

CROCHET MUSHROOM KEY HOLDER

Cute • Functional • Handmade

This adorable mushroom key holder is perfect for keeping your keys organized in style! The top lifts up and the base forms a little pocket to hold your keys.

MATERIALS

- Worsted weight cotton yarn (100% cotton)
  - Rust / Terracotta (A)
  - Cream / Beige (B)
  - White (C)
- 4.0 mm (G) crochet hook
- Yarn needle
- Stitch marker
- Key ring (1" / 2.5 cm diameter)
- Optional: small wooden bead or button for decoration
- Scissors

ABBREVIATIONS (US TERMS)

MR = Magic Ring
ch = chain
sc = single crochet
inc = increase (2 sc in next st)
dec = decrease (invisible preferred)
sl st = slip stitch
st(s) = stitch(es)
(...) x = repeat instructions in parentheses the total number of times

FINISHED SIZE

Approx. 6.5 in (16.5 cm) tall x 4 in (10 cm) wide

STEP-BY-STEP TUTORIAL

1 MUSHROOM CAP (Top)

Use yarn A (Rust). Work in continuous rounds.

Rnd 1: MR, 6 sc in ring (6)
Rnd 2: inc in each st (12)
Rnd 3: (sc, inc) x6 (18)
Rnd 4: (2 sc, inc) x6 (24)
Rnd 5: (3 sc, inc) x6 (30)
Rnd 6: (4 sc, inc) x6 (36)
Rnd 7: (5 sc, inc) x6 (42)
Rnd 8: (6 sc, inc) x6 (48)
Rnd 9–12: sc in each st (48)
Fasten off, weave in ends.



2 ADD SPOTS

Use yarn C (White) to create spots.
Make small circles:

- MR, 6 sc, sl st to close.
- Make different sizes for a natural look.
- Sew them onto the cap with yarn needle.



3 HANGING LOOP

Use yarn A.
Ch 10, sl st in first ch to form a loop.

Sew securely to the top center of the cap.



4 MUSHROOM BASE (Pocket)

Use yarn B (Cream).

Rnd 1: MR, 6 sc in ring (6)
Rnd 2: inc in each st (12)
Rnd 3: (sc, inc) x6 (18)
Rnd 4: (2 sc, inc) x6 (24)
Rnd 5–12: sc in each st (24)
Rnd 13: (2 sc, dec) x6 (18)
Rnd 14: sc in each st (18)
Rnd 15: (sc, dec) x6 (12)
Rnd 16: dec x6 (6)
Fasten off, weave in ends.



5 ASSEMBLY

- Attach the key ring to the inside top of the pocket before closing the last rounds (see photo).
- Place the cap on top of the base.
- Your mushroom key holder is ready!



BASIC STITCH GUIDE (US TERMS)

MAGIC RING (MR)



SINGLE CROCHET (sc)



INCREASE (inc)



INVISIBLE DECREASE (dec)



SLIP STITCH (sl st)



SPOT CIRCLES (Make several)

MR, 6 sc, sl st to close.
Make in different sizes.

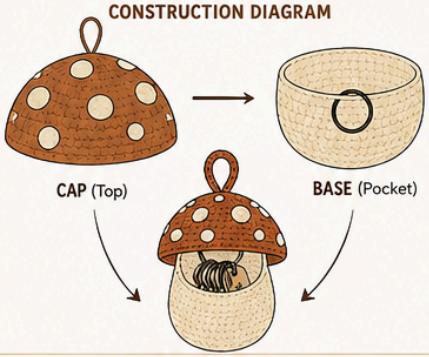


Small (6 sts) | Medium (8–10 sts) | Large (12–14 sts)

TIPS

- Use 100% cotton yarn for durability.
- Tight stitches give the base more structure.
- Adjust the number of rounds to make it bigger or smaller.
- The key ring is added before closing the pocket.

CONSTRUCTION DIAGRAM



CARE INSTRUCTIONS



Hand wash cold | Do not bleach | Lay flat to dry | Do not iron

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MUSHROOM KEY HOLDER
CROCHET PATTERN

SKILL LEVEL: Easy

SIZE: Approx. 12 cm (4.7 in) tall

MATERIALS:
- Worsted weight cotton yarn
  - Cap: rust/orange
  - Spots & Pouch: cream/ivory
- 3.5 mm (E) crochet hook
- Stitch marker
- Yarn needle
- Small wooden ring or sturdy loop
- Scissors

ABBREVIATIONS (US TERMS)

