

CROCHET CAR SEAT ORGANIZER

Step-by-Step Tutorial



FINISHED SIZE

Approx. 38 cm (15 in) wide
x 45 cm (17 1/4 in) tall



MATERIALS

- Worsted Weight Yarn
Main Color (MC): Blue – approx. 250 g
Color A: Mustard – approx. 40 g
Color B: Rust – approx. 40 g
- Crochet Hook: 5.0 mm (H-8)
- Tapestry Needle
- Scissors
- Measuring Tape
- Optional: Stitch Markers

GAUGE

- 13 sc x 14 rows = 10 cm (4 in)
in single crochet

ABBREVIATIONS (US TERMS)

ch	= chain
sc	= single crochet
hdc	= half double crochet
dc	= double crochet
sl st	= slip stitch
st(s)	= stitch(es)
MC	= main color
A	= Color A (mustard)
B	= Color B (rust)

CONSTRUCTION OVERVIEW

The organizer is worked flat from the bottom up in one piece. Pockets are formed as you go. A strap is added at the top to hang over the headrest.

PATTERN NOTES

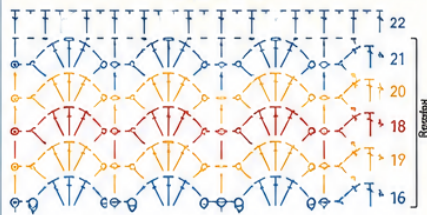
- Ch 1 at the beginning of rows does NOT count as a stitch.
- Work over loose ends as you go.
- Change colors at the last yarn over of the last stitch.

PATTERN – WORK FLAT

With MC (Blue), ch 46.
Row 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. (45 sc)
Rows 2–7: ch 1, turn, sc in each st across. (45 sc)
Row 8 (Pocket Base): ch 1, turn, sc in each of the next 22 sts, ch 1, skip next st, sc in each of the next 22 sts. (22 sc, ch 1 space, 22 sc)
Row 9: ch 1, turn, sc in each st and in the ch-1 space. (45 sc)
Row 10–15: ch 1, turn, sc in each st across. (45 sc)
Row 16 (Start Zigzag Pattern): Change to Color A (Mustard). Work in ripple pattern across 45 sts.
Row 16 (A): ch 1, dc in 3rd st from hook, * skip 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip 2 sts, sl st in next st; repeat from * across.
Row 17 (A): ch 1, sc in each st and dc across.
Row 18 (B): Change to Color B (Rust), rep Row 16.
Row 19 (B): ch 1, sc in each st and dc across.
Row 20 (A): Change to Color A, rep Row 16.
Row 21 (A): ch 1, sc in each st and dc across.
Row 22 (MC): Change to Blue, ch 1, sc in each st and dc across.
Rows 23–30: ch 1, turn, sc in each st across (Blue). Fasten off.

ZIGZAG (RIPPLE) CHART – 10 STITCH REPEAT

Multiple of 10 + 5



- = chain (ch)
- = slip stitch (sl st)
- ⊕ = single crochet (sc)
- ⊥ = double crochet (dc)
- ⊥ = single crochet (worked in the dc row below)
- 5-dc Shell (work 5 dc in same st)

STEP-BY-STEP

1

Work the base and straight rows (Rows 1–15).

2

Create pocket division on Row 8.

3

Work zigzag (ripple) pattern Rows 16–22.

4

Continue with straight rows (Rows 23–30).

5

STRAP: Attach yarn at top corner, ch 60 (or length to fit over headrest), sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Sl st to opposite top corner. Fasten off.

6

Weave in ends. Your organizer is ready!

POCKET DETAILS

- Upper Pocket: Open top, use for books, tablets, etc.
- Lower Pockets: Perfect for bottles, mugs, and cups.



