Color block pencil case

US terms



Finished size
About 8 in (20.5 cm) wide and 3½ in (9 cm) tall when closed

Skill
Beginner
It is one flat piece folded and sewn.

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
18 stitches and 20 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: deep teal, main color	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: soft coral, contrast color	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, contrast color	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6). Also: a yarn needle, scissors and a button about ¾ in (2 cm) across, with sewing thread and a sewing needle.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain stitch
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
RS	right side

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Gauge

18 stitches and 20 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

There should be 18 stitches and 20 rows. If you count more stitches than that, change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, change to a smaller hook. The swatch can be pulled out and its yarn used again.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Work a swatch before you begin: ch 28; row 1, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across (27 sc); rows 2 to 30, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across (27 sc). Lay it flat and count the stitches and rows over 4 in (10 cm) in its middle.
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> | **Swatch foundation** | Ch 28. | |
> | **Swatch row 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across | **(27 sc)** |
> | **Swatch rows 2 to 30** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(27 sc)** |

Before you start

- The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.
- To change color, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). Where four rows or fewer are worked before the old yarn is used again, do not cut it: carry it loosely up the side.
- Colors, row by row. Rows 1 to 10: A. Rows 11 to 22: B. Rows 23 to 31: A. Rows 32 to 42: C.

Instructions

The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a row is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet and sk is miss.

Yarns in order of use: A, deep teal; B, soft coral; C, cream.

☐	**Foundation**	Ch 37.	
☐	**Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(36 sc)**
☐	**Rows 2 to 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(36 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 10: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10

☐	**Row 11**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(36 sc)**
☐	**Rows 12 to 22**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(36 sc)**

A box for each row, 12 to 22: tick them off as you go.

☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22

☐	**Row 23**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(36 sc)**

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☐	**Rows 24 to 31**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(36 sc)**

A box for each row, 24 to 31: tick them off as you go.

24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

☐	**Row 32**	With C, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(36 sc)**
☐	**Rows 33 to 39**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(36 sc)**

A box for each row, 33 to 39: tick them off as you go.

33 34 35 36 37 38 39

☐	**Row 40**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 16 sts, ch 4, sk next 4 sts, sc in next 16 sts	**(32 sc, 1 ch-4 sp)**
☐	**Row 41**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 16 sts, 4 sc in next ch-4 sp, sc in next 16 sts	**(36 sc)**
☐	**Row 42**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(36 sc)**
☐	**End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Assembly

1. Lay the panel right side down with the foundation chain toward you. Fold the first 16 rows up over the next 17, so that the fold lies between rows 16 and 17.

2. For each side cut a length of B about 18 in (45.5 cm) long. Beginning at the fold with a tail of 6 in (15 cm), whip stitch the two layers together up that side to the foundation chain, row to row (16 rows a side).

3. The last 9 rows are the flap: fold it down over the front. Sew the button to the front under the buttonhole with sewing thread.

Finishing

- Weave every tail in on the wrong side.

In all: 42 rows; 1,508 stitches; 8 ends to weave in.

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