

Orange Crate Label Case (for eyeglasses or phones)

MATERIALS

- DK-weight (#3) yarn in orange, peach, blue and green in fiber of choice
- G (4.0 or 4.25 mm) crochet hook
- Scissors
- Tapestry needle

GLOSSARY OF TERMS, STITCHES, AND TECHNIQUES

Chain stitch (ch): To make, draw yarn through the active loop on the hook.

Double crochet stitch (dc): To make, yarn over, insert the hook into the designated stitch, draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through two loops, yarn over again and draw through the remaining two loops.

Fasten off: Cut the yarn at least 4 inches from the last stitch and draw the end through the active loop. Pull tightly to secure.

Half double crochet stitch (hdc): To make, yarn over, insert the hook into the designated stitch, draw up a loop, there will be three loops on the hook, yarn over and draw through all three loops.

Single crochet stitch (sc): To make, insert your hook into the indicated stitch, draw up a loop, there will be two loops on the hook, yarn over and draw through both loops.

Slip stitch (sl st): To make, insert your hook into the indicated stitch, draw up a loop, draw the top loop on the hook through the bottom loop.

Spike stitch (a.k.a. long single crochet stitch): To make, insert your hook into place where you want the spike to go, draw up a loop, there will be two loops on the hook, yarn over and draw through both loops. Skip the stitch where a regular single crochet stitch would have been placed.

Stitch (st): a generic stitch, usually designates the location in the previous row in which a particular stitch, such as a single crochet, will be made.

Tail: the unworked cut end of the yarn

PATTERN

“Whole Orange” Square (Make 2)

Create a center ring by making a loose slip knot or magic ring.

ROUND 1: Ch 2, 12 dc in center ring. Join with sl st to top of 1st dc (12 dc).

ROUND 2: Ch 2, 2 dc in 1st st and in each st around. Join with sl st to top of 1st dc (24 dc).

ROUND 3: Ch 2, 2 hdc in 1st st, hdc in next st, *2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st. Repeat from * ten more times. Join with sl st to top of 1st hdc. Fasten off. (36 hdc)

ROUND 4: Using blue yarn and working in back loop only (BLO) throughout this round, join to any st, (ch 2, 2 dc, ch, 2 dc) in same stitch, dc in next st, hdc in each of next 6 st, dc in next st, *(2 dc, ch, 2 dc) in next st, dc in next st, hdc in each of next 6 st, dc in next st. Repeat from * 2 more times. Join with sl st to top of 1st dc.

ROUND 5: Working under both loops throughout this round, ch 1, sc in each of 1st two st, (sc, ch, sc) in chain space (ch sp), *sc in each of next 12 st, (sc, ch, sc) in ch sp. Repeat from * two more times. Sc in each of next 10 st. Join with sl st to top of 1st sc. Fasten off, leaving 4 in tail.

“Sliced Orange” Square (Make 2)

Using orange yarn, create a center ring by making a loose slip knot or magic ring.

ROUND 1: Ch 2, 12 dc in center ring. Join with sl st to top of 1st dc (12 dc).

ROUND 2: Ch 2, 2 dc in 1st st and in each st around. Change to peach/white yarn for join with sl st to top of 1st dc (24 dc).

ROUND 3A: Ch 1, 2 sc in 1st st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sk next st, spike st in center ring, * 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sk next st, spike st in center ring. Repeat from * five times. Change to orange yarn for join with sl st to top of 1st sc (30 sc, spike st).

ROUND 3B: Ch 1, sc in each st around. Join with sl st to top of 1st sc. Fasten off (36 sc).

ROUND 4: Using blue yarn and working in back loop only (BLO) throughout this round, join to any st, (ch 2, 2 dc, ch, 2 dc) in same stitch, dc in next st, hdc in each of next 6 st, dc in next st, *(2 dc, ch, 2 dc) in next st, dc in next st, hdc in each of next 6 st, dc in next st. Repeat from * 2 more times. Join with sl st to top of 1st dc.

ROUND 5: Working under both loops throughout this round, ch 1, sc in each of 1st two st, (sc, ch, sc) in chain space (ch sp), *sc in each of next 12 st, (sc, ch, sc) in ch sp. Repeat from * two more times. Sc in each of next 10 st. Join with sl st to top of 1st sc. Fasten off, leaving 4 in tail.

Joining squares

Arrange squares in two pairs.

For each pair of squares, sew one side of two squares together so that there are now two rectangles.

Joining rectangles

With wrong side of rectangles facing each other, use contrasting yarn to create border. Working through

the thickness of both rectangles simultaneously, begin at what will be the open end of the pouch on the upper right corner, work sc in each st across the long length of the rectangle, 2 sc in the corner, sc in each st down to the bottom left corner, 2 sc in the corner, sc in each st across to the bottom rt corner, sc in corner through both thicknesses. Work a second sc through the top panel only, sc in each st on the top piece up to top rt corner. Flip piece over vertically. Work sc in each each st on back piece. Join with sl st to 1st sc made in top panel only. Fasten off.

Leaf (optional)

With green yarn, chain 7.

First side of ch: Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, 2 dc in next ch, (dc, hdc) in next st, sc in last ch, ch 1, turn.

Working down other side of ch: sk ch, sc in next ch, (hdc, dc) in next ch, 2 dc in next ch, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sl st in last ch, ch 1, turn.

Working down center of leaf, stem: Sk ch, 6 sc down center of leaf, ch 2. Fasten off leaving four-inch tail.

Attach to orange as desired.

Sew in all ends.