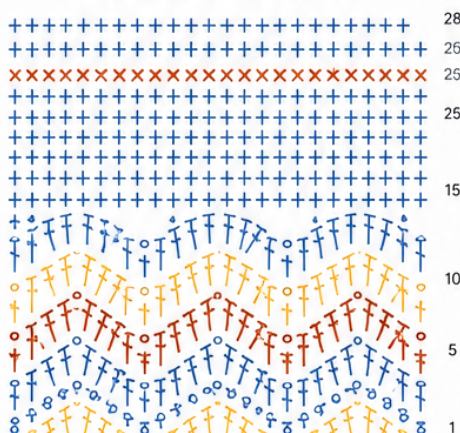
MAIN STITCHES (US TERMS)

chain (ch) Yarn over, pull through loop.	single crochet (sc) Insert hook, yarn over, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through both loops.	half double crochet (hdc) Yarn over, insert hook, yarn over, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through all 3 loops.	double crochet (dc) Yarn over, insert hook, yarn over, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops, yarn over, pull through last 2 loops.
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TIPS

- ★ Use sturdy worsted weight yarn for durability.
- ★ Adjust strap length to fit your headrest.
- ★ Add a fabric lining for extra strength if desired.
- ★ Great handmade gift for drivers!

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Foundation: Ch 36
Work in rows.



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Crochet Car Seat Organizer – Complete Step-by-Step Tutorial

This practical **crochet car seat organizer** is designed to hang from the front-seat headrest and provide convenient storage for books, tablets, bottles, travel mugs, snacks, and other small essentials. It is worked as one flat rectangular panel from the bottom upward, with the pockets created directly on the main piece.

The organizer uses a sturdy worsted-weight yarn and simple US crochet stitches. A colorful ripple section decorates the lower pockets, while straight single crochet rows form the main body and upper pocket. The finished strap is attached to the top corners and placed around the headrest posts.

The instructions below follow the measurements, colors, stitch counts, and construction shown in the original tutorial graphic.

Finished Size

The completed organizer measures approximately:

38 cm or 15 inches wide

45 cm or 17¾ inches tall

The upper opening and handle area measure approximately:

25 cm or 9¾ inches wide

The measurements may vary slightly depending on your yarn, tension, and finishing method.

Materials

You will need:

- Worsted-weight yarn
- Main Color, or MC: blue, approximately 250 g
- Color A: mustard yellow, approximately 40 g
- Color B: rust, approximately 40 g
- 5.0 mm crochet hook, US size H-8
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors
- Measuring tape

- Stitch markers, optional
- Fabric for lining, optional
- Sewing needle and coordinating thread, optional for the lining

Choose a durable, washable worsted-weight yarn. Acrylic or an acrylic-cotton blend is a practical option for a car organizer because it is strong, easy to clean, and less likely to stretch excessively.

Gauge

Work a gauge swatch before beginning.

13 single crochet stitches × 14 rows = 10 cm or 4 inches

Small differences in gauge can significantly affect the finished width and height. Use a larger hook if your swatch is too small or a smaller hook if it is too large.

The fabric should feel firm enough to support bottles and other objects without being so tight that it becomes difficult to insert the hook.

US Crochet Abbreviations

- **ch** = chain
- **sc** = single crochet
- **hdc** = half double crochet
- **dc** = double crochet
- **sl st** = slip stitch
- **st** = stitch
- **sts** = stitches
- **MC** = Main Color, blue
- **A** = Color A, mustard
- **B** = Color B, rust
- **rep** = repeat
- **sk** = skip
- **RS** = right side
- **WS** = wrong side

Main Stitches Used

Chain: Make a slip knot, place it on the hook, yarn over, and pull the yarn through the loop on the hook.

Single crochet: Insert the hook into the indicated stitch, yarn over, and pull up a loop. Yarn over again and pull through both loops on the hook.

Half double crochet: Yarn over, insert the hook into the indicated stitch, yarn over, and pull up a loop. Yarn over and pull through all three loops on the hook.

Double crochet: Yarn over, insert the hook into the indicated stitch, yarn over, and pull up a loop. Yarn over and pull through two loops. Yarn over once more and pull through the remaining two loops.

Slip stitch: Insert the hook into the indicated stitch, yarn over, and pull the yarn through the stitch and through the loop already on the hook.

Important Pattern Notes

The organizer is worked flat in one piece from the bottom upward.

Chain 1 at the beginning of a single crochet row does **not** count as a stitch.

Turn the work at the end of each row unless the instructions state otherwise.

Work over loose yarn ends whenever possible to reduce finishing work.

Change colors during the final yarn-over of the last stitch before the new color begins. This creates a cleaner transition.

Maintain 45 stitches throughout the main body unless a specific shaping instruction is given.

Use stitch markers to identify the first and last stitch of each row if necessary.

Count your stitches regularly. A missed stitch at the edge can make the organizer narrower and cause the pockets to become uneven.

