Crochet Phone Bag Pattern: A Free Crossbody Bag Sized to Fit Your Phone

Crochet an oval base, work the body in rounds of crossed double crochet with a round of single crochet between them, then add a button tab over the top and a long strap. In DK cotton on a 3.5 mm hook the Standard size comes out about 10.5 cm wide and 17.5 cm tall, for phones like the iPhone 17 or a Galaxy S26 in a case. The Large size is for Pro Max, Air, Plus and Ultra phones.

This is our own design. A script checks every round's stitch count against the round before it, and the sizes are estimates worked out from a gauge, so the first thing to check is your own bag against the size table after round 4.

Pick your size

Measure your phone in the case you use. Add its width to its thickness: up to 9.5 cm takes the Standard size, up to 10 cm the Large. Then check the height column. A rugged case adds far more than a slim one: an OtterBox Defender makes a Pro Max 9 cm wide, too big for either size.

Size	Phone in its case, up to	For example	Bag, laid flat	Foundation chain	Yarn for bag and tab
Standard	7.9 cm wide, 1.6 cm thick, 15.8 cm tall	iPhone 16, 17, 17 Pro and 18 Pro, Galaxy S25 and S26, Pixel 10a, 11 and 11 Pro	about 10.5 × 17.5 cm (4.25 × 6.75 in)	18 ch	about 70 m
Large	8.4 cm wide, 1.6 cm thick, 16.8 cm tall	iPhone Air, 17 Pro Max and 18 Pro Max, Galaxy S26+ and S26 Ultra, Pixel 11 Pro XL	about 11.5 × 19 cm (4.5 × 7.5 in)	20 ch	about 85 m

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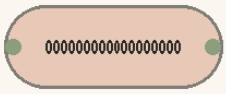
Crochet phone bag: the four steps

Standard size, drawn to scale. One piece from the base up, then a tab and a strap.

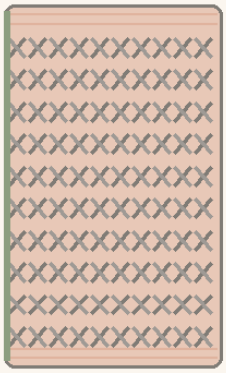
1 Chain 18, then work round both sides into an oval



10.5 cm

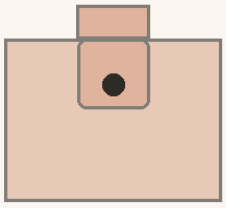
Green dots: the 3 increases at each end in round 2. The base is drawn deeper than scale.

2 Crossed dc rounds, with sc rounds between

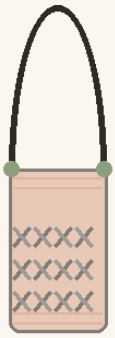


10.5 cm

3 A tab from the back buttons on the front



4 A strap from one side edge to the other



Strap shortened in the drawing. Lengths are in the strap table.

Measurements from the size table in this article **crochetbabygifts.com**

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The bag is about 2 cm bigger round than the phone, so the phone slides in and out without the stitches stretching, and about 1 cm taller, so the tab closes over the top of it.

What you need

Every tool our patterns use is on the Crochet essentials (https://crochetbabygifts.com/essentials/) page.

- DK (#3) cotton yarn, one colour. Cotton holds a crisp shape and stretches less where the strap pulls. "Milk cotton" DK, the soft blend many phone bag videos use, works too. The amounts are in the size table, plus the strap from the strap table. Most DK cottons have 125 m in a 50 g ball, but milk cotton varies from seller to seller, so check the label.
- A 3.5 mm crochet hook. The hook size chart (https://crochetbabygifts.com/crochet-hook-size-chart/) gives the US letter near it.
- One flat button, 15 to 18 mm across.
- A blunt tapestry needle, scissors and two locking stitch markers.
- Optional: a piece of card about 8 cm tall, for the tassel.

Gauge and abbreviations

Gauge: about 20 single crochet and 22 rounds to 10 cm (4 in) on a 3.5 mm hook, and each crossed double crochet round about 1.1 cm tall. We have not measured this on the bag yet. It is a planning figure from published DK cotton gauges, and every size on this page is worked out from it.

The quick check is round 4: lay the bag flat and it should measure the width in the size table. If it is more than 1 cm narrower, your phone may not fit. Go up half a hook size and start again. If it is more than 1 cm wider, go down half a size.

US crochet terms throughout. The UK name is in brackets.

