Scissor case and needle book set

US terms



Finished size

About 3 × 4¾ in (8 × 12 cm)

About 3 in (7.5 cm) wide and 4¾ in (12 cm) long with the case closed, for small scissors up to 4 in (10 cm) long and 2¼ in (5.5 cm) wide across the handles; the needle book, closed, about 3 in (7.5 cm) wide and 3¼ in (8.5 cm) tall

Skill

Easy

It is flat pieces in rows of single crochet with an edging and a little cross stitch.

Yarn

Light (3), 3 colors

Hook

3.25 mm (US D-3)

Gauge

22 stitches and 24 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: indigo, the case and the cover of the book	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: ecru, the edgings, the leaves, the cord and crosses	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: red, the crosses and the tassel	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 3.25 mm (US D-3), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: 2 buttons about ½ in (1.5 cm) across, a piece of card 2 in (5 cm) wide, for the tassel, 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.

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Abbreviations

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

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
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

22 stitches and 24 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

> **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 22 stitches and 24 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.
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Swatch foundation	Ch 34.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(33 sc)**
Swatch rows 2 to 36	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(33 sc)**

Before you start

- The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- The front and the back of the case are alike as far as the flap.
- The edgings are one round each. The chain of 1 at the start of an edging does not count as a stitch.
- Colors. Case front, case back and cover: A. Edgings, leaves and cord: B. Tassel: C. Crosses: B and C.

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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 sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, sc2tog is dc2tog and sk is miss.

Case front

Yarn A, indigo.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(3 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 4: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4

☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rows 6 to 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(5 sc)**

A box for each row, 6 to 8: tick them off as you go.

6 7 8

☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Rows 10 to 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(7 sc)**

A box for each row, 10 to 12: tick them off as you go.

10 11 12

☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rows 14 to 16**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(9 sc)**

A box for each row, 14 to 16: tick them off as you go.

14 15 16

☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Rows 18 to 20**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(11 sc)**

A box for each row, 18 to 20: tick them off as you go.

18 19 20

☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rows 22 to 24**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(13 sc)**

A box for each row, 22 to 24: tick them off as you go.

22 23 24

☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rows 26 to 28**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(15 sc)**

A box for each row, 26 to 28: tick them off as you go.

26 27 28

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

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Case back with flap

Yarn A, indigo.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(3 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 4: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4

☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rows 6 to 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(5 sc)**

A box for each row, 6 to 8: tick them off as you go.

☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8

☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Rows 10 to 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(7 sc)**

A box for each row, 10 to 12: tick them off as you go.

☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12

☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rows 14 to 16**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(9 sc)**

A box for each row, 14 to 16: tick them off as you go.

☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16

☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Rows 18 to 20**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(11 sc)**

A box for each row, 18 to 20: tick them off as you go.

☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20

☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rows 22 to 24**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(13 sc)**

A box for each row, 22 to 24: tick them off as you go.

☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24

☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rows 26 to 28**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(15 sc)**

A box for each row, 26 to 28: tick them off as you go.

☐ 26 ☐ 27 ☐ 28

Flap

☐ **Rows 29 to 32**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(15 sc)**

A box for each row, 29 to 32: tick them off as you go.

☐ 29 ☐ 30 ☐ 31 ☐ 32

☐ **Row 33**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts, sc2tog	**(13 sc)**

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☐ **Row 34**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Row 35**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Row 36**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Row 37**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Row 38**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 39**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 40**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog	**(3 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Edging of the case

Yarn B, ecru.

First work steps 1 to 3 of Assembly: the tails and the crosses of the case. Then lay the front on the back, wrong sides together, the foundation chains level and the flap beyond the top of the front. The inside of the flap faces you. Join B with a slip stitch in the end of row 28 at the left of the front, through both layers, and chain 1; the first single crochet goes into that same place. Along the sides and the point put the hook through both layers, along the flap through the one. A place is the end of a row, a chain or a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	The outer edge of the case, the right side of the front facing you: 28 row ends of the front and back together down its left side, the 3 foundation chains of both, 28 row ends of both up its right side, 12 row ends of the flap, its 3 last stitches, and 12 row ends of the flap; 86 places.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in next 28 sts, sc in next st, 3 sc in next st, sc in next st, sc in next 28 sts, sc in next 13 sts, ch 6, sk next st, sc in next 13 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(87 sc, 1 ch-6 sp)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). Weave both tails of the edging in between the front and the back.	

Cover of the needle book

Yarn A, indigo.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 31.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 18**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(30 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

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

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Edging of the cover

Yarn B, ecru.

First work step 6 of Assembly, the crosses of the cover. Join B with a slip stitch in the stitch at the right hand end of the last row, and chain 1. The stitch of the join is the first stitch of the round: the first 3 single crochet go into it. Work along the last row, then down the left side, along the foundation chain and up the right side. The ch-16 sp is the loop; it is at the middle of the left side, between rows 9 and 10, at the edge of the back of the book.

