Colored Pencil Bookmark Patterns

Links to knitting patterns appear at end. The video at https://youtu.be/i5z_OQ60eaM demonstrates two crochet patterns from Blossom Crochet. I've typed the instructions below for those who prefer printed patterns.

The colored pencils we make won't be used as bookmarks, but will be sewn on black crocheted/knitted panels. The panels will be wrapped around two thin electrical poles in the children's room of the Modesto Library at the beginning of the new school year.

COLORED PENCIL (easier of the two pencils)

Materials Needed

Yarn: Any medium weight yarn (#4 or #3). We want different colors and sizes of pencils, so feel free to use any colorful yarn you have. You'll need about 0.25 ounce of Color A, the main color for the pencil, and a few yards of Color B, a tan/beige color for the wood part.

Crochet hook suitable for the yarn you chose, maybe a G or H for medium weight.
Tapestry needle to weave in the ends.

Abbreviations and Stitch Guide
ch   **Chain**
st(s)   **Stitch(es)**
sc   **Single crochet**
dc   **Double crochet**
bldc   **Back loop double crochet** (dc in back loop of each stitch in previous row)
rs   **Right side**

Instructions

<u>Body of pencil</u>

Using Color A, chain 30
Row 1: Chain 2 (does not count as a stitch), dc in 3rd ch from hook, dc in remaining 29 ch, turn (30)
Rows 2-4: Chain 2 (does not count as a stitch), bldc in each dc stitch, turn (30)
Cut yarn, leaving a 3- to 4-foot tail for sewing onto the black background, ch 1, pulling the long tail all the way through to finish off.

<u>Wood part of pencil</u>

With rs facing you, and the long tail at the top left, turn your work clockwise a quarter turn.
Row 1: On the end of the pencil, attach Color B with a standing sc into last bldc of row 4 (see video at 8:50). This counts as the first sc in the row. We want 7 total sc in this row, so evenly space 6 more sc in the row (it may help to view the video at 9:30); turn (7)
Row 2: Do not chain at beginning of row; sc in each sc, turn (7)
Row 3: Skip 1st sc, sc in next 6 sc, turn (6)
Row 4: Skip 1st sc, sc in next 5 sc, turn (5)
Row 5: Skip 1st sc, sc in next 4 sc, turn (4)
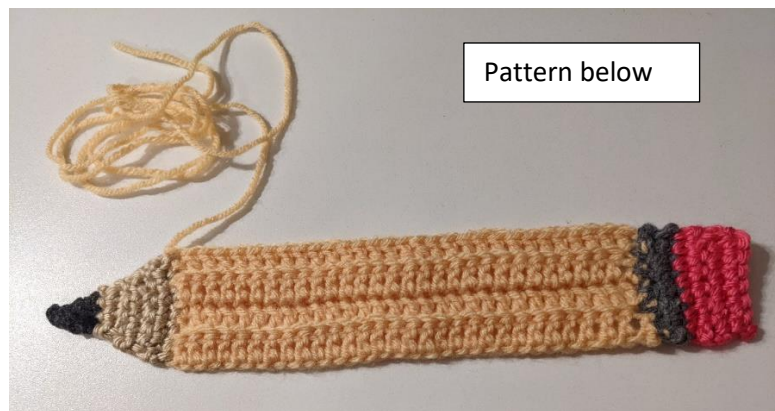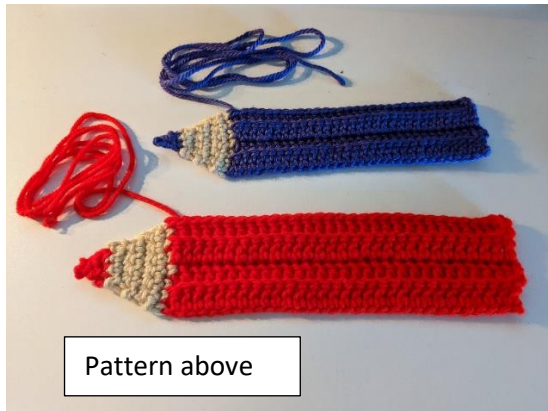**Row 6:** Skip 1st sc, sc in next 3 sc, cut yarn, finish off

<u>Tip of pencil</u>

Row 7: With rs facing you, attach Color A to first ch of last row completed with a standing sc (counts as first sc), sc in remaining 2 sc, turn (3)
Row 8: Skip 1st sc, sc in next 2 sc, turn
Row 9: Skip 1st sc, sc in last sc, cut yarn, finish off, and weave in ends, including beginning tail at base of pencil if you haven't already done so.