Step 1: Crochet the Lower Base

Using the Main Color, blue, make a foundation chain of **46 chains**.

Row 1

Beginning in the second chain from the hook, work 1 single crochet in each chain across.

You should have **45 single crochet stitches**.

Chain 1 and turn.

Rows 2–7

Work 1 single crochet in each stitch across.

Chain 1 and turn at the end of each row.

Maintain **45 stitches**.

At this stage, you will have a solid blue rectangular base. This lower section forms the bottom foundation of the organizer and helps support the weight of the items placed inside the pockets.

Step 2: Form the Pocket Base and Division

Row 8

Chain 1 and turn.

Work 1 single crochet in each of the next 22 stitches.

Chain 1, skip the next stitch, and work 1 single crochet in each of the remaining 22 stitches.

You should have:

- 22 single crochet stitches
- One chain-1 division space
- 22 single crochet stitches

This center chain space establishes the separation between the two lower pockets.

Row 9

Chain 1 and turn.

Work 1 single crochet in every single crochet stitch and 1 single crochet in the chain-1 space.

You should again have **45 stitches**.

The center division is now incorporated into the fabric and can be reinforced during finishing to create two clearly separated storage compartments.

Step 3: Add the First Decorative Stripe

Rows 10–15

Chain 1 and turn.

Work 1 single crochet in each stitch across.

Maintain **45 stitches**.

Use the color sequence shown in the finished organizer:

- Work the main rows in blue.
- Add a narrow mustard stripe.

- Add a narrow rust stripe or follow the displayed blue, mustard, and rust arrangement.

For the cleanest result, change colors at the end of a row rather than tying the new yarn into the middle of the fabric.

Carry the unused yarn loosely along the edge when it will be needed again soon, or cut it and weave in the ends later.

Step 4: Crochet the Zigzag or Ripple Section

The decorative ripple pattern is worked across all **45 stitches**. The chart is based on a **10-stitch repeat plus 5 additional stitches**.

The basic ripple unit is created with groups of double crochet stitches, skipped stitches, and slip stitches. The raised sections form the peaks, while the skipped stitches and slip stitches form the valleys.

Row 16 With Color A

Change to mustard yellow.

Chain 1 and turn.

Work 1 single crochet in the first stitch.

Repeat the following sequence across:

Skip 2 stitches, work 5 double crochet stitches in the next stitch, skip 2 stitches, and work 1 slip stitch in the next stitch.

Continue repeating the sequence evenly across the row.

Finish with 1 single crochet in the last stitch when needed to keep the edge balanced.

This row creates the first mustard-colored wave.

Row 17 With Color A

Chain 1 and turn.

Work 1 single crochet in each stitch and double crochet across, following the stitch placement established in the previous row.

Keep the stitch count even and avoid adding stitches at the tops of the shells.

Row 18 With Color B

Change to rust during the final yarn-over of the last stitch of Row 17.

Repeat the Row 16 ripple sequence:

Work 1 single crochet at the edge, then repeat:

Skip 2 stitches, work 5 double crochet stitches in the next stitch, skip 2 stitches, and work 1 slip stitch in the next stitch.

Continue across.

Row 19 With Color B

Chain 1 and turn.

Work 1 single crochet in each stitch and double crochet across.

Row 20 With Color A

Change back to mustard yellow.

Repeat Row 16.

Row 21 With Color A

Chain 1 and turn.

Work 1 single crochet in each stitch and double crochet across.

Row 22 With Main Color

Change to blue.

Chain 1 and turn.

Work 1 single crochet in each stitch and double crochet across.

This blue row closes the decorative ripple section and prepares the organizer for the straight upper section.

Keep the wave pattern centered. The first and last sections should mirror one another so the finished organizer looks symmetrical.

Step 5: Continue the Straight Upper Section

Rows 23–30

Using blue, chain 1 and turn.

Work 1 single crochet in each stitch across.

Maintain **45 stitches**.

This section creates the flat area above the decorative lower pockets. Keep the edges straight and check the width frequently.

Fasten off after Row 30 if you are constructing the pockets separately before continuing the upper body. Leave a sufficiently long tail for seaming.

Step 6: Create the Lower Pockets

Fold the lower portion of the crocheted panel upward to form the two front pockets.

The decorative ripple section should appear on the outside of the pockets.

Align the lower and side edges carefully. Use stitch markers or safety pins to hold the folded section in place.

