Paperback book cover with bookmark

Trade · US terms



Finished size
About 12¼ × 8½ in (31 × 22 cm)
About 8½ in (21.5 cm) tall and 12¼ in (31 cm) from fold to fold laid open. To fit a paperback up to 8½ in (21.5 cm) tall and up to 12¼ in (31 cm) from edge to edge round the spine

Skill
Easy
It is flat pieces in rows with one stitch pattern, folded and sewn.

Yarn
Light (3), 2 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
20 stitches and 22 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: forest green, the cover and the band — **about 170 yd (155 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: copper, the leaves, the stem and the bookmark — **about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Fiber: cotton
Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: one button ½ in (12 mm) across, sewing thread in the color of the button and a sewing needle, four stitch markers, pins, a yarn needle and scissors.

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

Sizes

Size	Fits	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Pocket	a paperback up to 7 in (18 cm) tall and up to 9½ in (24 cm) from edge to edge round the spine	9½ × 7 in (24 × 18 cm)	about 145 yd (133 m)
Small	a paperback up to 7¾ in (19.5 cm) tall and up to 11 in (28 cm) from edge to edge round the spine	11 × 7¾ in (28 × 20 cm)	about 175 yd (160 m)
Trade (this file)	**a paperback up to 8½ in (21.5 cm) tall and up to 12¼ in (31 cm) from edge to edge round the spine**	**12¼ × 8½ in (31 × 22 cm)**	**about 195 yd (178 m)**

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Large	a paperback up to 9¼ in (23.5 cm) tall and up to 13½ in (34.5 cm) from edge to edge round the spine	13½ × 9¼ in (34 × 23 cm)	about 255 yd (233 m)

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)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together: [insert hook in next st, yo, pull up a loop] 2 times, yo, pull through all 3 loops (UK dc2tog)
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
RS	right side
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Gauge

20 stitches and 22 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Linen stitch has the same gauge, each single crochet and each chain 1 counted as a stitch.

The swatch. A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Lay it flat and count the stitches and rows over 4 in (10 cm) in its middle. There should be 20 stitches and 22 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.

Swatch foundation	Ch 31.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(30 sc)**
Swatch rows 2 to 33	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(30 sc)**

Before you start

- The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Linen stitch: in row 2 each chain 1 passes over a stitch. From then on each single crochet between two chains goes into a chain-1 space of the row before, under the chain, and each chain 1 passes over a single crochet. The first and the last stitch of every row are single crochet.
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges or both layers from back to front, one stitch for each stitch, and draw the yarn snug.
- Two measures of the book, closed. The height: from the lower to the upper edge of its cover. The wrap: from the front edge of the front cover, round the spine, to the front edge of the back cover. Take the smallest size that is at least as tall as the book and whose measure from fold to fold is at least as long as its wrap.

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- A shorter wrap: move both fold lines toward the middle, 1 stitch each for every 3/8 in (1 cm) that the wrap is less than the measure from fold to fold, at most 5 stitches each. The sleeves are then as many stitches wider, and the front and the back as many stitches narrower. Everything else is placed from the fold lines and from the middle of the spine, and so does not change.
- A lower book: if the cover is more than 3/8 in (1 cm) taller than the book, leave out the two rows before the last one. The last row then has a number 2 lower. Two places move with it: the middle of the band lies on the row 1 lower than the one named in step 5, which is the new middle of the height, and the end of the bookmark is sewn level with the row 2 lower than the one named in step 7. The stem and the leaves keep their rows, and nothing else changes.
- The cover and the band are A. The leaves, the stem and the bookmark are B.

Instructions

Chosen: Trade. Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. 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, hdc is half treble, dc is treble, sc2tog is dc2tog and sk is miss.

Cover

Yarn A, forest green.

