

CROCHET SNAIL PEN HOLDER

Step-by-Step Tutorial



MATERIALS

- Worsted weight (4) cotton or acrylic yarn:
 - Pink – body
 - Red – shell spiral
 - Purple – spots
 - Turquoise – base, eyestalks, and eye balls
 - Green – around eyes
 - White – eye whites
- 3.0 mm (C/2) crochet hook (or size to match yarn)
- 12 mm safety eyes (2)
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Stitch markers
- Glue (optional)



ABBREVIATIONS (US TERMS)

MR – Magic Ring
 ch – Chain
 sl st – Slip Stitch
 sc – Single Crochet
 hdc – Half Double Crochet
 dc – Double Crochet
 inc – Increase (2 sc in same st)
 dec – Decrease (invisible)
 st(s) – Stitch(es)
 rnd(s) – Round(s)
 FO – Fasten Off

MAIN STITCHES (US)



HOW TO MAKE

1 BASE (FOOT)



Rnd 1: MR, 6 sc (6)
 Rnd 2: inc around (12)
 Rnd 3: (sc, inc) x6 (18)
 Rnd 4: (2 sc, inc) x6 (24)
 Rnd 5: (3 sc, inc) x6 (30)
 Rnd 6: (4 sc, inc) x6 (36)
 Rnd 7: (5 sc, inc) x6 (42)
 Rnd 8: (6 sc, inc) x6 (48)
 Rnd 9: (7 sc, inc) x6 (54)
 Rnd 10: (8 sc, inc) x6 (60)
 Rnd 11: sc around (60)
 Rnd 12: (Shell edge) *5 dc in next st, skip 2 st, sl st in next st* repeat around. FO.

2 BODY (CUP)



Rnd 1: MR, 8 sc (8)
 Rnd 2: inc around (16)
 Rnd 3: (sc, inc) x8 (24)
 Rnd 4: (2 sc, inc) x8 (32)
 Rnd 5: (3 sc, inc) x8 (40)
 Rnd 6: (4 sc, inc) x8 (48)
 Rnd 7–18: sc around (48) (12 rounds)
 Rnd 19: (4 sc, dec) x8 (40)
 Rnd 20: (3 sc, dec) x8 (32)
 Rnd 21: (2 sc, dec) x8 (24)
 Rnd 22: (sc, dec) x8 (16)
 Rnd 23: dec around (8). FO.

3 ATTACH BODY TO BASE



Center the body on the base and join with sl st through both layers.

Rnd: sc around to secure. FO and weave in ends.

4 SHELL SPIRAL (RED)



Ch 60.

Row 1: starting in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch (59)

Roll the strip into a spiral and sew it to the side of the body.

5 PURPLE SPOTS



Make 8–10 small circles. MR, 6 sc. Sl st to close. Sew them randomly on the body.

6 EYE BALLS (make 2)



Green part:
 MR, 6 sc, inc around (12), sc around (12). Change to white.

White part: sc around (12). FO leaving a long tail for sewing the safety eye. Insert 12 mm safety eye in the center.

7 EYESTALKS (make 2)



Bulb: MR, 8 sc, inc around (16), sc around (16).
Stalk: ch 18.
 Row 1: starting in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch (17).
 Sew the stalk to the bulb. FO leaving a long tail.

8 ASSEMBLE EYES



Sew the eyes to the top of each eyestalk.

9 ATTACH EYESTALKS



Sew the eyestalk bulbs to the front of the base.

10 FINISHED!

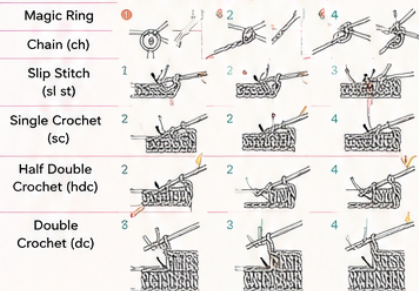


Your cute snail pen holder is ready to use!