Using blue yarn and a tapestry needle, sew the side edges of the folded section to the main panel.

Use a secure whip stitch, mattress stitch, or slip-stitch seam.

Next, sew a vertical line from the center chain space down to the lower edge. This creates two separate pockets.

The lower pockets are ideal for:

- Water bottles
- Travel mugs
- Small snack containers
- Sunglasses cases
- Tissues
- Small toys
- Charging cables

Reinforce the center division and the upper corners of both pockets because these areas receive the most strain.

Step 7: Continue the Main Body

Rejoin the Main Color at the upper edge if it was fastened off.

Continue working straight rows of single crochet across the full width until the entire organizer measures approximately **45 cm or 17¾ inches tall**.

Keep the width at approximately **38 cm or 15 inches**.

The tutorial image shows a large upper section with a horizontal pocket opening. To reproduce this structure, crochet a separate upper pocket panel or fold a portion of the upper fabric upward, depending on your preferred construction method.

A separate pocket panel offers more control and is usually easier for beginners.

Step 8: Make the Upper Pocket

Using blue, chain enough stitches to create a panel approximately the same width as the main organizer.

For the displayed stitch count, begin with **46 chains**.

Starting in the second chain from the hook, work 1 single crochet in each chain across for a total of **45 stitches**.

Continue working single crochet rows until the pocket reaches the desired depth. A depth of approximately 12–15 cm, or 4¾–6 inches, works well for books, tablets, maps, and documents.

Add narrow mustard and rust stripes near the upper edge to coordinate with the original organizer.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Position the pocket panel on the upper half of the organizer. Make sure it is centered and level.

Sew the two sides and lower edge to the main body, leaving the upper edge open.

Reinforce both upper corners with several extra stitches.

The upper pocket may be used for:

- Books
- Tablets
- Coloring books
- Travel documents
- Maps
- Notebooks
- Envelopes
- Small electronic devices

For a tablet pocket, consider adding a fabric lining to reduce stretching and provide additional protection.

Step 9: Shape the Top of the Organizer

The top section should narrow slightly toward the strap area, leaving an upper width of approximately **25 cm or 9¾ inches**.

To create the shaped shoulders, decrease gradually at both ends of several rows.

A simple shaping method is to work one single crochet decrease at the beginning and end of every other row until the top section reaches approximately 25 cm or 9¾ inches wide.

To make a single crochet decrease:

Insert the hook into the next stitch, yarn over, and pull up a loop. Insert the hook into the following stitch, yarn over, and pull up another loop. Yarn over and pull through all three loops.

Keep both sides symmetrical by placing the same number of decreases on each edge.

Continue straight in single crochet for a few rows after reaching the desired width. This creates a stable area for attaching the strap.

Because headrests vary in size, hold the organizer against the intended vehicle seat before finishing this section.

Step 10: Crochet the Headrest Strap

Attach blue yarn securely to one top corner.

Chain **60**, or create a chain long enough to fit around the headrest posts.

The tutorial suggests adjusting the length to match the specific headrest.

Beginning in the second chain from the hook, work 1 slip stitch in each chain across.

Slip stitch the strap securely to the opposite top corner.

Fasten off and weave in the tail.

The completed strap should be firm and relatively narrow. A slip-stitched strap stretches less than a strap made entirely with single crochet.

For additional strength, work a second row of slip stitches or single crochet around the strap.

Before permanently securing it, test the organizer on the car seat. The organizer should hang flat without pulling the top corners inward excessively.

Step 11: Add a Reinforced Top Edge

Join blue yarn at one upper corner.

Work single crochet evenly around the shaped upper edge and strap attachment points.

Place extra stitches around curves and fewer stitches along straight sections to prevent rippling.

At each strap attachment point, work several additional slip stitches or single crochet stitches through both the strap and the main body.

This reinforcement is important because the strap supports the entire organizer.

Fasten off and weave in the ends securely.

Step 12: Add an Optional Fabric Lining

A lining is strongly recommended when the organizer will hold heavy bottles, tablets, or sharp-edged objects.

Place the completed organizer flat on the lining fabric.

Trace around the main body, leaving a seam allowance of approximately ½ inch.

Cut the lining fabric.

Fold the seam allowance toward the wrong side and press it.

Position the lining against the back of the crocheted organizer.