The right side, the side that faces you in row 1, is the outside of the cover. Each chain 1 counts as 1 stitch, so every row has 91 stitches.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 92.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(91 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st**] 45 times**	**(46 sc, 45 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st**] 44 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in last st	**(47 sc, 44 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 44 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in last st	**(46 sc, 45 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st**] 44 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in last st	**(47 sc, 44 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 44 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in last st	**(46 sc, 45 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st**] 44 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in last st	**(47 sc, 44 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 44 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in last st	**(46 sc, 45 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st**] 44 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in last st	**(47 sc, 44 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 44 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in last st	**(46 sc, 45 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st**] 44 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in last st	**(47 sc, 44 ch-1 sps)**

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☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 44 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in last st	**(46 sc, 45 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st**] 44 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in last st	**(47 sc, 44 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 44 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in last st	**(46 sc, 45 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st**] 44 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in last st	**(47 sc, 44 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 44 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in last st	**(46 sc, 45 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st**] 44 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in last st	**(47 sc, 44 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 44 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in last st	**(46 sc, 45 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st**] 44 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in last st	**(47 sc, 44 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 44 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in last st	**(46 sc, 45 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st**] 44 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in last st	**(47 sc, 44 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 44 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in last st	**(46 sc, 45 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st**] 44 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in last st	**(47 sc, 44 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 44 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in last st	**(46 sc, 45 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st**] 44 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in last st	**(47 sc, 44 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 44 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in last st	**(46 sc, 45 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st**] 44 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in last st	**(47 sc, 44 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 28**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 44 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in last st	**(46 sc, 45 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st**] 44 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in last st	**(47 sc, 44 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 44 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in last st	**(46 sc, 45 ch-1 sps)**

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☐ **Row 31**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st**] 44 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in last st	**(47 sc, 44 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 32**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 44 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in last st	**(46 sc, 45 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 33**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st**] 44 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in last st	**(47 sc, 44 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 34**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 44 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in last st	**(46 sc, 45 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 35**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st**] 44 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in last st	**(47 sc, 44 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 36**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 44 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in last st	**(46 sc, 45 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 37**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st**] 44 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in last st	**(47 sc, 44 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 38**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 44 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in last st	**(46 sc, 45 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 39**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st**] 44 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in last st	**(47 sc, 44 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 40**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 44 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in last st	**(46 sc, 45 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 41**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st**] 44 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in last st	**(47 sc, 44 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 42**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 44 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in last st	**(46 sc, 45 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 43**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st**] 44 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in last st	**(47 sc, 44 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 44**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 44 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in last st	**(46 sc, 45 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 45**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st**] 44 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in last st	**(47 sc, 44 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 46**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 44 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in last st	**(46 sc, 45 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 47 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st**] 45 times**	**(91 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

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Band

Yarn A, forest green.

The space in row 19 is the buttonhole.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 7.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 18**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(6 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 18: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18

☐ **Row 19 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts	**(4 sc, 1 ch-2 sp)**
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 2 sts	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog	**(4 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Leaf: make 6

Yarn B, copper.

Five leaves are for the spine and one is for the bookmark. The end where you begin and fasten off is the tip, the other end, with 3 single crochet in one chain, is the base.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 8.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next 2 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next 2 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in last ch	**(7 sc, 4 hdc, 4 dc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the first single crochet. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 14 in (35.5 cm) to sew with.	

Bookmark

Yarn B, copper.

The bookmark is worked along its length.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 55.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(54 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm) to sew with.	

Assembly

1. Weave in the tails of the cover and the band, the starting tails of the leaves on their wrong sides, and the starting tail of the bookmark. Leave the long tails of the leaves and of the bookmark.

2. Fold lines: lay the cover flat with its right side up and its first row toward you. The first row is the lower edge and the last row the upper edge. Count 15 stitches in from each short end, at the lower and at the upper edge, and put a marker after the 15th stitch in each of the four places. Between the two lines from marker to marker lie 61 stitches: the first 28 from the right line are the front, the next 5 the spine, the last 28 the back. The line through the middle stitch of the spine is

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the middle of the cover.

