

FREE CROCHET PATTERN

Easy Double Crochet Bookmark

A quick cotton bookmark in rows of double crochet with a simple tassel — the best low-stakes way to learn tall stitches and a turning chain that counts.



SKILL LEVEL Beginner	FINISHED SIZE About 2 × 7 in (5 × 18 cm), plus a 3 in (7.5 cm) tassel	YARN WEIGHT Light
HOOK 4 mm (US G-6)	TIME About 1 hour	TERMS US terms

Gauge: About 18 dc and 10 rows = 4 in (10 cm). Gauge isn’t critical for a bookmark.

Materials

- ☐ DK (light — About 20 yd (18 m) (Includes the tassel)
- ☐ 4 mm (US G-6) crochet hook
- ☐ Tapestry needle and scissors
- ☐ Stitch marker (optional)

Abbreviations

ch — chain

st(s) — stitch(es)

dc — double crochet

rep — repeat

Notes before you start

- The chain 3 at the start of each row counts as the first double crochet.
- Because the chain 3 counts as a stitch, skip the first stitch of each row and work the last double crochet into the top of the chain 3 from the row below.
- The top of a chain 3 is its third chain, counting up from the bottom. Insert your hook under two strands of that chain.

The pattern

Foundation chain

- ☐ **Start:** Make a slip knot, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail, and ch 11.

Bookmark

- ☐ **Row 1:** Dc in the 4th ch from the hook and in each ch across. The 3 chains you skipped count as the first dc. Turn. **(9)**
- ☐ **Row 2:** Ch 3 (counts as the first dc). Skip the first st and dc in each st across, working the last dc into the top of the 3 skipped chains at the end of Row 1. Turn. **(9)**
- ☐ **Row 3:** Ch 3 (counts as the first dc). Skip the first st and dc in each st across, working the last dc into the top of the ch-3 from the row below. Turn. **(9)**
- ☐ **Rows 4–18:** Rep Row 3 until the bookmark measures about 7 in (18 cm), or you have worked 18 rows. Count 9 stitches in every row, including the ch-3. **(9)**

Tip: If the bookmark gets wider, you are probably working into the first stitch instead of skipping it. If it gets narrower, the last stitch — the top of the ch-3 — is being missed.

Finishing

- ☐ **Fasten off:** Cut the yarn, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail, pull it through the loop on your hook, then weave in both tails.
- ☐ **Cut the tassel strands:** Cut 6 strands of yarn, each 8 in (20 cm) long, and hold them together with the ends even.
- ☐ **Attach the tassel:** Fold the strands in half. Insert your hook from front to back through the center stitch of the last row, catch the fold and pull it through to make a loop. Pull all the strand ends through that loop and tug firmly to tighten.
- ☐ **Trim:** Trim the tassel ends so they are even, about 3 in (7.5 cm) long.

Tip: To help the bookmark lie flat, mist it with water, pat it flat and let it dry completely.

Tips

- Keep your stitches relaxed. Tight double crochet makes the bookmark curl.
- Put a stitch marker in the top of each ch-3 as soon as you make it. On the next row, it shows you exactly where the last stitch goes.
- Cotton and linen blends make the flattest bookmarks.

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