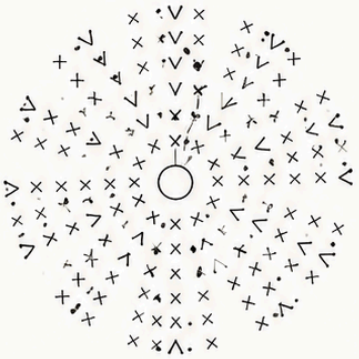
ch	= chain
sl st	= slip stitch
sc	= single crochet
hdc	= half double crochet
dc	= double crochet
inc	= increase (2 sc in next st)
dec	= decrease (invisible sc dec)
st(s)	= stitch(es)
( )	= repeat instructions in parentheses
[ ]	= total number of stitches

1. MUSHROOM CAP (make in rust/orange)

ROUND	INSTRUCTIONS	STITCHES
1	Magic ring, 6 sc in ring	[6]
2	inc in each st around	[12]
3	(1 sc, inc) around	[18]
4	(2 sc, inc) around	[24]
5	(3 sc, inc) around	[30]
6	(4 sc, inc) around	[36]
7–14	sc in each st around (8 rounds)	[36]
15	(4 sc, dec) around	[30]
16	(3 sc, dec) around	[24]
17	(2 sc, dec) around	[18]
18	(1 sc, dec) around	[12]
19	dec around	[6]
	Fasten off, weave in ends.	

- Sew the spots randomly on the cap.

CAP CHART



SPOTS (make several in cream)

Make 6–8 spots in different sizes.

Round 1: Magic ring, 6 sc in ring [6]
Round 2: (sc, inc) around [9]
Round 3: (2 sc, inc) around [12]
Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

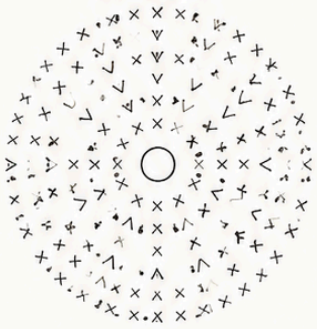
SPOT CHART



2. POUCH / BODY (make in cream/ivory)

ROUND	INSTRUCTIONS	STITCHES
1	Magic ring, 6 sc in ring	[6]
2	inc in each st around	[12]
3	(1 sc, inc) around	[18]
4	(2 sc, inc) around	[24]
5	(3 sc, inc) around	[30]
6	(4 sc, inc) around	[36]
7–13	sc in each st around (7 rounds)	[36]
14	(4 sc, dec) around	[30]
15	(3 sc, dec) around	[24]
16	(2 sc, dec) around	[18]
	Fasten off. Weave in ends.	

POUCH CHART



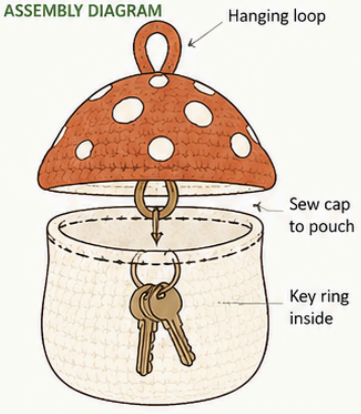
FINISHING

- Attach the cap to the pouch: align the last round of the cap with the top edge of the pouch. Sew together using a whip stitch.
- Attach a wooden ring or make a crochet loop on top of the cap for hanging.

HANGING LOOP (make in rust/orange)

ch 20, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across. Sl st to form a loop and sew securely on top of the cap.

ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM



Crochet Mushroom Key Holder – Complete Step-by-Step Tutorial 🍄🔑

The Crochet Mushroom Key Holder is a charming handmade project that combines decoration with everyday usefulness. The finished piece looks like a small mushroom, but the cream-colored base also works as a practical pocket where you can keep your keys. The mushroom cap sits over the top, while a crocheted hanging loop allows the project to be displayed on a wall hook, peg, or entryway organizer.

This tutorial follows the construction shown in the reference guide as closely as possible. You will crochet the mushroom cap first, add the decorative white spots, make the hanging loop, crochet the cream-colored pocket base, and finally assemble all the components. The instructions use US crochet terminology, making them easy to follow for crocheters in the United States.

The finished mushroom is approximately 6.5 inches (16.5 cm) tall and about 4 inches (10 cm) wide. Small variations are completely normal because yarn thickness, hook size, and individual crochet tension can slightly change the final measurements.

Materials You Will Need 🧶

For this project, use worsted weight 100% cotton yarn. Cotton is especially suitable because it gives the key holder a firm structure and holds its shape well.