- ch: chain. sl st: slip stitch. st(s): stitch(es).
- sc: single crochet (UK: double crochet). dc: double crochet (UK: treble).
- inc: increase, 2 sc in the same stitch.
- sc2tog: insert the hook in the next stitch and pull up a loop, insert it in the stitch after and pull up a loop, then yarn over and pull through all 3 loops.

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- Crossed dc: skip the next stitch and work a dc in the stitch after it. Then go back to the skipped stitch: keep the yarn behind your work, bring the hook in front of the dc you just made, and work a dc in the skipped stitch. The two stitches cross and link where they cross, so each pair makes a neat cross. Some tutorials bring the yarn to the front as well. That makes a bolder X, but it is harder to work, so this bag does not use it.
- Back loops only: work into just the loop of each stitch that is furthest from you.
- RS / WS: right side (the outside of the bag) and wrong side.
- 18 (20): the first number is for the Standard size, the one in brackets for the Large. [42 (46) sts]: the stitches you should have at the end of that round.

The videos

Edie Eckman's video shows the crossed double crochet close up, worked three different ways. This bag uses her second way, from 2:48: the yarn stays at the back, the hook goes in front of the stitch you just made, and the two stitches link where they cross. Her first way, from 0:42, and her third way, from 4:43, are different stitches, so do not mix them into the bag.

She works flat rows on a small swatch and puts a row of single crochet before a crossed row, as this bag puts a round of single crochet before each crossed round. Her ch 3 counts as the first dc of the row, and she ends each row with one plain dc. On this bag the ch 3 does not count as a stitch, and there is no plain dc, because a crossed round is crossed pairs all the way round.

Watch the video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HDFXXs9nMs8

Video: Edie Eckman, "How to Work Crossed Double Crochets 3 Ways" (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HDFXXs9nMs8), 2018, 8 minutes. It teaches the stitch, not this bag, and the counts on this page are our own.

Chenda DIY's video shows a different phone bag, so its rounds and counts are not the ones on this page. Its owner has switched off playing it on other websites, so open it on YouTube from the link at the end of this section and skip to these times. It is worth watching for the moves the two bags share:

- Working round both sides of a foundation chain from 0:58, the start of the oval base in step 1.
- Crossed double crochet from 10:50. We have not checked which of the three ways it is worked, so for this bag follow Edie Eckman's second way and the definition in the abbreviations.
- Tassels from 22:40, the optional step 6.
- A strap made from a long chain from 33:50, like step 4.

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The video closes its bag with a chain loop and a crocheted button. This pattern uses a tab, because a flat tab holds the bag shut over a phone without stretching, and it keeps the slip stitch seam straight by turning every round instead of the stitch-skipping tip in the video.

Video: Chenda DIY, "Easy Crochet Phone Bag Tutorial" (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SBObplVzrVM), 2022, 41 minutes. A different design; the pattern on this page is our own.

The pattern

1. Base

Worked in joined rounds with the right side facing you. Do not turn.

- Foundation: ch 18 (20).
- Rnd 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc 15 (17), 3 sc in last ch; working along the other side of the chain, sc 15 (17), 2 sc in last ch. [36 (40) sts]
- Rnd 2: inc, sc 15 (17), [inc] 3 times, sc 15 (17), [inc] 2 times. [42 (46) sts]

Join each round with a sl st in the first sc, and start the next one with ch 1, which does not count as a stitch. The 3 increases at each end turn the flat strip into an oval about 2 cm wide, deep enough for a phone in a thick case.

2. Body

From here every round starts with ch 1 (ch 3 before a crossed dc round), which does not count as a stitch, and ends with a sl st in the first stitch of the round (on a crossed dc round, the top of the first dc you made). Round 3 is still worked with the right side facing. At the end of round 3, and of every round after it, join and then turn. The crossed dc rounds then always fall on the right side, and the joins stack up in one straight line down the side of the bag.

- Rnd 3: in back loops only, sc in each st. [42 (46) sts]
- Rnd 4: sc in each st. [42 (46) sts]
- Rnd 5: [skip next st, dc in next st, dc in the skipped st in front of the last dc] 21 (23) times. [42 (46) sts]
- Rnd 6: sc in each st. [42 (46) sts]
- Rnds 7–24 (7–26): work Rnds 5 and 6 another 9 (10) times. [42 (46) sts]
- Rnd 25 (27): sc in each st. [42 (46) sts]
- Rnd 26 (28): sc in each st. [42 (46) sts]

Fasten off and weave in the end. Round 3's free front loops make a ridge round the bottom, so the base sits flat instead of rounding off into the sides.

