

Spikes & Bobbles Tablet Clutch



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Materials:

- light worsted/DK (weight 3). About 230 yards. (The sample used Elann.com's Sonata Soft, a mercerized cotton.)
- F hook
- yarn needle
- stitch markers
- button (optional)
- 12" ribbon (optional)
- thread (for both optional closures)

Sizing Notes:

This is an easy project to adjust to any size tablet/e-reader. The example is a 7" Kindle Fire.

1. **For width:** Ensure your beginning chain is an even number so that you have an odd number of stitches across. The ends of your rows, when over your tablet, should extend beyond the edges of your tablet. This allows for side seam allowances and allows the tablet to slide in and out of the case.
2. **For height:** The body of the case is made of a pattern repeat of rows 7-9, a spike row followed by 2 sc rows. This is the **only** part where any row increases/decreases should take place, adding/removing the entire 3-row repeat. **This repeat is highlighted in the pattern.**

Stitches Used:

single crochet (sc), bobble stitch (bobble), single crochet spike stitch (spike)

Special Stitches:

Bobble stitch: a series of 4 half-finished dc in the same stitch linked in the last step

YO, insert hook in st, YO and pull up a loop. YO and pull through first two loops. (2 loops on hook). Repeat three more times until there are 5 loops on the hook, each stitch adding a loop. YO and pull through all 5 loops.

Single crochet spike stitch: Instead of inserting your hook into the two loops of the next stitch, insert your hook into the corresponding stitch beneath it and work the stitch like a normal single crochet. Sometimes the stitch below is not directly beneath but a little to the side, but this is okay.

Instructions:

Body (make 2)

Ch 42.

Row 1: sc in 2d chain from hook and in each chain across. Ch 1 and turn. (41)

Rows 2-3: sc in each sc across. Ch 1 and turn. (41)

Row 4: sc, *bobble, sc*. Repeat from * to * to end. Ch 1 and turn. (41)

Rows 5-6: sc in each sc across. Ch 1 and turn. (41)

Row 7: sc, *spike, sc*. Repeat from * to * to end. Ch 1 and turn. (41)

Rows 8-9: sc in each sc across. Ch 1 and turn. (41)

Rows 10-30: Repeat Rows 7-9. (41)

Row 31: sc in each sc across. Ch 1 and turn. (41)

Row 32: sc, *bobble, sc*. Repeat from * to * to end. Ch 1 and turn. (41)

Rows 33-35: sc in each sc across. Ch 1 and turn. (41)

Row 36: sc in next 12 sc. Ch 17, sk 17. sc in next sc (30th sc from beginning of row) and in each sc across. Ch 1 and turn. (41: 12 sc, 17 ch/skips, 12 sc)

Row 37: sc in each sc and ch across. Ch 1 and turn. (41)

Row 38-40: sc in each sc across. FO. (41)

Finishing:

Do this BEFORE continuing with optional closures. With right sides together (bobbles facing one another), sc 3 sides together from the top of the handle/opening to the bottom corner, across the bottom, and up the side to the top of the handle/opening. FO and weave in your tail.

Optional Closures

Option 1: Tab and Button closure

Attach the button of your choice under the handle opening on front side of one panel, centering it from side to side. The top of your button should be below the bobble stitch row.

In the 17 stitch opening under the handle, join with sl st to the 7th open sc.

Row 1: sc in same and in next 4 sc. Ch 1 and turn. (5)

Row 2: sc in each of the next 5 sc. Ch 1 and turn. (5)

Row 3-?: Repeat row 2 until end almost reaches top of button. Ch 1 and turn. (5)

Last row: sc in 1st sc. Skip next 3 and chain enough chains to snugly tuck around button and back to tab. sc in last sc. FO. (2 sc and chain)

Option 2: Ribbon tie

Cut two pieces of ribbon, about 6" each, and insert one end 1/4" into the inside of the clutch centering it on the handle opening. Sew in place on the wrong side (the inside). Repeat for other panel.