3. Stem: with B, ch 37, about 6¼ in (16 cm) long, and fasten off with a tail of 6 in (15 cm) at each end. Lay the chain on the right side of the cover along the middle stitch of the spine, from the lower edge up to row 35, its side with the V shapes up, and pin it. Cut a length of B about 32 in (81.5 cm) long. Beginning at the lower edge with a tail of 6 in (15 cm), sew the chain down: bring the needle up beside the chain and down on its other side, over one chain at a time. Fasten off and weave in the four tails on the wrong side.

4. Leaves: pin 5 leaves on the cover, right sides up. One stands on the upper end of the stem, its base on row 35 and its tip pointing straight up. Of the others two go to the right of the stem, their bases touching it on rows 7 and 21, and two to the left, their bases touching it on rows 14 and 28. Their tips point up and outward, halfway between straight up and level, so that they lie partly on the front or the back. Sew each down with its own long tail: bring the needle up through the edge of the leaf under both loops of a stitch and down through the cover beside the edge, one small stitch for each of its 15 stitches, beginning and ending at the tip. Fasten off on the wrong side and weave in the tails there.

5. Band: lay the band on the back, right side up, so that its foundation edge is 6 stitches of the cover to the right of the left fold line and its free end lies to the left, beyond that line. Its 6 stitches stand across the middle of the height: row 24 of the cover runs under the middle of the band. Its first 7 rows lie on the back. Cut a length of A about 32 in (81.5 cm) long. Beginning at the fold line with a tail of 6 in (15 cm), sew the band down along one long edge to the foundation edge, along that edge, and along the other long edge back to the fold line: bring the needle up through the band one stitch in from its edge and down through the cover beside the edge, one stitch for each stitch or row. The band goes on beyond the fold line, so there is no edge to sew there: go across it along the fold line in backstitch, straight up and down through the band and the cover beneath it, between rows 7 and 8 of the band, 6 stitches. Backstitch: bring the needle up one stitch length ahead, put it down where the stitch before ended, and go on so in a line without gaps. Fasten off and weave in both tails on the wrong side.

6. Sleeves: turn the cover over, wrong side up, the first row toward you. Fold the 15 stitches outside each fold line in, so that they lie flat on the wrong side; the right side is outside at the fold. For the four seams cut four lengths of A, each about 22 in (56 cm) long. At the lower edge and at the upper edge of each sleeve whip stitch the two layers together, 15 stitches, beginning at the fold with a tail of 6 in (15 cm). Fasten off and weave in both tails inside the sleeve. The inner edge of each sleeve stays open for a cover of the book. Take the markers out.

7. Bookmark: sew the base of the last leaf, right side up, over the end of the bookmark where its long tail hangs, the right side of the bookmark up too: the leaf covers the last 2 stitches of both rows, its tip pointing away from the bookmark. With the long tail of the bookmark take five small stitches through both layers round the base of the leaf, and fasten off on the wrong side. Weave in there what is left of that tail, and the long tail of the leaf. With B sew the other end of the bookmark to the wrong side of the cover: cut a length of B about 12 in (30.5 cm) long, lay the last 3 stitches of the bookmark, wrong side down on the cover, over the middle stitch of the spine with its end level with row 43 and the rest of it running up beyond the upper edge, and sew it down round the edges of those 3 stitches with small stitches that do not show on the outside. Fasten off and weave in both tails on the wrong side.

8. Button: put the cover on the book: slide the front cover of the book into the sleeve of the front and the back cover into the other, and close the book. Bring the band over the front edges of the two covers to the front, lay it flat without pulling and mark the cover through the middle of the buttonhole. Take the book out. With sewing thread sew the button to the front at the mark, through the outer layer only and not through the sleeve.

Finishing

- Put the cover on the book again, lay the bookmark between the pages, its leaf hanging out below them or turned back over the top edge to the front, and button the band.

In all: 9 pieces; 2,600 stitches (2,274 in the cover, 128 in the band, 15 in each leaf, 108 in the bookmark).

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