



FEELING LUCKY BOOKMARK

Legend has it that leaves of the shamrock (♣) represented hope, faith, and love, and that every so often, God would add another leaf for luck. Thus, the four-leaf clover became considered a symbol of good luck in the Irish culture (♣).

To commemorate this magical holiday, I have written a bookmark pattern based on the shamrock leaf. Bookmarks are quick and satisfying makes that are especially appreciated by booklovers! So, are you ready to make your own luck today?

Once you have tried this, if you have any suggestions on how to improve the final product, please let me know at mindandmuse@gmail.com.

MATERIALS:

- Cotton yarn.
Note: I tested this pattern with several brands and varied gauges of cotton yarn including: DMC Petra Cotton #5, (color 5905, pictured), Peaches and Cream (in Forest Green), Aunt Lydia's Mercerized Cotton #3 (in Sage), Lino Royal by Wolle Rodel (worsted weight yarn that is 40% linen, 32% viscose and 28% cotton, discontinued(?))
- 3.25 mm hook.

GAUGE: It has not been established for this pattern. When making slip stitches, however, take care to keep a loose tension.

STITCHES – The pattern is written in US terminology

- Ch: Chain
- Sl st: Slip stitch
- Sc: Single crochet
- Hdc: Half-double crochet
- Dc: Double crochet
- Trc: Treble crochet

EXPERIENCE LEVEL

- Beginner and above.

PROJECT NOTES:

- You may adapt this pattern to any gauge of yarn by using an appropriate hook size. However, you may need to adjust your initial chain to make the bookmark longer or shorter. If you need to adjust the length of your bookmark, choose a length for your starting chain that is a multiple of 4 plus 6.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Using the 3.25 mm hook, Ch 50.

First side of the body of the bookmark:

Sc in the top front loop of the 2nd Ch from hook. Sc in the top front loop of next Ch. Sl St in the top front loop of next Ch. * Ch 4. Sl St in the 3rd back loop from the hook. Sl St in the top front loop of the next 4 stitches of the starting chain. ** Repeat from * to ** 10 more times. Sc top front loop of the next 2 Ch.

Four – leaf clover:

Ch 2. Sl St into the bottom loop of the last sc made. Turn.

*Ch 3. Sl St into the space created by the chain 2.** Repeat from * to ** 3 more times. Ch 1. Turn.

*Sc, Hdc, Dc, Trc, Sc, Trc, Dc, Hdc, Sc** in first chain 3 space. Repeat from * to ** 3 more times.

Sl St in center chain 2 space.

Second side of the body of the bookmark

Sl St in the bottom loop of the first stitch of the body. Sl St in the bottom loop of the next 6 chains from the starting chain.

*Ch 4. Sl St in the 3rd back loop from the hook. Sl St in the bottom loop of the next 4 stitches of the starting chain.** Repeat from * to ** 9 more times. Ch 4. Sl St in the 3rd back loop from the hook. Sl St in the bottom loops of the next 3 stitches from your starting chain. Sc in the bottom loops of the last 2 stitches from your starting chain.

Three – leaf clover:

Ch 2. Sl St into first Sc of the other side of the body. Turn.

*Ch 3. Sl St in chain 2 space.** Repeat from * to ** 2 more times. Ch 1. Turn.

*Sc, Hdc, Dc, Trc, Sc, Trc, Dc, Hdc, Sc** in first chain 3 space. Repeat from * to ** 2 more times.

Sl St in center Chain 2 space. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Give the gift of hope, faith, love, and luck to a special book lover!

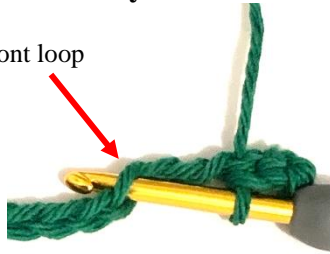


The left bookmark in the photo above was constructed with Peaches and Cream cotton in the Forest Green colorway and a 4.5 mm hook. While the bookmark on the right was made using DMC Petra #5 mercerized cotton, color 5905, (held double) and a 3.25 mm hook.

FAQ. What does it mean when the patterns says:

“Sc in the top front loop...”:

top front loop



“Sl St in the 3rd back loop from the hook...” :

“Sl St into the bottom loop of the last sc made...” :



The knitting needle points to the bottom loop of the last sc made.



“Sl St in the bottom loop of the first stitch of the body...”: