

# Ultra-Detailed Tiger Crochet Bookmark Tutorial



This step-by-step tutorial will guide you through creating an adorable tiger crochet bookmark based on the visual chart provided. The design features a cute tiger head, an open mesh body, and a functional loop at the bottom to fit over book pages. The instructions below are written in US crochet terminology and are intentionally very detailed so beginners and experienced crocheters alike can follow with confidence.

## Materials Needed

- 1 Sport or DK weight yarn in orange (main color)
- 2 Small amounts of white and black yarn for details
- 3 Crochet hook size 2.5 mm – 3.0 mm
- 4 2 small black safety eyes or black embroidery thread
- 5 Yarn needle
- 6 Scissors

7 Stitch marker (optional but recommended)

## Abbreviations (US Terms)

- 1 ch – chain
- 2 sl st – slip stitch
- 3 sc – single crochet
- 4 dc – double crochet
- 5 inc – increase (2 sc in same stitch)
- 6 dec – decrease (single crochet two stitches together)
- 7 st(s) – stitch(es)

## Step-by-Step Instructions – Bookmark Body

1. Foundation Chain: Using orange yarn, chain 26. This forms the base length of the bookmark body. 2. Row 1: Starting in the 5th chain from hook, make 1 dc. Chain 1, skip 1 stitch, dc in next stitch. Repeat across to create a mesh pattern. Turn your work. 3. Row 2–18: Chain 3 (counts as first dc), dc in next dc, chain 1, skip chain space, dc in next dc. Repeat this mesh pattern for approximately 16–18 rows or until the body reaches the desired length. 4. Shape the Bottom Loop: When the body is long enough, chain 10 and join with a slip stitch to form the oval loop shown in the chart. 5. Work around the loop evenly with single crochet stitches to give it firmness. Fasten off the body yarn and weave in ends.

## Step-by-Step Instructions – Tiger Head

1. Round 1: With orange yarn, make a magic ring and work 6 sc inside the ring. 2. Round 2: Increase in each stitch around (12 sc). 3. Round 3: (sc in next stitch, inc) repeat around (18 sc). 4. Round 4: (sc in next 2 stitches, inc) repeat around (24 sc). 5. Rounds 5–6: Work even in single crochet to build the head height. 6. Insert safety eyes between rounds 4 and 5, spaced about 6 stitches apart. 7. Stuff lightly if desired, then flatten slightly and fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

## Assembly and Finishing Details

1. Ears: Create two small semicircles with orange yarn (magic ring, 5 sc). Sew to the top sides of the head. 2. Muzzle: Using white yarn, embroider or crochet a small oval muzzle at the center bottom of the face. 3. Nose and Mouth: With black yarn, embroider the nose and curved smile as shown in the chart. 4. Stripes: Add tiger stripes using black yarn and surface slip stitch or embroidery. Place them symmetrically on the forehead and sides. 5. Attach Head to Body: Sew the head securely to the top center of the bookmark body. 6. Final Check: Weave in all ends, block lightly if needed, and your tiger bookmark is ready to use.

Pro Tips: • Keep your tension consistent for a neat mesh body. • Use stitch markers to track rounds on the head. • Blocking the finished bookmark helps it lay flat inside books. • You can customize colors to create different animals using the same base pattern.