☐ **Foundation**	The cover just worked, 30 stitches and 18 rows; turn it so that its last row is at the top with the right side facing you.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	3 sc in next st, sc in next 28 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in end of each of next 9 rows, ch 16, sc in end of each of next 9 rows, 3 sc in next ch, sc in next 28 chs, 3 sc in next ch, sc in end of each of next 18 rows, sl st in first sc to join	**(104 sc, 1 ch-16 sp)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). Weave both tails of the edging in on the wrong side.	

Leaf: make 2

Yarn B, ecru.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 27.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 15**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(26 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 15: tick them off as you go.

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

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the tails of the pieces on their wrong sides. Odd rows are right side rows.

2. The crosses of the case front, its right side up and its foundation chain toward you. Cross stitch: one slanting stitch from the lower left corner of a single crochet to its upper right corner, and a second over it from the lower right corner to the upper left; each cross covers one stitch of one row, and in every cross the same slant lies on top. Count the rows from the foundation chain up, and the stitches of a row from its right hand end; the middle stitch is the one named alone. Use lengths of yarn of about 24 in (61 cm), and go from one cross to the next on the wrong side. With B: row 7, stitch 3; row 8, stitches 2 and 4; row 9, stitches 2 and 6. With C: row 10, stitch 4; row 11, stitches 3 and 5; row 12, stitches 2 and 6; row 13, stitches 2 and 8. With B: row 13, stitch 5; row 14, stitches 4 and 6; row 15, stitches 3 and 7; row 16, stitches 2 and 8. They make three Vs, one above another. Fasten the ends on the wrong side.

3. The crosses of the flap are worked on the back, its right side up and its foundation chain toward you, in the same way. With C: row 34, stitch 7; row 35, stitches 5, 6, and 7; row 36, stitches 4, 5, 7, and 8; row 37, stitches 4, 5, and 6; row 38, stitch 4. With B, one cross in the middle: row 36, stitch 6. Fasten the ends on the wrong side. Now work the edging of the case.

4. Fold the flap down over the front, its right side out. With a length of A 12 in (30 cm) long sew a button to the right side of the front, through the front alone, in its middle, inside the loop of the flap where the loop lies, on row 17. Fasten off inside the case.

5. The cord: with B leave a tail of 6 in (15 cm), chain 50, slip stitch in the second chain from the hook and in each chain across, 49 slip stitches. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm). Both tails hang at the same end of the cord; the other end has none. Fold the cord in half. Lay its two ends side by side on the outside of the back, in the middle, their tips pointing down to the point of the case and level with the lower edge of row 26, so that the last ½ in (1.5 cm) of each end

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lies on rows 26, 27 and 28, below the fold, and the rest of the cord goes up past the fold and stands out above the case as a loop. Sew both ends down with the long tail, through the back alone, over these 3 rows: first the end from which the tail hangs, 4 stitches up one of its sides and 4 down the other, then, with the same tail, the end without a tail beside it in the same way. Fasten off inside the case. Take the short tail through the back to the inside too and fasten it there. The tassel: wind C 24 times round the card. Put a 12 in (30 cm) length of C through the loops at one edge and knot it tightly there, slip the loops off, wind another 12 in (30 cm) length round them ½ in (1.5 cm) below the knot 6 times, tie it and take its ends down into the tassel, and cut the loops at the other edge. With the two ends of the knot sew the tassel to the middle stitch of the edging at the point of the case, and take them inside.

6. The crosses of the book cover, its right side up and its foundation chain toward you. The front of the book is the half at your right. Count the rows from the foundation chain up, and the stitches of a row from its right hand end. The cover has 18 rows, so its middle lies between rows 9 and 10; the middle of the diamond is there, on stitch 10. With C: row 6, stitch 10; row 7, stitches 9 and 11; row 12, stitches 9 and 11; row 13, stitch 10; row 8, stitches 8 and 12; row 9, stitches 7 and 13; row 10, stitches 7 and 13; row 11, stitches 8 and 12. With B: row 8, stitch 10; row 9, stitches 9 and 11; row 10, stitches 9 and 11; row 11, stitch 10. They make a red diamond with an ecru middle. Fasten the ends on the wrong side. Now work the edging of the cover.

7. The leaves. Lay the cover wrong side up, the two leaves on it, right sides up, one on the other, their long edges along those of the cover, in the middle both ways. Pin them. Cut a length of B 16 in (40.5 cm) long. Backstitch down the middle of the book, between the two middle stitches of the rows, through both leaves and the cover, one stitch for each row of the leaves, 15 stitches. Backstitch: each stitch begins one row ahead and goes back to the end of the stitch before. Take both ends between the lower leaf and the cover and fasten them there. Fold the book along this line, the wrong side of the cover inside.

8. Sew the other button, with a length of A 12 in (30 cm) long, to the right side of the front of the book, in the middle of its height, between rows 9 and 10, its middle 3 stitches from the edge opposite the fold, the edging not counted. Fasten off on the wrong side. The loop comes from the back round the edges of the leaves and over the button.

Finishing

- Every tail is woven in or fastened by now. Press the edges flat with your fingers. Put the scissors into the case with the points down.

In all: 5 pieces; 2,147 stitches (252 in the case front, 384 in the case back with flap, 87 in the edging of the case, 540 in the cover of the needle book, 104 in the edging of the cover, 390 in each leaf).

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