

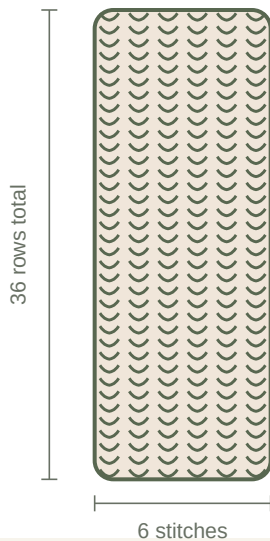
A bookmark for slow days

A slim strip of single crochet, ready for your next chapter.

BEGINNER

US TERMS

Schematic preview - not to scale



Gather your supplies

Yarn: Smooth light / DK cotton for a flexible bookmark. Allow about 25 yd (23 m), including a small practice swatch.

Hook: US G-6 / 4 mm as a starting point, or the size suggested on your yarn label.

Also: Scissors, a blunt yarn needle, a ruler, and two removable stitch markers.

Small stitches, straight edges

Work back and forth in rows using **ch** (chain) and **sc** (single crochet). The turning chain does **not** count as a stitch. Keep six stitches in every row and include Row 1 when counting your 36 rows.

Let gauge guide the size

There is no required gauge. Width = 6 ÷ stitches per inch; length = 36 ÷ rows per inch. For example, 5 stitches and 6 rows per inch give about 1.2 × 6 in (3 × 15.2 cm). Your finished size may differ.

Choose a fabric that lies flat and feels comfortable between pages. Thicker yarn makes a wider, thicker bookmark. Practice a few rows first if this is your first project.

One little row at a time

Six stitches across. Thirty-six rows from start to finish.

1 Make the foundation

Make a slip knot and chain 7. Do not count the slip knot or the loop on your hook. Keep your chain relaxed.

2 Row 1: work into the chain

Work 1 sc in the second chain from the hook, then 1 sc in each remaining chain. **Count: 6 sc.** Mark the first and last sc.

3 Rows 2-36: single crochet across

Chain 1 and turn. Work 1 sc in the first stitch and each remaining stitch, under both top loops. **Count: 6 sc in each row.** Do not crochet into the turning chain. Repeat until you have 36 rows total, including Row 1.

4 Fasten off and finish

After Row 36, cut the yarn leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail. Pull the tail completely through the final loop. Weave both tails into the fabric in more than one direction. Follow the yarn label for washing, then lay flat to dry if suitable.

Your row tracker

Tick each box after completing a row. Row 1 is the foundation row of single crochet, not the starting chain.

☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3	☐ 4	☐ 5	☐ 6	☐ 7	☐ 8	☐ 9	☐ 10	☐ 11	☐ 12
☐ 13	☐ 14	☐ 15	☐ 16	☐ 17	☐ 18	☐ 19	☐ 20	☐ 21	☐ 22	☐ 23	☐ 24
☐ 25	☐ 26	☐ 27	☐ 28	☐ 29	☐ 30	☐ 31	☐ 32	☐ 33	☐ 34	☐ 35	☐ 36

A quick edge check

Count six stitches before you turn. The first stitch sits directly beside the turning chain; the last stitch is easy to overlook. Markers help you find both ends.

Pattern status: Written stitch counts have been reviewed; a sample has not been physically crocheted. Dimensions and yarn quantities are estimates, so check your own gauge.

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