## Pencil Flags



I already finished a truckload of Pocket Wreath Paperclip Bookmark Pins for my mom.
Although, it is a bit early for Christmas.
This is a last minute idea that can be used for Halloween or Thanksgiving or just about any time.
She always enjoys giving little items to the patients where she works.
These little flags can fit over your pencils or pens.
They can be plain or have small appliques (sewn or glued on).
Some ideas for a holiday applique might be:
pumpkin, bat, heart, flower, leaf, snowman, Santa face, 4-leaf clover, Sun-face with Rays.
You might also put a short name or Initial on it.
For Halloween or Birthday parties, they would make cute party favors.
The basic flag is very easy and can be made in about 10 minutes.

## Abbreviations:

~ = Approximately
Beg $=$ Beginning
Ch = Chain
Dec = Decrease by crocheting the next 2 single crochets as one
FO = Fasten Off
Sc = Single Crochet
Ss = Slip Stitch
St(s) = Stitch(es)
US Terminology
$\sim 6$ yds of medium worsted weight 4 ply
Red Heart or Sugar $n$ Cream: Various colors
Optional: An applique and Invisible Thread or Permanent Fabric Glue (to attach it)

Gauge: 5 sc and 5 Rnds $=\sim 1$ " Not crucial.

Size: $\quad 3 " \times 3 "(7.6 \mathrm{~cm} \times 7.6 \mathrm{~cm})$. Fits over a pencil or pen.
Different yarns can yield different sizes.
Be sure that the stitches are tight enough to hold the flag out.
Pattern Notes: For fatter-sized pens or pencils, you can increase the Ch-5-Loops in Row 11.

## PENCIL FLAG:

Row 1: Ch 11, Sc in the back-bump-ridge of the $2^{\text {nd }}$ ch from the hook and each ch across. (10 sc)
Row 2: Ch 1 and turn. Dec, Sc in next 6 sts, Dec. (8)
Row 3: Ch 1 and turn. Sc across. (8)
Row 4: Ch 1 and turn. Dec, Sc in next 4 sts, Dec. (6)

Row 5: Ch 1 and turn. Sc across. (6)
Row 6: Ch 1 and turn. Dec, Sc in next 2 sts, Dec. (4)
Row 7: Ch 1 and turn. Sc across. (4)
Row 8: Ch 1 and turn. (Dec) 2 times. (2)
Row 9: Ch 1 and turn. Sc across. (2)
Row 10: Ch 1 and turn. Dec. (1)
Row 11: (Work edging around the right side)
Ch 1 and turn. Sc in each of the 10 rows down the side.
Note: $1^{\text {st }}$ stitch will be the sc from row 10.
$\mathbf{2} \mathbf{S c}$ in the corner st along the beg chs, Ch 5 (first loop for pencil), Sc again in the same st.
Work over beg yarn end to eliminate weaving it in later.
Sc in next 8 sts (along the beg-ch).
Sc in the next corner st, Ch 5 (second loop for pencil), 2 Sc again in the same st.
Sc the across the 10 rows of the next side.
Join with a ss to the first sc. FO and weave in.
(C) Perkins 2013
http://grandmaperkinscrochet.blogspot.com/

