



CROCHET / ACCESSORIES

Bloom Grid Pencil Case

Sixteen flower squares. Two panels. A cheerful button closure.

CROCHET PATTERN NEST

A little grid of flowers

This independently written pencil case uses a small flower motif with a square outer round. Make two matching panels, join them into a pouch, and close the opening with four buttons and crocheted loops. The project photos show the intended color mood and arrangement; your stitch texture may vary.



Use many colors, then repeat one pale shade for the outlines.

Materials & finished size

Yarn: small amounts of sport or fine cotton in 5-8 flower colors, plus approximately 50-70 g of white or cream for outer rounds and joins. **Tools:** 2.5 mm crochet hook, yarn needle, scissors, four small flat buttons, and stitch markers. Use buttons large enough to stay in the loops; keep the case away from children who may put buttons in their mouths.

Make one square, block it, then measure. A square near **5 cm / 2 in** gives a case around **20 x 10 cm / 8 x 4 in** before seam thickness. If yours differs, the final size changes with it.

US TERMS

ch chain **dc** double crochet **sc** single crochet **sl st** slip stitch **sp** space. A **2-dc cluster** is two unfinished dc made in the same stitch, closed together.

Flower square: make 16

Work four rounds for each square. Choose a center color, a petal color, a background color, and one consistent border color. Join each round with a slip stitch; turn only if you prefer the alternate texture. Keep the same hook and tension for every motif.

ROUND 1 / CENTER

With color A, ch 4 and sl st to make a ring. Ch 3 (counts as dc), then 15 dc into the ring. Sl st to the top of the ch 3. **16 dc.** Fasten off A.

ROUND 2 / SIXTEEN SMALL PETALS

Join color B in any dc. Ch 2 (does not count as a stitch), make a 2-dc cluster in that same dc, then ch 1. Work one 2-dc cluster followed by ch 1 in each remaining dc. Join in the top of the first cluster. **16 clusters and 16 ch-1 spaces.** Fasten off B.

HOW TO MAKE A 2-DC CLUSTER

Yarn over, insert hook in the stitch, draw up a loop, yarn over and pull through two loops. Repeat once in that same stitch. Yarn over and draw through all three loops on the hook.

ROUND 3 / FLOWER BACKGROUND

Join color C in any ch-1 space. Ch 3 and 2 dc in that space, ch 1. Work (3 dc, ch 1) in each of the other 15 ch-1 spaces. Join in the top of the starting ch 3. **16 groups.** Fasten off C.

ROUND 4 / TURN THE CIRCLE INTO A SQUARE

Join white in any ch-1 space. Work (ch 3, 2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in that space: the first corner. Ch 1; work 3 dc in each of the next three spaces, placing ch 1 between groups. Ch 1; make (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next space for the second corner. Continue this pattern around: **three ordinary spaces between corner spaces.** Join to the first ch 3 and fasten off.

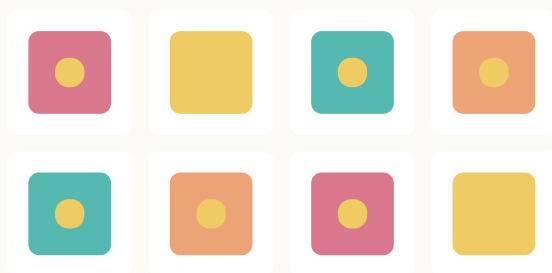
EVEN EDGES

The four corner spaces are four spaces apart around round 3. Check that every corner contains two 3-dc groups separated by ch 2. Block all 16 squares to matching dimensions.

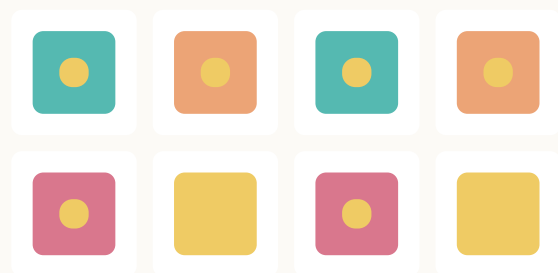
Arrange, join & edge

Lay out eight squares for the front and eight for the back. Each panel is **four squares across and two squares high**. Move the colors around until neighboring flowers have a pleasing balance. Photograph the arrangement before you start joining.

FRONT



BACK



JOIN EACH PANEL

With right sides facing and white yarn on a needle, match two square edges stitch for stitch. Sew through the outer loops of the facing edge stitches so the seam stays neat when opened. Join four squares into each strip; then sew the two strips together. Make a second panel in the same way. Weave in short join tails as you go.

STRAIGHTEN THE PERIMETER

With the right side facing, join white at any outer corner of one panel. Work one round of sc evenly around its perimeter. Put (sc, ch 1, sc) at each of the four corners. Join. Make a second round in the same manner, checking that the fabric lies flat. Repeat both rounds around the second panel.

COUNT BEFORE SEWING

Each panel should have the same number of perimeter stitches along its top, bottom, and matching short edges. Add or omit an evenly spaced sc if needed before you fasten off the edging.

A useful, colorful pouch

JOIN THREE SIDES

Place the two panels together with right sides facing inward. Pin the matching corners and stitch along one short side, the long bottom, and the other short side. Sew through both loops of the perimeter stitches for a sturdy seam. **Leave the long top edge open.** Turn the case right side out and ease out the bottom corners.

ADD FOUR BUTTONS AND LOOPS

On one top edge, sew a flat button near the center of each of the four top squares. On the opposite edge, join white yarn directly across from the first button; chain about 6, or enough to pass over that button without stretching. Skip 1-2 top-edge sc and anchor the chain with a sl st. Test the loop, fasten off, and repeat for the other three buttons. Secure every button with several passes of thread.

CHECK THE CLOSURE

The buttons and loops belong to opposite top edges. Fasten all four, then place pencils inside. Lengthen a loop if it tugs at the top edge; shorten it if it slips off its button.



Ready for your pencils

Weave the remaining ends through the backs of neighboring stitches. Lightly steam or damp-block the case without soaking the buttons, then let it dry completely. For a firmer pouch, add a separately sewn fabric lining if you wish; the crochet case works without one.



FINAL CHECK

- 16 matching flower squares
- 2 panels, each 4 x 2
- 3 sewn pouch edges
- 4 secure buttons
- 4 matching loops

Finished size depends on your blocked square and yarn tension.

Thank you for crocheting with us.

We hope this flower-filled pencil case brings a little color to your desk.

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