You will need:

- **Worsted weight cotton yarn in Rust or Terracotta (Color A)**
- **Worsted weight cotton yarn in Cream or Beige (Color B)**

- **Worsted weight cotton yarn in White (Color C)**
- **4.0 mm (G) crochet hook**
- **Yarn needle**
- **Stitch marker**
- **Key ring approximately 1 inch / 2.5 cm in diameter**
- **Scissors**
- **Optional small wooden bead or decorative button**

The rust yarn is used for the mushroom cap and hanging loop. The cream yarn forms the storage pocket, and the white yarn creates the decorative mushroom spots.

Because the project is designed to hold keys, choose a cotton yarn with a reasonably tight twist. A soft but sturdy cotton yarn will help prevent excessive stretching.

You can also use slightly different yarn colors while keeping the same construction. Burgundy, brick red, burnt orange, or warm brown can all work beautifully for the mushroom cap.

Crochet Abbreviations – US Terms

Before beginning, become familiar with the abbreviations used throughout the pattern.

MR = Magic Ring

ch = Chain

sc = Single Crochet

inc = Increase, meaning work 2 single crochet stitches into the next stitch

dec = Decrease, preferably using an invisible decrease

sl st = Slip Stitch

st / sts = Stitch / Stitches

When the pattern says something such as (2 sc, inc) x6, repeat everything inside the parentheses six times.

Using a stitch marker is highly recommended because much of the mushroom is worked in continuous rounds.

Step 1: Crochet the Mushroom Cap 🍄

Begin with Color A – Rust or Terracotta.

The mushroom cap is worked from the center outward in continuous rounds. Do not join the rounds unless you prefer to do so. Place a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round so you always know where the round begins.

Round 1

Create a Magic Ring.

Work:

6 sc into the Magic Ring.

You should now have:

6 stitches

Pull the yarn tail firmly to close the center.

Round 2

Work:

inc in every stitch around

This means you will place 2 single crochets into each of the 6 stitches.

Stitch count:

12 stitches

Round 3

Work:

(sc, inc) x6

In other words:

- **1 single crochet in the first stitch**
- **2 single crochets in the next stitch**

Repeat this sequence six times.

Stitch count:

18 stitches

Round 4

Work:

(2 sc, inc) x6

Repeat:

- **1 sc in each of the next 2 stitches**
- **2 sc in the next stitch**

Stitch count:

24 stitches

Round 5

Work:

(3 sc, inc) x6

Repeat around.

Stitch count:

30 stitches

Round 6

Work:

(4 sc, inc) x6

Stitch count:

36 stitches

Round 7

Work:

(5 sc, inc) x6

Stitch count:

42 stitches

Round 8

Work:

(6 sc, inc) x6

Stitch count:

48 stitches

At this point, the cap should look like a wide crochet circle with a gentle dome beginning to form.

Rounds 9–12

Work:

sc in every stitch around

Maintain:

48 stitches per round

These straight rounds create the depth and curved edge of the mushroom cap.

After Round 12, fasten off and weave in the yarn end securely.

Do not worry if the cap initially looks flatter than expected. Once the spots, hanging loop, and pocket are assembled, it will naturally take on the recognizable mushroom shape.

Step 2: Make the White Mushroom Spots 🤍

Using Color C – White, crochet several circular spots in different sizes.

Different-sized circles make the mushroom cap look more natural and visually interesting.

Small Spot

Make a Magic Ring.

Work:

6 sc into the ring

Join with a slip stitch and fasten off.

This creates a small circle of approximately 6 stitches.

Medium Spot

Begin with:

MR, 6 sc

Then increase as needed until the circle contains approximately:

8–10 stitches

Fasten off.

Large Spot

Begin with the same Magic Ring and create a slightly larger circle containing approximately:

12–14 stitches

The exact number of rounds is not critical because the spots are decorative.

Make several circles in a mixture of small, medium, and large sizes.

The reference design uses spots distributed unevenly across the mushroom cap, which gives it a more handmade and organic appearance.

Once all the spots are finished, arrange them on top of the rust-colored cap before sewing.

Move them around until the placement looks balanced.

Avoid creating perfectly symmetrical rows.

Using a yarn needle and matching white yarn, sew each spot securely onto the cap.

Keep your stitches small so they disappear into the crochet fabric.

Step 3: Crochet the Hanging Loop

Using Color A – Rust or Terracotta, create the hanging loop.

Chain:

ch 10

Then insert your hook into the first chain and work:

sl st into the first chain

This closes the chain into a loop.

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing.

Position the loop at the top center of the mushroom cap.

Using your yarn needle, sew both ends of the loop firmly to the cap.

