

Curly bookmark - easy crochet patterns for beginners

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Materials: small amount Red Heart bikini worsted weight yarn, I used a J hook but size really doesn't matter in this pattern

Size: curly part is about 6", straight chain is additional 9"

Shell = 4 dc

Instructions:

chain 50

Row 1: double crochet in 3rd chain from hook, 2 double crochets in same chain

You will now be making shells in each of the next 15 dcs. Since the shells will cause curling, it will be hard to count chains, so count them now and place a stitch marker (safety pin, bobby pin, paper clip) in the 15th chain from your last dc.

THEN work 4 double crochets in each of the 15 chains, starting from the chain after your last dc, (64 double crochets total). When you get to the stitch where your marker is, take the marker out, work your shell in that chain, then slip stitch in 3rd chain from that last st. (You may find it easier to put the marker in the 16th chain and make your stitch before taking the marker out.)

Optional: I have made some where I slip stitched in the remaining chains, giving a "straight" tail. I have also worked sc in the remaining chains, giving a curly, thinner bottom. You choose what you like best.

Snip yarn about 6" from end and weave ends in, pulling tightly to gather.

Weave beginning strand through back hump of chains several inches, then finish off.