

Crochet Mini Prayer Square with a Surface Slip Stitch Cross

Materials Susan Bates US F5 3.75mm hook or similar size
4-ply Caron yarn

Body

- Chain 9 (or 11) - - use an odd # of stitches, so the cross can be worked in the middle stitch spaces (st sps).
- Rows 1 – 12 sc.
- Row 12 - end with sl st and tie off. Weave in all yarn tails.

Border

- Single crochet all around* then sl st to 1st sc and tie off.
- *If you want to add the top center decorative st, do it when you get to the top middle st by crocheting a (hdc, dc, hdc) all in that same stitch.
- Continue doing scs to the end, sl st, tie off, and weave in all yarn tails.

Cross

- The cross is done in a surface crochet stitch called “Surface Slip Stitch.”
- Watch this “how-to” video:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EJ8FI5PJfvk&feature=youtu.be>
- For good written directions:
<https://www.wikihow.com/Surface-Crochet> .
- Crochet the vertical portion of the cross first, then the horizontal, overlapping the center sts as seen in the photo.
- Pull all tails to the back side and gently weave them into the back of the cross arms (see back view).

Tassel

- This tassel is made of 4 strands of yarn cut to 15”.
- Loop in half to make 8 yarn tails.
- Next thread the loop into the piece front-to-back in the middle of the bottom row.
- Bring loop around to the front and then thread the tails through the loop.
- Pull tails gently until tassel is formed. Trim all the tassel ends to the same length.

This pattern was developed from several “how-to” sources.



Front view



Back view