

# crafty compartments

Keep crochet supplies at hand with these clever organizers. Felted wool yarn makes for sturdy construction that stands up to wear and tear.

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**SKILL LEVEL:** easy

## finished measurements

3-pocket organizer: approx 22"/56cm long x 5 1/2"/14cm wide x 1 1/4"/3cm deep

Pockets: approx 4 3/4"/12cm long

Hook organizer: approx 8"/20.5cm square

## note

All measurements are after felting and include hanging loops.

## gauge

16 sts and 14 rows = 5 1/2"/14cm in griddle stitch before felting.

*Remember to check gauge for best results!*

## how to make a gauge swatch

Ch 17.

**Row 1** Sc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next ch; \*sc in next ch, dc in next ch; repeat from \* across – 16 sts. Ch 1, turn.

**Row 2** Sc in first dc, dc in next sc; \*sc in next dc, dc in next sc; repeat from \* across. Ch 1, turn.

**Rows 3-14** Repeat Row 2 twelve times more. Swatch should measure approx 5 1/2"/14cm square. Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

## note

The 3-pocket organizer is worked beginning at the hanging loops, down the back of the First Pocket, across the Base, and then up the Front and Sides. The Front and Sides are then folded over the back of the pocket and the side and base seams sewn. Yarn is then joined to the back of the Base to begin work on the next pocket.

## Abbreviations used in this pattern

**ch(s)** chain(s)

**dc** double crochet

**lp(s)** loop(s)

**sc** single crochet

**sp(s)** space(s)

**st(s)** stitch(es)

**tog** together

**yo** yarn over

\* Repeat directions following \* as many times as indicated.

[ ] Repeat the directions inside brackets as many times as indicated.

## special abbreviations

**FPsc** (front post single crochet) Insert hook from front to back to front around post of next st, yo and draw up a lp, yo and draw through both lps on hook.

## pattern stitch

Griddle stitch: Sc in first dc, dc in next sc; \*sc in next dc, dc in next sc; repeat from \* across. Ch 1, turn.

## 3-POCKET ORGANIZER

### note

Organizer is worked from the top pocket to the bottom pocket.

## FIRST POCKET hanging loops (make 2)

With A, ch 7.

**Row 1** (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next ch; [sc in next ch, dc in next ch] twice – 6 sts. Ch 1, turn.

## what you'll need

### YARN

MODA DEA *Cache*, 1.76oz/50g balls, each approx 72yd/66m (wool/acrylic/polyester)

n 3 balls #2774 Rave (A)

MODA DEA *Cartwheel*, 1.76oz/50g balls, each approx 77yd/71m (wool)

n 3 balls #9605 Bronzeberry (B)

**note** If made separately, 3 balls of each are needed for the 3-pocket organizer and 1 ball of each for the hook organizer.

### CROCHET HOOK

n Size I/9 (5.5mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

### NOTIONS

n Yarn needle

n Needle and matching sewing thread (optional)

n Embellishments (optional)

## the yarn

*Cache* in Rave

*Cartwheel* in Bronzeberry



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**Rows 2-10** Work in griddle stitch. At end of Row 10 on first loop, do not ch 1. Fasten off. At end of Row 10 on second loop, do not fasten off.

Fold hanging loops in half lengthwise so foundation ch meets last row.

**Joining Row** (right side) Working through both Row 10 and foundation ch of second hanging loop, sc in first dc, dc in next sc, [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] twice, ch 8; working through both Row 10 and foundation ch of first hanging loop, sc in first dc, dc in next sc, [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] twice – 12 sts and 8 chs. Ch 1, turn.

### back

**Row 1** (wrong side) Sc in first dc, dc in next sc; [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] twice; [sc in next ch, dc in next ch] 4 times; [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] 3 times – 20 sts. Ch 1, turn.

Work in griddle stitch until piece measures about 7"/18cm from Joining Row, ending by working a wrong side row.

### base

**Row 1** (right side) FPsc around each st across – 20 FPsc. Ch 1, turn.

**Row 2** Sc in first st, dc in next st; \*sc in next st, dc in next st; repeat from \* across – 20 sts. Ch 1, turn.

**Rows 3 and 4** Work in griddle stitch. At end of Row 4, do not ch 1. Fasten off A.

### front and sides

**Row 1** (right side) With B, ch 5. With right side facing, FPsc around each st on last row of Base, ch 6 – 20 FPsc and 11 chs. Turn.