TIPS

- Use a stitch marker to mark the first stitch of each round.
- Stuff the eye bulbs lightly before closing for a round shape.
- Weave in all ends neatly for a clean finish.
- You can glue the safety eyes for extra security.

BASIC STITCH GUIDE (US TERMS)



SUMMARY OF PARTS



MAIN METHODS USED

- Magic Ring – creating a tight closed center for rounds.
- Increase (inc) – 2 single crochet in the same stitch.
- Decrease (dec) – work 2 sc together (invisible decrease).
- Working in Rounds – continuous spiral without joining (unless stated).
- Surface Sewing – attach parts with yarn needle.
- Fasten Off (FO) – secure the yarn and finish.

SIZE

Approx. 11 cm (4.3 in) height and 12 cm (4.7 in) wide.

Size may vary depending on yarn and tension.





CROCHET SNAIL PEN HOLDER PATTERN CHART

Cute amigurumi snail pen holder
with eyes, shell and base.

MATERIALS

- Worsted weight cotton yarn (colors: pink, red, purple, green, white, black, turquoise)
- 3.0 mm (US C/2) crochet hook
- Fiberfill stuffing
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Stitch marker (optional)

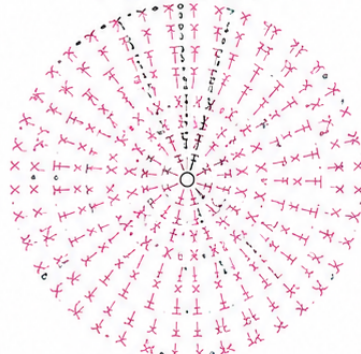
ABBREVIATIONS (US TERMS)

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dec = decrease (invisible or sc2tog)
hdc = half double crochet
dc = double crochet
tr = treble crochet
[...] = repeat instructions in brackets
times = total number of stitches

CROCHET STITCH KEY

- = chain (ch)
- = slip stitch (sl st)
- +
- ⊥ = single crochet (sc)
- ⊥ = half double crochet (hdc)
- ⊥ = double crochet (dc)
- ⊥ = treble crochet (tr)
- ∇ = increase (inc) (2 sc in same st)
- ∧ = decrease (dec) (sc2tog)
- () = repeat instructions
- [] = repeat section

PEN HOLDER (BODY) – in pink

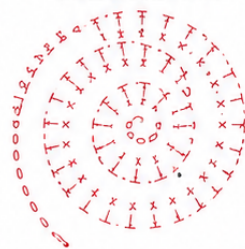


• Start here

Rnd	Stitches
1	6 sc in magic ring (6)
2	inc around (12)
3	(sc, inc) x6 (18)
4	(2 sc, inc) x6 (24)
5	(3 sc, inc) x6 (30)
6	(4 sc, inc) x6 (36)
7	(5 sc, inc) x6 (42)
8-15	sc around (42)
16	(5 sc, dec) x6 (36)
17	(4 sc, dec) x6 (30)
18	(3 sc, dec) x6 (24)
19	(2 sc, dec) x6 (18)
20	(sc, dec) x6 (12)
21	dec around (6)

Fasten off and weave in ends.

SHELL SPIRAL – in red

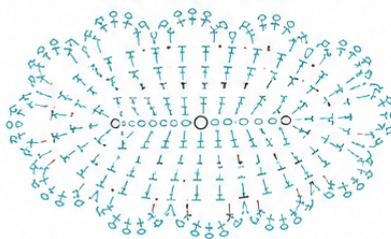


Rnd	Stitches
1	ch 12, start in 2nd ch from hook: 10 sc (10)
2	inc, 9 sc (11)
3	inc, 10 sc (12)
4	inc, 11 sc (13)
5	inc, 12 sc (14)
6-22	sc around following the spiral, increasing by 1 sc each round (31)

Fasten off, leave a tail for sewing.