Pattern above

Pattern below

YELLOW SCHOOL PENCIL WITH ERASER (more colors, so slightly more work)

Materials Needed

Yarn: Any brand of medium weight yarn (#4 or #3). You'll need

- about 0.25 ounce of Color A, a yellow for the pencil
- a few yards of Color B, a tan/beige color for the wood part
- a yard of Color C, a dark gray for the pencil lead
- a couple yards of Color D, a silver/light grey for the metal strip between the pencil and eraser
- a couple yards of Color E, a pink color for the eraser

Crochet hook suitable for the yarn you chose, maybe a G or H for medium weight.
Tapestry needle to weave in the ends.

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Instructions

<u>Body of pencil</u>

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Row 1: Chain 2 (does not count as a stitch), dc in 3rd ch from hook, dc in remaining 29 ch, turn (30)
Rows 2-4: Chain 2 (does not count as a stitch), bldc in each dc stitch, turn (30)
Cut yarn, leaving a 3- to 4-foot tail for sewing onto the black background, ch 1, pulling the long tail all the way through to finish off.

<u>Wood part of pencil</u>

With rs facing you, and the long tail at the top left, turn your work clockwise a quarter turn.
Row 1: On the end of the pencil, attach Color B with a standing sc into last bldc of row 4 (see video at 8:50). This counts as the first sc in the row. We want 7 total sc in this row, so evenly space 6 more sc in the row (it may help to view the video at 9:30); turn (7)
Row 2: Do not chain at beginning of row; sc in each sc, turn (7)
Row 3: Skip 1st sc, sc in next 6 sc, turn (6)
Row 4: Skip 1st sc, sc in next 5 sc, turn (5)
Row 5: Skip 1st sc, sc in next 4 sc, turn (4)
Row 6: Skip 1st sc, sc in next 3 sc, cut yarn, finish off

<u>Tip of pencil</u>

Row 7: With rs facing you, attach Color C to first sc of last row completed with a standing sc (counts as first sc), sc in remaining 2 sc, turn (3)
Row 8: Skip 1st sc, sc in next 2 sc, turn
Row 9: Skip 1st sc, sc in last sc, cut yarn, finish off

<u>Metal band</u>

Row 1: Turn piece to work on the other end of the pencil. With rs facing you, attach Color D to first dc of first row with a standing sc (counts as first sc); we want 7 total sc in this row, so evenly space 6 more sc in the row, just as you did for the wooden part at the other end (it may help to view the video at 15:15); turn (7)
Row 2: Do not chain at beginning of row; sc in each sc, cut yarn, finish off (7)

<u>Eraser</u>

Row 1: (View video at 17:15 if needed) With rs facing you, attach Color E to first sc of last row completed with a standing sc (counts as first sc), sc in remaining 6 sc, turn (7)
Rows 2-4 (or as many as desired): Sc in each sc, turn (7)
Cut yarn, finish off, and weave in all ends except for the long yellow one

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BLACK BACKGROUNDS

Ultimately, we need two very long panels of crochet fabric to wrap around two electrical poles. One will be 7 inches wide x 8 feet tall; the other will be 8 inches x 8 feet. Each can be constructed of one- or two-foot sections that will be sewn together to form an eight-foot panel of crochet fabric. If, however, you find you are working quickly, you don't need to stop at one foot; keep on stitching. We'll keep each other informed of our progress so we have good-sized pieces to sew together.

Crochet: Narrower (7") panel

Using black worsted yarn with a 5mm/H size hook
Chain 31, turn (If it measures about 7", do the first row; if not, adjust the number of chains)
Row 1: SC in 2nd ch from hook, sc in remaining 29 ch, turn (30) (Measure again; adjust as needed)
Row 2-end: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn (30) (Your gauge and stitch count will vary)
Repeat until 1 foot in length. When finished your piece should be 7" wide x 12" tall. If you want to continue to 24", 36" or even more, please do. Just let Ellen know your plans so we'll have pieces of the right length to sew together to make an 8' finished piece of crocheted fabric.

Crochet: Wider (8") panel

Work as for narrower panel, but this one should measure 8" in width. We need 8 feet of this width..

Knitted: Narrower (7") panel

Needles Size 9 or size needed to obtain gauge.
Gauge 17 sts and 22 rows = 4" in St st. To save time, take time to check your gauge.
Option 1 – Stockinette stitch
CO 20. Row 1 K. Row 2 P. Rpt rows 1 and 2 until piece measures 36 in. Bind off in patt.
Option 2 – Garter stitch
CO 17. Knit every row. Continue until piece measures 36 in. Bind off.

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KNITTING PATTERNS FOR PENCIL OR CRAYON

I haven't tried these because I don't knit, but they may work for you.

➢ A yellow school pencil from Kb at https://blog.knittingboard.com/archives/1920 looks pretty easy.
➢ A beginner pattern for a crayon from The Knitting Space at https://twinsknit.blogspot.com/2011/07/crayon-bookmark-free-knitting-pattern.html suggests making an identical front and back for each crayon and sewing them together. Because we're sewing these onto a yarned panel, we don't need two sewn together. Half the work!