

Beautiful Butterfly Bookmark Crochet Tutorial

This comprehensive guide will walk you through creating the gorgeous layered butterfly bookmark shown in the images. The pattern is worked by creating the inner sections first, framing them, and finishing with a decorative border and the bookmark cord.

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US Crochet Terms & Symbol Legend

Before starting, map the symbols in your chart to these standard US crochet stitches:

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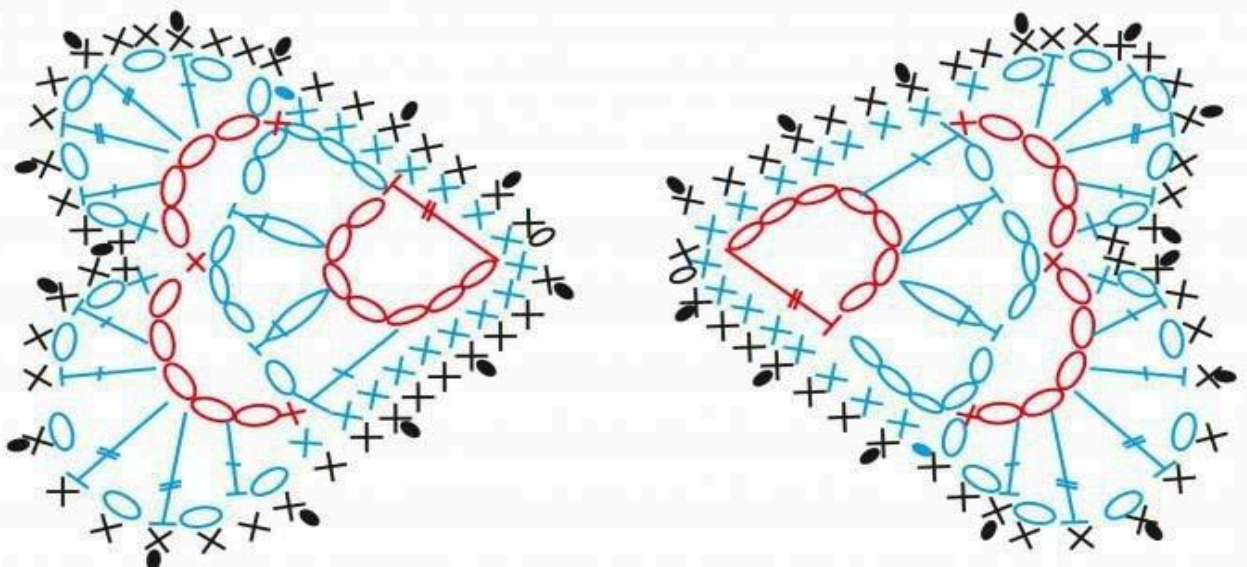
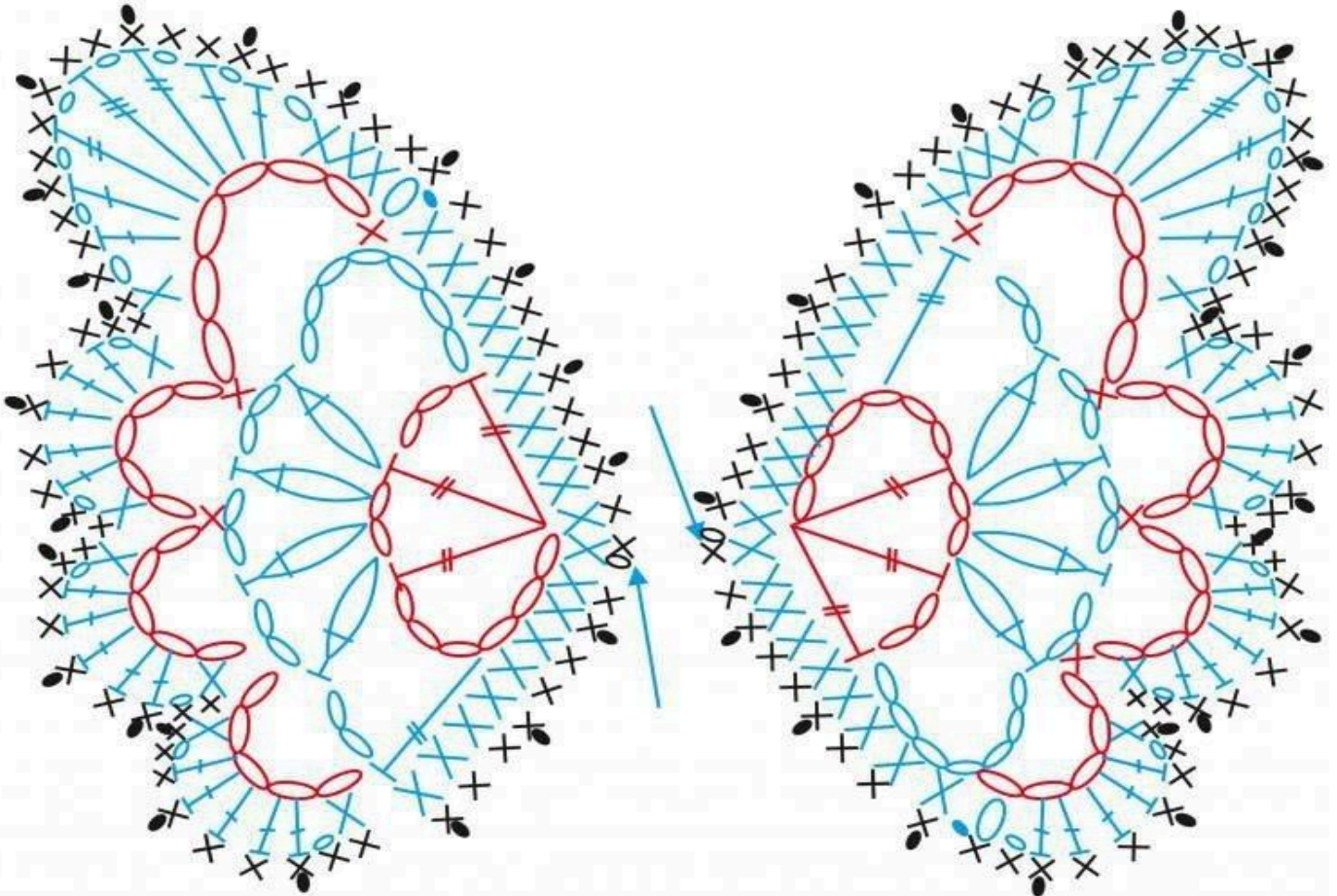