• Start here

BASE (FOOT) – in turquoise



Rnd	Stitches
1	6 sc in magic ring (6)
2	inc around (12)
3	(sc, inc) x6 (18)
4	(2 sc, inc) x6 (24)
5	(3 sc, inc) x6 (30)
6	(4 sc, inc) x6 (36)
7	sc around (36)
8	(5 sc, inc) x6 (42)
9	sc around (42)
10	(shell: 5 dc in next st, sl st in next st) repeat around (42 shells)

Fasten off.

EYE (Make 2)



• Start here

Rnd	Stitches (per eye)
1	6 sc in magic ring (6)
2	inc around (12)
3	sc around (12)
4	sc around (12)
5	sc around (12)
6	sc around (12)

Change to white
Change to black (pupil)
Fasten off, leave tail.

EYE STALK (Make 2) – in turquoise



• Start here

Rnd	Stitches
1	4 sc in magic ring (4)
2-20	sc around (4)

Do not fasten off.

Fold and sew to the
bottom of the eye.

ASSEMBLY

- Sew the red spiral shell to the side of the pink body.
- Sew the purple dots (French knots or small circles) on the body as shown.
- Sew the body securely to the turquoise base.
- Sew each eye to the top of the eye stalks.
- Sew the bottom of the eye stalks to the front of the base.
- Stuff the body lightly if needed to help it stand firm.

FINISHED SIZE

Approx. 13 cm (5 in) tall
x 12 cm (4.7 in) wide.



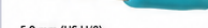
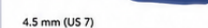
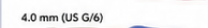
HOOK GUIDE

Recommended hook:
3.0 mm (US C/2)



OTHER USEFUL HOOK SIZES

You may use the following sizes
for different yarn weights:



★ Tip: Use tight stitches for a firm structure. Stuff eyes lightly. Block the base for a flat stand. ♥

Crochet Snail Pen Holder – Complete Step-by-Step Tutorial

This Crochet Snail Pen Holder is a colorful and practical crochet project designed to hold pens, pencils, crochet hooks, markers, scissors, or other small craft tools. The finished piece combines a sturdy cylindrical cup with a decorative snail design, including a turquoise base, pink body, red spiral shell decoration, purple spots, large green-and-white eyes, and long turquoise eyestalks.

The finished holder measures approximately 11 cm (4.3 in) high and 12 cm (4.7 in) wide, although the final dimensions may vary slightly depending on yarn tension, hook size, and stuffing.

This tutorial follows the construction shown in the reference chart and uses standard US crochet terminology.

Materials

For this project, use worsted weight #4 cotton or acrylic yarn.

You will need the following colors:

- Pink – main pen-holder body
- Red – decorative shell spiral
- Purple – shell spots
- Turquoise – base and eyestalks
- Green – outer eye sections
- White – eye whites
- Small amount of black yarn or black safety eyes for the pupils

You will also need a 3.0 mm (C/2) crochet hook, or a hook size that produces a firm fabric with your chosen yarn.

Prepare two 12 mm safety eyes, a yarn needle, scissors, stitch markers, and a small amount of glue if desired.

A little fiberfill may also be useful for shaping the eyeballs and eyestalk bulbs.

Crochet Abbreviations – US Terms

Throughout this tutorial, the following abbreviations are used:

MR – Magic Ring

ch – Chain

sl st – Slip Stitch

sc – Single Crochet

hdc – Half Double Crochet

dc – Double Crochet

inc – Increase: work 2 single crochet stitches into the same stitch

dec – Invisible Decrease

st(s) – Stitch or stitches

rnd(s) – Round or rounds

FO – Fasten Off

Most circular sections are worked in continuous rounds unless otherwise stated.

Place a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round and move it upward as you work.

Step 1 – Crochet the Turquoise Base

The base forms the snail's foot and supports the entire pen holder.

Use turquoise yarn.

Begin with a magic ring.

