sc in each st across. (18 sc)

Rows 3 to 54: Repeat Row 2 until your piece measures approximately 12 in (30.5 cm) from the starting edge. This will be roughly 54 rows in total. Do not fasten off.

Button Loop Row: Ch 1, turn. Sc in the first 8 sts, ch 4 (adjust the chain length if your button is larger or smaller), skip 2 sts, sc in the last 8 sts. (16 sc, 1 ch-4 loop)

Next Row: Ch 1, turn. Sc in the first 8 sts, 4 sc into the ch-4 sp, sc in the last 8 sts. (20 sc)

Next Row: Ch 1, turn. Sc in each st across. (20 sc)

FO, leaving a long tail for sewing (approximately 20 in / 50 cm).

CARD POCKETS (make 2)

Row 1: Ch 19. Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across. (18 sc)

Row 2: Ch 1, turn. Sc in each st across. (18 sc)

Rows 3 to 11: Repeat Row 2 until your piece measures approximately 2.5 in (6.5 cm) tall (about 11 rows in total).

FO, leaving a long tail for sewing (approximately 15 in / 38 cm).

ASSEMBLY

Lay the main body flat. Identify the end with the button loop: this will be your flap.

Fold the wallet: fold the opposite end (the starting edge) up towards the middle, so it overlaps approximately 4 in (10 cm). This creates the main cash compartment. Pin the sides to hold it in place.

Sew the sides of the main compartment: using the long tail from the main body and your yarn needle, whip stitch or mattress stitch up each side seam of the folded main compartment. Make sure your stitches are neat and secure to prevent items from falling out. Weave in any remaining ends.

Attach the card pockets: take one card pocket and position it centered on the inside of the folded main compartment, just below the top edge of the main compartment. It should sit flat against one side of the wallet. Using the long tail from the pocket, sew the bottom and side edges of the pocket to the main wallet body. Be careful to only sew through one layer of the main wallet body, so you do not stitch through to the outside. Repeat with the second card pocket, placing it on the opposite inside wall of the main compartment.

Secure the flap: fold the flap (the part with the button loop) down over the front of the wallet. Mark where the button loop naturally aligns with the front of the wallet.

Attach the button: using your needle and thread (or fabric glue), securely sew the button onto the front of the wallet at the marked spot. Make sure it is firm enough to withstand repeated use.

Final touches: weave in any remaining loose ends securely. Give your wallet a gentle block if needed to help it hold its shape.

FINISHING

Block the wallet: dampen it lightly, shape it flat to the finished measurements, and let it dry fully. Weave in all loose ends with the yarn needle, hiding them inside the stitches so they do not show.

CARE

Hand wash cold and lay flat to dry. Do not bleach. Reshape while damp.

TIPS FOR A NEAT WALLET

- Check your gauge first. Work the gauge swatch and measure it: it should be 4 in x 4 in (10 cm x 10 cm). If it is off, change your hook before you work 54 rows in the wrong size.
- Count your stitches at the end of every row. Every main body row has 18 sc until the button loop row, so a wrong count is easy to spot early.
- Mark your fold lines. Place stitch markers 4 in (10 cm) up from the starting edge before you fold, so the front of the wallet is even on both sides.

- Sew pockets through one layer only. If you stitch through both layers, the stitches will show on the outside of the wallet.
- Test the button loop before you sew the button on. Slip the loop over the button first and check that it closes easily but does not slip off on its own. If the loop is too loose, use a larger button; if it is too tight, add one more chain to the loop.

VARIATIONS

- Two colors: work the body in one color and the card pockets in a second color, so a flash of contrast shows every time you open the wallet.
- Contrast flap edge: work the last two rows of the flap in the contrast color to frame the button loop.
- A longer wallet: add rows to the main body before the button loop row, and add rows to the card pockets to match, keeping the fold at 4 in (10 cm).
- A gift set: make two wallets in different colorways. Each one works up in a single afternoon, so a pair is a comfortable project for a gift.

Pattern adapted from the free pattern by CrochetSpark: Crochet Wallet: Free Pattern and Guide, https://crochetspark.com/post/crochet-wallet.html

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