Because the finished key holder may carry several keys, reinforce the attachment with several passes of yarn.

The loop should stand upright without being excessively loose.

Step 4: Crochet the Mushroom Base Pocket

Now use Color B – Cream or Beige.

This section forms the lower part of the mushroom and doubles as the pocket where the keys will rest.

The pocket is worked from the bottom upward in continuous rounds.

Round 1

Create a Magic Ring.

Work:

6 sc into the ring

Stitch count:

6

Round 2

Work:

inc in each stitch around

Stitch count:

12

Round 3

Work:

(sc, inc) x6

Stitch count:

18

Round 4

Work:

(2 sc, inc) x6

Stitch count:

24

At this point you have created the bottom of the pocket.

Rounds 5–12

Work:

sc in every stitch around

Maintain:

24 stitches per round

These straight rounds build the walls of the pocket.

The piece should gradually begin to resemble a small crocheted bowl.

Round 13

Work:

(2 sc, dec) x6

Stitch count:

18 stitches

This begins shaping the upper section inward.

Round 14

Work:

sc in each stitch around

Stitch count:

18 stitches

Round 15

Work:

(sc, dec) x6

Stitch count:

12 stitches

Round 16

Work:

dec x6

Stitch count:

6 stitches

Fasten off and weave in the ends.

However, keep in mind that the opening needs to remain usable as a pocket. Shape the crochet gently with your fingers rather than pulling the final rounds completely closed.

The finished base should resemble a rounded cream-colored container.

Step 5: Attach the Key Ring 🔑

The key ring should be installed before the pocket is completely closed or finalized.

Position the metal key ring near the inside top portion of the cream pocket.

Use strong matching yarn and your yarn needle to stitch the ring securely into place.

Pass the yarn through the same attachment area several times.

The ring must be able to support the weight of everyday house keys without pulling loose.

After attaching it, gently tug on the ring to test the connection.

If the stitches move or stretch noticeably, reinforce them before continuing.

When the mushroom hangs on the wall, the keys will remain partially inside the cream pocket while staying attached to this ring.

Step 6: Shape the Mushroom Pocket

Use your hands to gently shape the cream base.

Press the bottom outward slightly so it can hold its rounded form.

The upper opening should remain wide enough to allow keys to slide inside comfortably.

If your stitches are very tight, the pocket may naturally remain firm.

If your crochet tension is looser, you can gently reshape the base whenever needed.

Avoid stuffing the pocket because it needs to remain hollow for the keys.

Step 7: Assemble the Mushroom Cap and Base

Now place the finished rust-colored mushroom cap over the cream-colored pocket.

The mushroom cap should sit above the opening rather than permanently sealing the pocket.

This is important because the top is designed to lift so you can easily access the keys.

Align the cap and pocket carefully.

The cap should extend beyond the pocket on all sides, creating the classic mushroom silhouette.

Check that:

- **The hanging loop is centered.**
- **The mushroom spots face outward.**
- **The pocket opening remains accessible.**
- **The key ring hangs naturally inside the pocket.**

Depending on how you plan to use the key holder, the pieces can be connected strategically while still allowing the cap to lift.

Make sure any connecting stitches are secure but do not accidentally close the storage opening.

Step 8: Check the Mushroom Cap Placement

Place the mushroom cap over the base and view the project from the front.

The cap should look slightly oversized compared with the cream pocket.

That overhang is intentional.

It creates the appearance of a mushroom while helping conceal the keys inside.

Adjust the cap until the decorative white spots are positioned attractively.

The hanging loop should remain directly above the center of the pocket so the mushroom hangs evenly rather than tilting to one side.

Step 9: Final Assembly

Insert your keys onto the metal key ring.

Allow the keys to fall naturally inside the cream pocket.

Place the mushroom cap over the top.

Your Crochet Mushroom Key Holder is now assembled.

To use it, simply lift the cap, remove the keys from the pocket, and replace the cap afterward.

When hung from a wall hook, the finished project functions as both storage and handmade home décor.

Basic Stitch Guide

Understanding the following crochet techniques will make the project much easier.

Magic Ring

Create a loop with your yarn, insert the hook into the loop, pull up a loop, and work the required stitches into the center.

After completing the stitches, pull the yarn tail firmly to close the hole.

The Magic Ring is ideal for this project because it creates a neat center without a visible opening.

Single Crochet

Insert the hook into the next stitch.

Yarn over and pull up a loop.

You now have two loops on your hook.

Yarn over again and pull through both loops.

One single crochet is complete.

Increase

An increase is made by working:

2 single crochet stitches into the same stitch

This adds stitches and allows the crochet piece to expand outward.