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3. Closure tab

Fold the bag flat with the column of joins along one side edge, and pick the face that will be the back. Along the top round of the back, count 7 (8) sts in from the side and put a marker in the next stitch. With the right side facing, join the yarn in the marked stitch.

- Row 1: ch 1, sc 7. [7 sts]
- Rows 2–8: ch 1, turn, sc 7. [7 sts]
- Row 9: ch 1, turn, sc 2, ch 3, skip 3 sts, sc 2. [7 sts]
- Row 10: ch 1, turn, sc 2, 3 sc in the ch-3 space, sc 2. [7 sts]
- Row 11: ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc 3, sc2tog. [5 sts]

Fasten off and weave in the end. Row 9 is the buttonhole. The ch 3 counts as 3 stitches in the totals.

4. Strap

Choose the length from the strap table. With the right side facing, join the yarn in the top round at the column of joins. Chain until the chain, laid flat without stretching, measures the strap length. A cotton strap can stretch a little under the phone's weight, so before you join it, pin the end of the chain to the far side, hang the bag on you with the phone inside and adjust the chain. Check that it has not twisted, then sl st in the st 21 (23) sts along the top round from the join, which is the opposite side edge, and sl st in the next 2 sts. Turn, and sc in the back bump of each ch all the way back along the strap. Sl st in the top round next to where the chain started and fasten off.

5. Button

Put your phone in the bag, fold the tab over the top and mark where the middle of the buttonhole lands on the front. Sew the button there with a split strand of the yarn or with sewing thread, going through the bag several times. Weave in every end.

6. Tassel (optional)

Wrap the yarn 20 times round the 8 cm card. Thread a 30 cm strand under the wraps at the top and tie it tight. Slide the wraps off, wind another strand 5 times round them 1 cm below the top and knot it, then cut the loops at the bottom and trim them level. Tie the tassel to the strap where it meets the bag, with the top strand.

Strap length

The best length is the one you already like. Measure the strap of a bag you wear the same way, from where it joins the bag on one side to where it joins on the other, and chain that length.

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Worn	Strap, end to end	Extra yarn
Crossbody, the usual length	about 127 cm (50 in)	about 20 m
Crossbody, if you are under about 157 cm (5 ft 2 in)	about 115 cm (45 in)	about 20 m
Crossbody, if you are tall	about 150 cm (59 in)	about 25 m
On one shoulder	about 76 cm (30 in)	about 15 m
Short, round the wrist	about 30 cm (12 in)	about 5 m

Bag makers sell crossbody straps from about 114 to 152 cm (45 to 60 in) end to end, with 127 cm (50 in) the usual default, and shoulder straps at about 76 cm (30 in). The longer the strap, the lower the bag hangs.

Yarn and time

A whole Standard bag with a crossbody strap takes about 90 m, and a Large one about 100 m. One 125 m ball covers either size. A milk cotton with 95 to 100 m in a ball is close for the Large size, so buy two. The amounts come from counting every stitch and allowing a published length of yarn per stitch for DK, so they are upper estimates.

It is about 1,700 stitches, roughly 3 to 5 hours of crochet, strap included, by the time model in how long a baby blanket takes (https://crochetbabygifts.com/how-long-to-crochet-a-baby-blanket/).

If something goes wrong

The phone will not go in. The bag is too small round, so your stitches are tighter than the gauge. Work it again with a 4 mm hook. Do not add stitches instead: the crossed dc needs an even number and the tab needs an odd number on each face.

The joins drift towards the front. Check that you turn after every round from round 3. Without turning, a joined round always leans a little to one side, and over 26 rounds that adds up.

The tab will not reach the button. Sew the button higher, closer to the rim, rather than making the tab longer, so the phone cannot push it open.

Frequently asked questions

Is this a good first project? It suits a confident beginner. The base is the only fiddly part, because you work along both sides of the chain. After that it is two stitches in rounds.

Can I make it without the strap? Yes. Work the tab and the button, then add a short wrist strap from the table, or none at all, as a pouch for a bigger bag.

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Will it fit a phone in a wallet case? Measure it with the wallet case closed and use the same rule: add its width to its thickness, and pick the size that total falls in.

Can I use acrylic yarn? Yes, with the same hook. Expect a softer bag that stretches more where the strap pulls on it.

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