Round 1: Work 6 sc into the MR. You should have 6 stitches.

Round 2: Work 2 sc into every stitch around. This is an increase in every stitch. You should now have 12 stitches.

Round 3: Repeat (1 sc, *inc*) around. You should have 18 stitches.

Round 4: Repeat (2 sc, *inc*) around. You should have 24 stitches.

Round 5: Repeat (3 sc, *inc*) around. You should have 30 stitches.

Round 6: Repeat (4 sc, *inc*) around. You should have 36 stitches.

Round 7: Repeat (5 sc, *inc*) around. You should have 42 stitches.

Round 8: Repeat (6 sc, *inc*) around. You should have 48 stitches.

Round 9: Repeat (7 sc, *inc*) around. You should have 54 stitches.

Round 10: Repeat (8 sc, *inc*) around. You should have 60 stitches.

Round 11: Work 1 sc in every stitch around. Keep 60 stitches.

Now create the scalloped edge that gives the base its decorative snail-foot appearance.

Round 12: Work (*shell edge, skip 2 stitches, sl st in the next stitch*) around.

For a fuller decorative appearance consistent with the chart, make each shell into the selected stitch and distribute the shells evenly around the edge.

Fasten off and weave in the yarn tail neatly.

Lay the piece flat. The finished base should resemble a round turquoise mat with soft scallops around the perimeter.

Step 2 – Crochet the Pink Body Cup

The pink section creates the actual container that will hold the pens and pencils.

Use pink yarn.

Begin with a magic ring.

Round 1: Work 8 sc into the MR. You should have 8 stitches.

Round 2: Work an increase into every stitch around. You should have 16 stitches.

Round 3: Repeat (1 sc, *inc*) around. You should have 24 stitches.

Round 4: Repeat (2 sc, *inc*) around. You should have 32 stitches.

Round 5: Repeat (3 sc, *inc*) around. You should have 40 stitches.

Round 6: Repeat (4 sc, *inc*) around. You should have 48 stitches.

At this point, the bottom of the cup has reached its full circumference.

Rounds 7–18: Work 1 sc in every stitch around for 12 rounds, maintaining 48 stitches.

Your work should begin forming a tall cylinder.

Take a moment to check that the walls are rising vertically and that your tension is even. The stitches should be fairly tight so that the finished container can stand upright.

Now shape the upper section.

Round 19: Repeat (4 sc, dec) around. You should finish with 40 stitches.

Round 20: Repeat (3 sc, dec) around. You should finish with 32 stitches.

Round 21: Repeat (2 sc, dec) around. You should finish with 24 stitches.

Round 22: Repeat (1 sc, dec) around. You should finish with 16 stitches.

Round 23: Decrease around until approximately 8 stitches remain, following the shaping shown in the original chart.

Fasten off securely.

For the pen-holder version, keep the top open and adjust the shaping as needed so that the opening remains large enough for pens and pencils. The finished body should retain the approximately cylindrical appearance shown in the reference design.

Step 3 – Attach the Body to the Base

Place the completed pink body in the center of the turquoise base.

Check the placement from every side before sewing.

The body should sit upright while leaving the decorative turquoise scalloped edge visible around it.

Thread a yarn needle with matching turquoise or pink yarn.

Sew through the lower edge of the pink body and through the turquoise base.

Continue sewing evenly around the entire circumference.

Use small, secure stitches and avoid pulling so tightly that the base puckers.

When you reach the starting point, knot the yarn securely and weave the tail into the crocheted fabric.

The body should now stand firmly on the base.

Step 4 – Crochet the Red Shell Spiral 🐌

The large red spiral is one of the most recognizable features of the snail.

Use red yarn.

Make a chain of 60 stitches.

Beginning in the second chain from the hook, work 1 sc into each chain across.

You should have approximately 59 sc stitches.

Fasten off while leaving a generous yarn tail for sewing.

The long crocheted strip will naturally have some flexibility.