Chart Symbol	US Crochet Term	Abbreviation	Description
0 or Oval	Chain	ch	Yarn over, pull through loop.
• (Dot)	Slip Stitch	sl st	Insert hook, yarn over, pull through stitch and loop on hook.
X or +	Single Crochet	sc	Insert hook, yarn over, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops.
T	Half Double Crochet	hdc	Yarn over, insert hook, yarn over, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through all 3 loops.
† (1 crossbar)	Double Crochet	dc	Yarn over, insert hook, yarn over, pull up a loop, [yarn over, pull through 2 loops] twice.
‡ (2 crossbars)	Treble Crochet	tr	Yarn over twice, insert hook, yarn over, pull up a loop, [yarn over, pull through 2 loops] 3 times.
♣ / Bubble	Picot Stitch	picot	Ch 3, sl st into the first ch or top of the previous stitch (used for the pointy edges).

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Color Guide (Based on the Sample Image)

- **Color A (Green):** Inner bottom wing fan.
- **Color B (Pink):** Inner top wing fan, body, antennas, and outer scalloped border.
- **Color C (White):** Middle framing layer of all wings.

Step-by-Step Written Pattern (US Terms)

The butterfly consists of **4 separate wing panels** (2 large top wings, 2 smaller bottom wings) that are framed and joined together by the body.

1. Top Wings (Make 2 - Large Charts)

Follow the top two diagrams in your chart image. harmonythreads.dicasdorei.com

- **Row 1 (Red Line):** Start with a slip knot using **Color B**. Ch 6. Skip 3 chains (counts as first dc), work 3 dc into the remaining chains to create the base cluster. Turn.
- **Row 2 (Light Blue Line):** Ch 3 (counts as dc). Working into the spaces and stitches of Row 1, create the large loops: Ch 5, dc into the center, ch 7, dc into the edge stitch. This creates the open mesh foundation for the wing shape. Turn.

- **Row 3 (Dark Blue Line):** Fasten off Color B, join **Color C (White)**.
 - Work a series of escalating stitches into the large chain loops to fill the wing: **sc, hdc, dc, tr, tr** into the smaller loop, transitioning to a dense fan of **dc** and **tr** stitches across the larger loop to create the sweeping upper wing shape. Follow the exact stitch count from the spokes on the chart.
- **Row 4 (Black Symbols):** Fasten off Color C, join **Color B (Pink)**.
 - Work **sc** into each stitch along the flat inner edge. harmonythreads.dicasdorei.com
 - When reaching the outer rounded edge, alternate **sc** and **ch 2** or **picot** spaces as indicated by the black dots and crosses to create the delicate, bumpy scalloped texture.

2. Bottom Wings (Make 2 - Small Charts)

Follow the bottom two diagrams in your chart image.

- **Row 1 (Red Line):** Using **Color A (Green)**, ch 5. Work a tight cluster of 3 dc into the first chain to make a small triangle/tear shape. Turn.
- **Row 2 (Light Blue Line):** Ch 4, dc into the top of the cluster, ch 4, sl st to the base. This forms two smaller framing loops. Turn.
- **Row 3 (Dark Blue Line):** Fasten off Color A, join **Color C (White)**.
 - Work **sc, hdc, 5 dc, hdc, sc** into each of the loops to create a rounded double-petal shape.
- **Row 4 (Black Symbols):** Fasten off Color C, join **Color B (Pink)**.
 - Work **sc** around the perimeter. Add the small picots (**ch 2** or **ch 3** followed by a **sl st**) at the outermost points of the wing to give it a realistic, textured edge.

3. Assembly & The Butterfly Body

Once you have your 4 finished wings, you will join them using the central body piece.

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- **The Body:** Using **Color B (Pink)**, chain a length slightly longer than your wings stacked together (approx. Ch 12–15).
- Work 1 row of **sc** or **hdc** back down the chain to make a thick, sturdy body.
- **Joining:** Lay the wings flat (Top wings overlapping the bottom wings slightly, just like the photo). Use a yarn needle and Color B to sew the inner straight edges of the wings securely to the back of the crocheted body.

4. Antennas & Bookmark Tail

- **Antennas:** Join **Color C (White)** to the top of the head. *Left Antenna:* Ch 6, sl st into the 2nd ch from hook and back down. Repeat for the *Right Antenna*. Tie a small knot at the tips to mimic the antenna knobs.

- **Bookmark Cord:**

1. Attach **Color B (Pink)** to the center-top of the head (between the antennas).
2. Work a small 2-row crochet circle to act as a decorative emblem anchor (as seen right above the butterfly head).
3. From that circle, chain a long strand of **100–120 chains** (or until it reaches your desired bookmark length).
4. Fasten off and add a small tassel or knot at the very end of the cord.

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💡 **Crochet Tip:** Block your finished butterfly! Pin it down flat on a foam board, spray it lightly with water or a fabric stiffener mixture, and let it dry completely. This will keep the wings from curling inside your books!

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