Invisible Decrease

Insert the hook through the front loop only of the next stitch.

Then insert it through the front loop of the following stitch.

Yarn over and pull through the front loops.

Yarn over again and complete the single crochet.

This creates a smoother decrease that is less noticeable than a traditional decrease.

Slip Stitch

Insert the hook into the designated stitch.

Yarn over and pull the yarn through both the stitch and the loop already on your hook.

Slip stitches are useful for joining rounds and creating neat connections.

How to Make the Decorative Spots

You can customize the mushroom by making as many white circles as you like.

For a natural appearance, create several different sizes.

A useful combination is:

Small spots: approximately 6 stitches

Medium spots: approximately 8–10 stitches

Large spots: approximately 12–14 stitches

Lay all the circles on top of the mushroom cap before sewing any of them down.

Once you are happy with the arrangement, sew them individually using white yarn.

For extra dimension, avoid pulling the sewing yarn too tightly because doing so can flatten the spots against the cap.

Construction Overview

The project consists of three main structural elements:

1. Mushroom Cap

The rust-colored top forms the decorative mushroom roof.

2. Mushroom Base

The cream-colored lower section creates the storage pocket.

3. Hanging Loop and Key Ring

The crochet loop lets the mushroom hang from a hook, while the internal key ring keeps the keys secured.

After all three sections are complete, the cap sits above the pocket and creates the finished mushroom-shaped key holder.

Finished Measurements 📏

The approximate finished size is:

Height: 6.5 inches / 16.5 cm

Width: 4 inches / 10 cm

Because crochet tension varies, your finished measurements may differ slightly.

If your mushroom is larger or smaller, that does not necessarily mean you made a mistake.

You can deliberately adjust the size by changing the number of rounds or using a slightly different yarn weight.

For the closest result to the reference project, use worsted weight cotton yarn and a 4.0 mm G hook.

Tips for the Best Results ✨

Use 100% cotton yarn whenever possible. It produces a sturdy fabric that works well for functional projects.

Maintain fairly tight, consistent stitches. A firm crochet fabric gives the cream pocket more structure and prevents it from sagging under the weight of keys.

Check your stitch count after every increase and decrease round. Small counting errors can cause the mushroom cap or pocket to become uneven.

Keep a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round. This is particularly useful when working continuous rounds because there is no visible seam marking the beginning.

Before sewing on the white spots, experiment with several arrangements. Uneven placement usually creates a more attractive mushroom appearance.

Reinforce the hanging loop carefully. Since it supports the entire project, this connection should be especially strong.

Make sure the key ring is attached before the pocket is fully finished, as shown in the original construction.

If you want a larger key holder, add extra increase rounds to both the cap and base while maintaining the same general shaping principles.

Care Instructions 🧼

Because the project uses cotton yarn, gentle cleaning will help preserve its shape.

Hand wash cold.

Use a small amount of mild detergent if necessary.

Do not bleach the crochet piece.

After washing, gently press out excess water without twisting.

Lay flat to dry.

Reshape the mushroom cap and pocket while they are still damp.

Allow the project to dry completely before placing keys inside.

Do not iron.

Direct heat can flatten the crochet texture and may distort the handmade shape.

Optional Customization Ideas 🍄

Once you understand the basic construction, this pattern is easy to personalize.

You can make a classic red mushroom using bright red yarn and white spots.

For an autumn style, use rust, brown, mustard, and cream shades.

A woodland version can feature dark brown, beige, olive green, and natural cotton.

You can also add a small wooden bead or decorative button as an accent.

Small embroidered leaves around the hanging loop can create an additional woodland effect.

Another option is to make several mushroom key holders in different colors for family members.

Just remember that decorative elements should not interfere with the opening of the pocket or the strength of the hanging loop.

Final Project Check

Before using your finished mushroom key holder, inspect all important attachment points.

Check the hanging loop and make sure it is firmly sewn.

Check the internal key ring and make sure the yarn does not pull loose when weight is applied.

Confirm that every decorative white circle is securely attached.

Place the keys inside the pocket and make sure they fit comfortably.

Finally, hang the project from a sturdy wall hook.

The cream base should contain the keys while the mushroom cap rests neatly above them.

Your Crochet Mushroom Key Holder is now complete! 🍄🔑

This project combines simple crochet techniques such as the Magic Ring, single crochet, increases, decreases, slip stitches, circular construction, and basic sewing assembly. Once you understand these techniques, you can easily make additional mushroom key holders in different colors and sizes.

Enjoy your crocheting and your new handmade mushroom key holder! ❤️

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