Roll it inward from one end to create a spiral.

Arrange the strip so that the center is compact and the outer section forms a larger circular spiral.

Place the spiral against the front side of the pink body.

Use the long yarn tail and a yarn needle to stitch the spiral securely to the cup.

Sew along several points of the strip rather than attaching only the outer edge. This will prevent the spiral from lifting away from the body.

Keep the stitches hidden whenever possible.

Step 5 – Make the Purple Spots

The purple circles imitate decorative spots on the snail's shell.

Use purple yarn.

Make approximately 8–10 small circles.

For each circle:

Create a magic ring.

Work 6 sc into the ring.

Pull the ring closed and join or fasten off.

Some circles can be made slightly larger by adding another round if you want the varied appearance shown in the original model.

Leave a sewing tail on each spot.

Arrange the circles randomly across the pink body, especially around the red spiral.

Avoid making the spacing perfectly symmetrical. A slightly irregular arrangement creates the playful handmade appearance seen in the reference project.

Sew every spot firmly to the body.

Weave all tails into the inside of the cup.

Step 6 – Crochet the Eyeballs

Make two identical eyeballs.

Begin with green yarn.

Create a magic ring.

Round 1: Work 6 sc into the MR.

Continue working single crochet stitches around and increase as necessary until the green circle reaches approximately 12 stitches around, following the appearance of the reference eye.

Work another round of sc if additional depth is needed.

Change to white yarn.

Crochet the white eye section over the front portion, maintaining a clean round shape.

Before completely finishing the eye, insert a 12 mm safety eye into the center.

Secure the washer firmly behind the crochet fabric.

If necessary, add a tiny amount of fiberfill to make the eyeball slightly rounded.

Finish the second eye in exactly the same way.

When both eyes are complete, compare them side by side. They should be approximately the same diameter and shape.

Step 7 – Crochet the Eyestalks

Make two eyestalks using turquoise yarn.

Each eyestalk consists of a rounded bulb followed by a long narrow stalk.

Begin with a magic ring.

For the bulb:

Work 8 sc into the MR.

Continue working sc around.

Increase or maintain approximately 16 stitches as required to create a small rounded bulb.

Work another round of 16 sc.

Add a very small amount of stuffing if desired.

Now begin forming the stalk.

Reduce the circumference until you have a narrow tube.

The chart indicates a stalk length of approximately 18 rounds.

Work the stalk evenly until it is long enough to reach from the turquoise base to the eyeball.

An alternative construction shown in the graphic uses a chain-based stalk:

Start in the second chain from the hook and work 1 sc into each chain, creating approximately 17 sc.

Whichever method you use, the final eyestalk should be long, narrow, flexible, and strong enough to support the eye.

Fasten off while leaving a long sewing tail.

Repeat for the second eyestalk.

Step 8 – Assemble the Eyes 🧐🧐

Place one completed green-and-white eyeball on top of each turquoise eyestalk.

Position the eye so that the pupil faces forward.

Thread the eyestalk yarn tail through a yarn needle.

Sew the top bulb or stalk securely to the back and lower edge of the eyeball.

Make several small stitches around the joining area.

The connection needs to be strong because the eyes project outward from the main holder.

Repeat with the second eye.

When finished, hold both eyestalks beside each other and check their height.

Minor differences are acceptable in handmade crochet, but the two eyes should appear reasonably balanced.

Step 9 – Attach the Eyestalks to the Snail

Place the two assembled eyestalks at the front-left area of the turquoise base, matching the arrangement shown in the tutorial image.

The stalks should rise beside the pink body rather than directly in front of it.

Before sewing, temporarily pin or hold them in place.

Turn the holder toward you and make sure both pupils are facing forward.

Using turquoise yarn and a yarn needle, sew the lower bulb of each eyestalk firmly to the base.

Pass through several stitches on both the eyestalk and the base.

Make multiple passes because the eyes are relatively tall and need a strong attachment point.

