# YOUR PERFECT READING CROCHET BOOK COVER

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SKILL LEVEL: EASY | HOOK: 5.5 MM (US I/9) | TIME: WEEKEND PROJECT

## MATERIALS & YARN SPECIFICATIONS

- Red Heart® Super Saver® (7 oz/198 g; 364 yds/333 m) — black: 1 ball (130 yds/119 m)
- Red Heart® Super Saver® (7 oz/198 g; 364 yds/333 m) — Aran: 1 ball (50 yds/46 m)
- Red Heart® Super Saver® (7 oz/198 g; 364 yds/333 m) — Cherry Red: 1 ball (25 yds/23 m)
- Red Heart® Super Saver® (7 oz/198 g; 364 yds/333 m) — Gold: 1 ball (10 yds/9 m)
- Hook: Size U.S. I/9 (5.5 mm) Susan Bates® Silvalume® crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge.
- Notions: Susan Bates® yarn needle.

**Finished Sizing:** Approx 8" [20.5 cm] x 11" [28 cm] interior pocket to fit standard trade paperback book.
**Gauge Swatch (Tension):** 12 sc and 15 rows = 4" [10 cm].

## ABBREVIATIONS & CRAFT GLOSSARY

| Abbr | Meaning | Abbr | Meaning |
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| **Approx** | Approximately | **Beg** | Beginning |
| **Ch** | Chain(s) | **Dc** | Double crochet |
| **Hdc** | Half double crochet | **Rem** | Remaining |
| **Rep** | Repeat | **Rnd(s)** | Round(s) |
| **RS** | Right side | **Sc** | Single crochet |
| **Sl st** | Slip stitch | **St(s)** | Stitch(es) |
| **Straight Stitch** | (Embroidery technique used for flower centers) | **Tog** | Together |
| **WS** | Wrong side | | |

**Maker Notes & Tips:**

- Always work a gauge swatch before starting to ensure your book cover matches the intended finished dimensions.
- Remember the note: Ch 2 at beginning of row does not count as a half double crochet.
- Use stitch markers to keep track of your rows and stitches, especially on longer edges, for a neat finish.

## STEP-BY-STEP PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS

### FRONT AND BACK: MAIN PANEL (MAKE 2)

1. With black, ch 26.
2. 1st row: 1 hdc in 3rd ch from hook. 1 hdc in each ch to end of chain. Turn. 24 hdc.
3. 2nd row: Ch 2. 1 hdc in each hdc to end of row. Turn.
4. Rep 2nd row until work from beg measures approx 10½" [26.5 cm]. Break black and join Aran at end of last row.
5. Next row: (RS). With Aran, ch 1. 1 sc in each hdc to end of row. Fasten off.

### JOINING EDGE: BORDER



1. Holding Front and Back WS tog, join Aran with sl st through both thicknesses to top left corner.
2. 1st row: Ch 1. Working through both thicknesses, work 32 sc evenly along long edge. 3 sc in corner. Work 21 sc evenly along bottom edge. 3 sc in corner. Work 32 sc evenly along next long edge. Turn. 91 sc.
3. 2nd row: Sl st in first sc. *Skip next 2 sc. 5 dc in next sc. Skip next 2 sc. Sl st in next sc.** Rep from * to ** 4 times more. Skip next 2 sc. 8 dc in corner sc. Skip next 2 sc. Sl st in next sc. Rep from * to ** 3 times. Skip next 2 sc. 8 dc in corner sc. Rep from * to ** 5 times. Skip next 2 sc. Sl st in last sc. Turn.
4. 3rd row: Skip first sl st. *(Ch 2. Sl st in next dc) 5 times. Sl st in next sl st.** Rep from * to ** 4 times more. (Ch 2. Sl st in next dc) 8 times. Sl st in next sl st. Rep from * to ** 3 times. (Ch 2. Sl st in next dc) 8 times. Sl st in next sl st. Rep from * to ** 5 times. Sl st in last sl st. Fasten off.

### TIES (MAKE 2)

1. With Cherry Red, ch 42.
2. 1st row: 1 hdc in 3rd ch from hook. 1 hdc in each ch to end of chain. Turn. 40 hdc.
3. 2nd row: Ch 3. 2 dc in first hdc. 1 hdc in each rem hdc to end of row.
4. Fasten off.
5. Sew Ties at center of second last row worked inside of Front and Back.

### FLOWERS (MAKE 7)



1. With Aran, ch 4.
2. 1st rnd: [1 dc. Sl st. (Ch 3. 1 dc. Sl st) 4 times] all in 4th ch from hook.
3. Fasten off.
4. With Gold, embroider center of Flowers, using Straight Stitch.
5. Sew Flowers to Front of Book Cover as shown in photo.

### FINISHING, BLOCKING & GARMENT CARE

#### Weaving Ends & Assembly

Congratulations, your reading crochet book cover is almost done! Carefully weave in all remaining yarn tails on the wrong side of your project. This creates a clean, professional finish that really makes your stitches shine. Make sure your ties and flowers are securely attached.

#### Blocking for Perfect Drape

While not strictly necessary for a small item like this, a gentle steam block can help relax your stitches and ensure a perfectly flat and crisp finish for your book cover. Pin it flat to the finished dimensions before steaming.

#### Washing & Garment Care

To keep your beautiful reading crochet book cover looking its best, I recommend gently hand-washing it in cool water with a wool-safe or mild detergent. Avoid harsh scrubbing. Roll the cover in a clean towel to remove excess moisture, then lay it flat on a clean, dry surface or a mesh drying rack to air dry completely. This will help maintain its shape and the vibrancy of the colors.



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