Bedside Book Pocket

An open pocket for a small paperback, made from one long panel. It is meant to lie on a shelf or bedside surface.

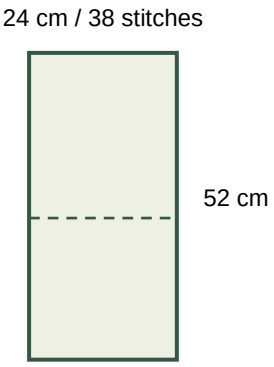
NOT PHYSICALLY SAMPLE-TESTED. Counts are calculated from an assumed gauge. Swatch and check fit before committing yarn. Drawings are construction schematics, not finished photographs.

Flat panel target	24 x 52 cm
Stitches per row	38
Rows	94
Main stitch	Single crochet (sc)
Assumed planning gauge	16 stitches / 18 rows per 10 cm

Before you begin

Use a smooth medium-weight yarn suited to the intended purpose and a 5 mm hook as a starting point. You also need a ruler, tapestry needle, scissors, and removable markers. Yarn quantity is not sample-tested: use a measured swatch and the yarn planner. For covers, have the object available for a fit check.

The panel before assembly



Your step-by-step plan

01 Make a swatch first

Use a smooth medium-weight yarn and a 5 mm hook as a starting point. Work a swatch larger than 10 x 10 cm in single crochet. The calculation example uses 16 stitches and 18 rows per 10 cm. This is an assumed planning gauge, not a measured sample result. Change the counts using your own swatch if it differs.

02 Begin the foundation

Chain 39 loosely. Single crochet in the second chain from the hook, then work one sc in each remaining chain. You should have 38 stitches. The skipped chain and turning chain do not count as stitches.

03 Build the panel

For rows 2-94, chain 1, turn, and work one sc in each stitch across, starting in the first actual stitch. Finish in the last actual stitch, not in the turning chain. Keep 38 stitches in every row. Use a single color unless you deliberately plan and record a variation.

04 Pause and measure

After several rows, lay the fabric down without pulling and check the width. At the assumed gauge, 38 stitches produce about 23.8 cm and 94 rows about 52.2 cm. The nominal 24 x 52 cm dimensions are rounded. Seams and folds will change the final usable size.

05 Finish and assemble

Fold the bottom 24 cm upward and seam both sides. Leave the top open. Check the book width and thickness before sewing because the seams reduce usable space.

06 Check before using

Not a hanging organizer and not designed to support heavy objects.

Troubleshooting

For a thicker book, allow extra width and test with a folded swatch before making the full panel.

Adapt the size

Use your measured stitch and row gauge to calculate a new flat panel. This plain stitch uses a multiple of one. Add 1 foundation chains to the chosen stitch count. Account for folds, seam allowance, and the thickness of the intended object separately.

Keep a record

Yarn and lot: _____ Hook: _____ Measured gauge: _____
Changes / next step: _____

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