Hand-sew the lining around the outer edges using small, even stitches. Avoid sewing through the pocket openings.

You may also line each pocket separately before attaching it to the main body.

A lining helps:

- Prevent excessive stretching
- Protect the crochet stitches
- Support heavier objects
- Keep small items from pushing through the fabric
- Give the organizer a more professional finish

Step 13: Weave In All Yarn Ends

Thread each yarn tail onto a tapestry needle.

Weave the tail through several stitches on the wrong side of the work.

Change direction and weave it back through nearby stitches.

Trim the remaining yarn close to the fabric.

Pay special attention to the ends near:

- The pocket corners
- The center pocket division
- The color changes
- The strap attachment points
- The outer edges

Do not simply cut the yarn close to a knot. The organizer will experience regular movement and weight, so every end must be secured properly.

Step 14: Block and Shape the Organizer

Lay the organizer flat on a blocking mat or clean towel.

Gently shape it to approximately:

- 38 cm or 15 inches wide
- 45 cm or 17¾ inches tall
- 25 cm or 9¾ inches across the upper section

Lightly dampen the fabric or use the blocking method recommended for your yarn fiber.

Pin the edges straight without stretching the pockets out of shape.

Allow the organizer to dry completely before removing the pins.

Blocking helps straighten the sides, smooth the ripple design, and improve the appearance of the pockets.

Step 15: Install the Organizer in the Car

Raise the front-seat headrest slightly if necessary.

Place the crocheted strap around or between the headrest posts.

Lower the headrest to help secure the organizer.

Arrange the main panel so it hangs flat against the back of the seat.

Place heavier items in the lower pockets and lighter items in the upper pocket. This improves balance and reduces stress on the strap.

Do not place sharp, breakable, or dangerous objects in the organizer.

Make sure bottles and travel mugs fit securely and cannot fall out during sudden stops.

Color Placement Guide

To reproduce the appearance of the original organizer, use blue as the dominant color.

Use mustard yellow and rust as accent colors in narrow stripes and ripple rows.

A consistent color sequence could be:

- Blue base
- Mustard accent stripe
- Rust accent stripe
- Blue transition
- Mustard ripple row
- Rust ripple row
- Mustard ripple row
- Blue finishing row
- Blue upper body
- Mustard and rust stripes on the upper pocket

Keep color changes on the same side of the work whenever possible. This makes it easier to hide carried yarn and creates a neater back.

Tips for a Strong and Durable Organizer

Use a firm tension so the pockets do not stretch too easily.

Do not use an oversized hook. A loose fabric may sag when filled.

Reinforce every pocket corner with extra stitches.

Add a lining when carrying bottles, tablets, or books.

Make the strap slightly shorter than the measured distance if your yarn is very stretchy.

Wash the organizer according to the yarn label.

Allow it to dry flat to preserve its shape.

Check the strap and seams periodically for wear.

Avoid overfilling the pockets.

Keep the organizer clear of seat controls, air vents, and safety equipment.

Customization Ideas

You can modify the organizer to suit your vehicle or personal needs.

Add a small buttoned flap to the upper pocket.

Create a narrow pocket for pens or charging cables.

Add elastic to the top of a bottle pocket.

Use reflective yarn for improved visibility at night.

Embroider a name or initials on the upper section.

Replace the ripple colors with team colors, neutral shades, or colors that match the car interior.

Add a removable washable lining.

Create a longer strap with a button adjustment system for different headrests.

Add small loops for keys, headphones, or reusable shopping bags.

Care Instructions

Remove all objects before washing.

Hand-wash the organizer in cool or lukewarm water with a mild detergent, or follow the care instructions printed on the yarn label.

Do not twist or wring the fabric.

Gently press out excess water using a clean towel.

Reshape the organizer and dry it flat.

Make sure it is completely dry before reinstalling it in the vehicle.

Check the lining, seams, and strap after washing.

Final Result

Your finished **crochet car seat organizer** should have a sturdy rectangular body, two lower storage pockets, one large upper pocket, a decorative mustard-and-rust ripple pattern, and a strong blue strap for attaching it to the headrest.

The organizer should measure approximately **15 inches wide by 17¾ inches tall**, with an upper section approximately **9¾ inches wide**. Once all the seams are reinforced and the yarn ends are woven in, it is ready to hold everyday travel essentials while keeping the back seat cleaner and more organized. 🚗🧶

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