

Side-View Mirror Cozy – Rectangular Shaped

A side-view mirror cozy is a quick way to personalize a vehicle, whether yours or someone else's. While I can't give specific directions to fit every side-view mirror, I can give basic directions that will work in many instances. For a mostly rectangular shaped mirror, you will crochet a rectangle, then make it 3-dimensional by doing the sides. By leaving one of the edges unconnected, the cozy can be brought around the front and buttoned closed so that it can be quickly attached or removed. The pictures below will explain.



Materials:

Yarn: Acrylic medium worsted weight of your choice. I chose black so that it would be a little subtle and because that was the color of the mirror to begin with. I don't think my husband would cotton to a bright colored mirror cozy!

Hook: Size L (or size desired to get gauge or tightness of stitches)

Needle: If you plan to decorate the cozy, a large needle will be needed to sew on objects.

Button: The button should fit between stitches but not be so little that it doesn't stay fastened.



Abbreviations:

Dc = double crochet

Sc = single crochet

Step 1: Measure

First, measure the size of the mirror: back, top, bottom, and sides. There should be somewhat of a basic rectangular shape to the back of the mirror. If you are lucky, the two sides will be a similar size and the top and bottom will be similar. If not, you may have to change your stitches as you go. The mirror above is basically 9 inches wide, 6 inches tall, and 2.5 inches deep.



Step 2: Gauge

With a size L hook, I get about 3 stitches and 2 rows to an inch. With a size H hook, I get about 4 stitches per inch.

Step 3: Make the Base Rectangle

Using a size L hook, figure 3 stitches per inch. Multiply the number of inches the back of the mirror is from side to side by 3. (My mirror was 9 inches wide. $9 \times 3 = 27$). That's how many chains stitches to make.

Chain 27 (or however many your mirror needs.)

Row 1: Chain 2 more (to count as the first dc). Dc in 4th chain from hook and each chain across. (27)

Row 2: Chain 2 (count as first dc), turn, dc across.

Row 3-7: Chain 2, turn, dc across. (**Note: you may need to do more or fewer than 7 rows depending on the height of your mirror.**)



Step 4: Make the Sides/Top/Bottom

Determine which corner of the rectangle will go where the mirror attaches to the side of the vehicle. For instance, while looking at the back of the driver's side mirror, the corner that attaches to the vehicle is usually the bottom left corner. In that case, the left side will not be attached to the bottom part of the project as it is made. (See picture above. Cozy pictured is facing the wrong way. It looks like the bottom right is not attached, but when it is turned and put on the truck, it will be the bottom left. If you do the wrong side, the cozy can be turned inside out and used!)



Row 8: Chain 2, turn; dc to the end. Turn the work to crochet down the side. Make 2 dc on each dc post to the end. Turn the work to crochet along the bottom (which was your initial chain). Dc in each stitch to the end. Turn the work to crochet along the last side. Work 2 dc on each dc post to the end. **DO NOT JOIN!** Chain 2, turn.

Row 9: Dc in each stitch around. Chain 2, turn.

Row 10: Dc in each stitch around.

(**Note: You may want to check the project on the mirror it will go on, if possible. This will give you an idea of whether you need to do any more rows.**)

Continue making dc rows until the width of the mirror is met. It is best if the cozy fits snugly.



Row 11/Last Row: Sc dec (sc 2 together) around. Do not join. Cut yarn, weave in end.

Make sure the cozy fits. Figure out which corner you will sew the button to.

Sew on the button.

Crochet decorations or add decorations as desired. See pattern below for dog paw print.

Large Paw Pad

Chain 5

Row 1: Skip the first 3 chains. Dc in last two chains. Chain 2, turn.

Row 2: Dc in 3rd from hook, dc, 2 dc in last stitch. Chain 2, turn.

Row 3: Dc in 3rd from hook, 3 dc, 2 dc in last stitch. Chain 2, turn.

Row 4: Dc in 3rd from hook, dc, 3 slip stitch, dc, 2 dc in last stitch

Toes (make 4):

Chain 2

Row 1: Sc in 2nd chain from hook. Chain 1, turn.

Row 2: 2 sc in the stitch, chain 1, turn.

Row 3: 2sc, chain 1, turn

Row 3: 1 sc dec (single crochet 2 together). Cut yarn leaving a long tail for sewing.

Notes

*Some mirrors may have tapered sides that are narrower at the top and wider at the bottom. In this case, I suggest making sc's along the narrow sections and dc on the wider sections. For example, when working on the side piece, do half the stitches dc and half of them sc (or a third of each with hdc stitches in between). This will allow for the cozy to fit more snugly and prevent the cozy from covering up too much of the mirror on the front.

**These directions are made with dc's around. This leaves gaps between stitches, but allows the cozy to stretch more easily. The cozy can be made with sc's. Simply adjust for gauge. It will more than likely start with the same number of stitches on the foundation chain, just require more rows to get the height and depth.