**Row 2** Sc in 2nd ch from hook, [dc in next ch, sc in next ch] twice; [dc in next st, sc in next st] 10 times; dc in next ch, [sc in next ch, dc in next ch] twice – 30 sts. Ch 1, turn.

Work in griddle stitch until piece measures about 6"/15.2cm from Front and Sides Row 1. At end of last row, do not ch 1. Fasten off.

### finishing

Fold piece up at Row 1 of Base and Row 1 of Front and Sides so right sides are together. Fold sides of pocket to meet edges of Base and edges of Back. With yarn needle and yarn, sew side and base seams. Weave in ends.

### note

Right sides will be on inside of pocket.

### SECOND POCKET

#### back

**Row 1** With wrong side of previous pocket facing, join B with sl st in first st of last row on Back, ch 1, sc in same st as joining, dc in next st; \*sc in next st, dc in next st; repeat from \* across – 20 sts. Ch 1, turn.

Work in griddle stitch until Second Pocket measures 7½"/19cm from beginning, ending by working a wrong side row.

With B, work Base same as First Pocket. With A, work Front and Sides same as First Pocket. Work finishing same as First Pocket.

### THIRD POCKET

Work same as Second Pocket, with A for Back and Base and B for Front and Sides.

### HOOK ORGANIZER

#### hanging loops (make 2)

With A, ch 11.

**Row 1** (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next ch; \*sc in next ch, dc in next ch; repeat from \* across – 10 sts. Ch 1, turn.

**Rows 2-10** Work in griddle stitch. At end of Row 10 on first loop, do not ch 1. Fasten off. At end of Row 10 on second loop, do not fasten off.

Fold hanging loops in half lengthwise so foundation ch meets last row.

**Joining Row** (right side) Working through both Row 10 and foundation ch of second hanging loop, sc in first dc, dc in next sc, [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] 4 times; ch 8; working through both Row 10 and foundation ch of first hanging loop, sc in first dc, dc in next sc, [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] 4 times – 20 sts and 8 chs. Ch 1, turn.

#### back

**Row 1** (wrong side) Sc in first dc, dc in next sc; [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] 4 times; [sc in next ch, dc in next ch] 4 times; [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] 5 times – 28 sts. Ch 1, turn.

Work in griddle stitch until piece measures about 7"/17.8cm from Joining Row, ending by working a wrong side row.

### base

**Row 1** (right side) FPsc around each st across – 28 FPsc. Fasten off A.

### front

**Row 1** With wrong side facing, join B with sl st in first st on Row 1 of Base, ch 1, sc in same st as joining, dc in next st; \*sc in next st, dc in next st; repeat from \* across – 28 sts. Ch 1, turn.

Work in griddle stitch until piece measures 5½"/14cm from Base. At end of last row, do not ch 1. Fasten off.

### finishing

Fold Front of pocket over Back at Base so right sides are together. With yarn needle and yarn, sew sides together. To create hook pockets, place 7 markers evenly spaced across top edge of Front and place 7 more markers evenly spaced across lower edge of Front. With yarn needle and yarn, sew straight seams between corresponding top and lower edge markers, working through both thicknesses. Weave in ends.

### felting

Place piece(s) in lingerie bag or pillowcase and close securely. Place in washing machine. Add several pairs of jeans or bath towels for additional agitation. Wash using hot wash/cold rinse cycle and mild laundry detergent. Remove piece and gently press and stretch into shape. Repeat washing cycle, if necessary, until desired measurements are achieved. Place small objects such as paperback books, small boxes, crochet hooks, etc. inside pockets to maintain shape, and allow to dry completely.

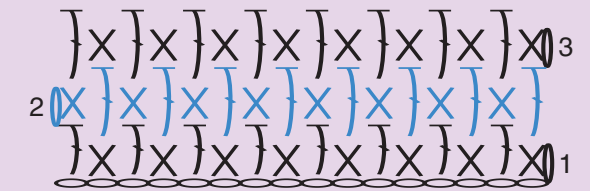
Embellish your organizers as desired.

### note

Felting is not an exact science. Many factors influence the outcome, including the type of washing machine used, water quality, water temperature, detergent type, amount of agitation, even the dye lot of the yarn. Check your work frequently to achieve desired results. Your piece may require washing in two or more cycles before desired results are achieved. □

tip

Embellish your organizers with leather or felt cutouts, buttons, embroidery—or just leave them plain if you prefer a cleaner look.



griddle stitch pattern

