

## Crochet Hook Caddy

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Difficulty level: \*\*\*(average)

*I crochet at my computer desk (don't we all?) and needed a better way to store the hooks I like to keep handy. I was keeping them in a pencil cup, and always had to remove all the hooks to find the one I wanted. This hook caddy has a coiled inner section that keeps the hooks separate for quick access...just insert the hooks between the coils!*



### Materials

About 4 ounces of a stiffer worsted weight acrylic, like Red Heart

Crochet hook size G (4 mm) or size needed to achieve gauge

Cardboard crochet thread core measuring about 3 1/2" in diameter x 3 1/2" high (I used the core from a ball of Aunt Lydia's "Denim" Quick Crochet)

Gauge: Rounds 1-3 of the inner section = about 2"

Finished size: About 3 3/4" in diameter x 4" high

### Inner (coiled) section

Ch 4, join with a sl st in the first ch to form a ring.

Round 1: Work 6 sc in the ring. (6 sc) Do not join. Instead, use a stitch marker to mark the first stitch in rounds 2-6.

Round 2: Work 2 sc in the back loop only of each sc around. (12 sc)

Round 3: (Sc in the back loop only of the first sc, 2 sc in the back loop only of the next sc) 6 times. (18 sc)

Round 4: (Sc in the back loop only of each of the next 2 sc, 2 sc in the back loop only of the next sc) 6 times. (24 sc)

Round 5: (Sc in the back loop only of each of the next 3 sc, 2 sc in the back loop only of the next sc) 6 times. (30 sc)

Round 6: (Sc in the back loop only of each of the next 4 sc, 2 sc in the back loop only of the next sc) 6 times; ch 2, turn. (36 sc) (Pattern note: The "ch 2" at the end of the rows does not count as the first dc in the next row.)

Pattern note: After round 6, the pattern will be worked in spiral rows. Work tightly for best results.

Row 1: Dc in the back loop only of each of the first 36 sc, dc in each of the 90 unworked loops in rounds 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1; ch 2, turn. (126 dc)

Rows 2-6: Dc through both loops of each dc across; ch 2, turn. (126 dc)

Row 7: Dc through both loops of each dc across. (126 dc) Fasten off.

## Outer cover

Ch 4, join with a sl st in the first ch to form a ring.

Round 1: Work 6 sc in the ring. (6 sc) Do not join. Instead, use a stitch marker to mark the first stitch in rounds 2-6.

Round 2: Work 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sc)

Round 3: (Sc in the first sc, 2 sc in the next sc) 6 times. (18 sc)

Round 4: (Sc in the each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in the next sc) 6 times. (24 sc)

Round 5: (Sc in each next 3 sc, 2 sc in the next sc) 6 times. (30 sc)

Round 6: (Sc in each of the next 4 sc, 2 sc in the next sc) 6 times; ch 2, turn. (36 sc)

Round 7 (joining to the bottom of the inner section): Insert hook in the back loop only of the next sc and into the first skipped front loop of round 6 of the inner section and complete a sc, (insert hook in the back loop only of the next sc and into the next skipped front loop of round 6 of the inner section and complete a sc) 35 times. (36 sc)

Rounds 8-23: Leaving the inner section hanging from the bottom of the piece, sc through both loops of each sc around. (36 sc) Fasten off after round 23.

## Finishing

Turn outer cover right side out to enclose the inner section. Insert the cardboard core between the inner and outer sections. Straighten outer cover over the cardboard core.

Row 1: With yarn on hook, insert hook into the stitch on the outer cover closest to the first stitch on row 7 of the inner cover, then insert hook into the first stitch on row 7 of the inner section and complete a sc, (insert hook into the next st on the outer cover and into the next st on the inner section and complete a sc) 35 times to enclose the cardboard core; continue working a sc in each of the next 90 sts on the inner section; ch 1, turn. (126 sc)

Row 2: Sl st in each of the first 90 sts on the inner section, then continue working a sl st in each of the next 36 sc around the top perimeter of the caddy; join with a sl st in the first sl st at the top of the caddy. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

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