Once attached, weave the yarn ends securely into the base.

Gently reposition the stalks so the eyes sit next to one another.

Step 10 – Shape and Finish the Snail

Place the pen holder on a flat surface.

Check that the base sits evenly.

Gently shape the pink cup with your hands.

Straighten the red spiral if any sections shifted while you were sewing.

Adjust the purple dots so they lie flat.

Shape the eye bulbs lightly with your fingers.

Position both eyestalks so the eyes face forward.

If the eyestalks feel slightly unstable, you can add additional sewing stitches around their attachment points.

A small amount of craft glue may also be used around the back of the safety eyes for additional security, although this is optional.

Do not apply excessive glue because it may stiffen the surrounding crochet fabric.

Step 11 – Weave In All Yarn Ends

Inspect the entire project carefully.

Any remaining yarn tails should be threaded through a yarn needle and woven through several nearby crochet stitches.

Change direction once or twice while weaving the tail. This helps prevent the yarn from pulling loose later.

Trim the excess yarn close to the fabric without cutting any crochet stitches.

Pay special attention to the red spiral, purple spots, eyestalk attachments, and the seam connecting the pink cup to the base.

A clean finish will make the project look much more polished.

Step 12 – Check the Final Size

The finished Crochet Snail Pen Holder should measure approximately:

Height: 11 cm / 4.3 in

Width: 12 cm / 4.7 in

These measurements are approximate.

Using thicker yarn, a larger crochet hook, or looser tension will create a larger holder.

Using thinner yarn, a smaller hook, or tighter tension will create a smaller holder.

The most important factor is maintaining consistent tension throughout all matching pieces.

Main Crochet Methods Used

The Magic Ring is used to begin circular pieces such as the base, body, eyes, purple spots, and eyestalk bulbs. It creates a tight center without leaving a visible hole.

An increase, abbreviated inc, means working two single crochet stitches into the same stitch. Increases make a flat circle gradually become larger.

A decrease, abbreviated dec, combines two stitches into one. Invisible decreases are preferable because they create smoother shaping.

Working in rounds means continuously crocheting around a circular piece. Unless a round specifically says to join, continue working in a spiral.

Surface sewing is used to attach the spiral, spots, eyes, body, and other decorative elements.

Fasten Off, abbreviated FO, means cutting the yarn and pulling it completely through the final loop to secure the work.

Helpful Tips for a Better Result ✨

Use a stitch marker in the first stitch of every round. This is particularly important when working continuous spirals because there is no visible joining seam to indicate the beginning of the round.

Keep the body stitches relatively tight. A firm crochet fabric will help the pen holder maintain its cylindrical shape when it is filled with pens.

Stuff the eye bulbs only lightly. Too much stuffing can distort their round shape.

Before permanently attaching the eyes, place the holder on a table and look at it from the front. This makes it easier to position both eyes evenly.

When sewing the red spiral onto the body, secure the center first, followed by several points along the middle and outer sections. This prevents the spiral from twisting.

The purple spots can vary slightly in size and position. This adds personality to the finished snail.

When attaching pieces, sew through complete crochet stitches rather than only through individual yarn fibers. The connection will be much stronger.

For a pen holder intended for children, consider using embroidered pupils instead of removable plastic components.

Finished Crochet Snail Pen Holder

Once all pieces are attached, your Crochet Snail Pen Holder is ready to use.

Place pens, pencils, markers, crochet hooks, small rulers, or other craft supplies inside the pink cup. The turquoise scalloped base helps stabilize the container, while the large eyes, purple spots, and red spiral transform an ordinary desk organizer into a playful handmade snail.

The completed project consists of seven main component groups: the turquoise base, pink body, red shell spiral, purple spots, green-and-white eyeballs, turquoise eyestalks, and the final sewn assembly.

With careful counting, even tension, and secure sewing, the result should closely match the cheerful snail pen holder shown in the original tutorial.

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