

Pouch Pattern I

Note:

You will be working around instead of back and forth; this is a one-piece pouch.

Materials:

Size H/8 (5.00 mm) hook and Seine Twine Mason Line (100% nylon) or

Size G/6 (4.00 mm) hook and J&P Coats Crochet Nylon

Chain an odd number of stitches to desired width.

Turn your chain over (facing downward); 2 sc in the back bump (back ridge) of the second ch from the hook; sc in ea remaining ch across, working 2 sc in the last stitch. Rotate clockwise to work on the other side of the chain (the tail should now be on your right side), 2 sc under both loops of the first ch; sc in each ch across, working 2 sc in the last ch. You will now be working on an even number of stitches. If you wish, use a place marker in the last stitch of the round and move it up after each round.

For subsequent rounds, continue with a sc in each st around to desired height; do not cut.

Crocheted Braid (aka Lobster Cord; I-Cord)

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Once you've reached your desired length, to attach the other end of the cord, insert hook under two vertical bars of the cord and the sc on the opposite side of the pouch, yo and pull through both (the loops and the sc); yo and pull through both loops on the hook; sl st in same sc. Fasten off and weave in ends.

Pouch Pattern II

Materials:

Size 2 (2.2 mm) steel crochet hook

Two spools of Omega Nylon No. 2 in colors of your choice

Working with two strands (using both spools), ch 25.

Round 1: 2 sc in second ch from hook; sc in each ch across to last ch, 3 sc in last ch; rotate work clockwise (so the row of sc you just worked will be at the bottom) and sc in each ch on the opposite side.

Round 2: Sc in each sc around once (at this point you should have 50 stitches).

Round 3: *Sk 1 sc, 3-dc shell in next sc, sk 1 sc, sc in next sc; rep from * around.

Note: In subsequent rounds, the 3-dc shell will go into the sc, and the sc will go into the center dc of the 3-dc shell.

Rep Round 3 to desired size, ending on a round where a sc is at each side for strap placement.

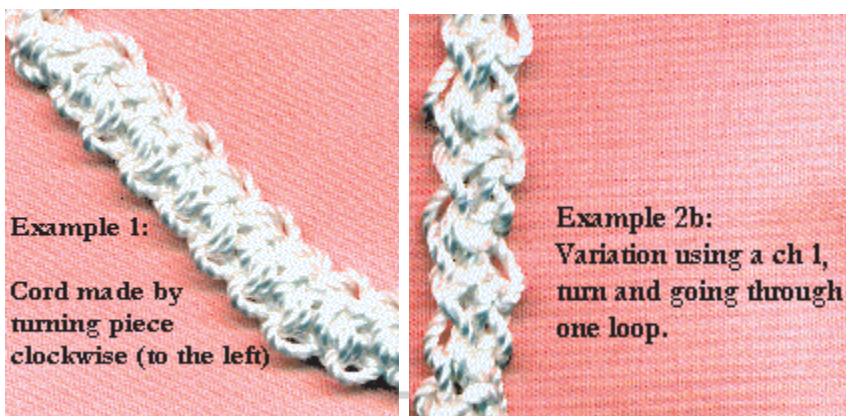
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Notes for a Crocheted Braid - Written by Mary Rhodes

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To start, use a fairly small hook for the yarn you choose. The braid looks better if the stitches are more snug than loose.

DIRECTIONS:

Ch 2; sc into the 2nd ch from the hook. Turn.

Now look at what you have:

Looking at the back side of the sc, there are the two top loops of the stitch. There is also a biggish loop that lies in a direction opposite the way the top loops are. I insert hook under that loop and make the next sc. Notice that you don't make any turning chains.

*Now, turn the piece again. Take another look at what you have:

There are the two top loops of the stitch you just made. There is the biggish loop lying in the opposite direction. Now there is another loop snuggled up just next to the biggish loop. I insert your hook through the biggish loop and the snuggled loop next to it, and make another sc; rep from * for the rest of the cord.

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