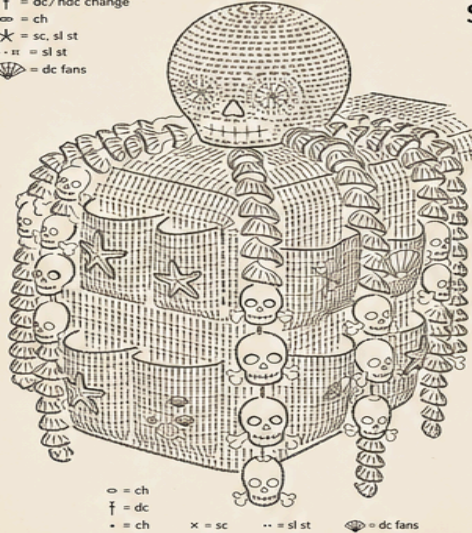


# Crochet Skull Armrest Organizer Pattern

## SKULL OCTOPUS ORGANIZER – CROCHET TUTORIAL

Step-by-Step Guide from Start to Finish

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### SKILL LEVEL

Intermediate



### FINISHED SIZE

Approx. 9–10 in (23–25 cm) tall  
8–9 in (20–23 cm) wide

### MATERIALS

- Worsted weight cotton yarn (cream, gray, light blue, black)
- 3.5 mm (E) crochet hook
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Stitch markers
- Fiberfill stuffing
- Plastic canvas or thick cardboard (optional for structure)
- Small skull beads (10–20 mm)
- Embroidery thread (black) for mouth

**1 HEAD (Make 2 Halves)**

R1: Magic ring, 6 sc in ring. (6)  
 R2: 2 sc in each st. (12)  
 R3: (1 sc, 2 sc in next st) x 6. (18)  
 R4: (2 sc, 2 sc in next st) x 6. (24)  
 R5: (3 sc, 2 sc in next st) x 6. (30)  
 R6: (4 sc, 2 sc in next st) x 6. (36)  
 R7–R13: Sc in each st around.  
 R14: (4 sc, sc2tog) x 6. (30)  
 R15: (3 sc, sc2tog) x 6. (24)  
 Insert safety eyes between R9–R10: with 6–7 sts apart.

**2 EMBROIDER FACE**

Use black embroidery thread.  
 Sew a triangle nose between the eyes.  
 Sew mouth across R3–R4 with vertical stitches.

**3 JOIN HALVES**

Place both halves together.  
 Sc around the edge to join.  
 Stuff firmly before closing completely.

**4 BASE (Bottom Panel)**

Ch 1.  
 R1: 8 sc in ring. (8)  
 R2: 2 sc in each st. (16)  
 R3: (1 sc, 2 sc in next st) x 8. (24)  
 R4: (2 sc, 2 sc in next st) x 8. (32)  
 R5: (3 sc, 2 sc in next st) x 8. (40)  
 R6–R12: Sc in each st.  
 Fasten off.

**5 SIDES (Make 4 Panels)**

Ch 1.  
 R1–R20: Sc in each st across.  
 Make 4 panels.

**6 ASSEMBLE BOX**

Sc sides to base using single crochet.  
 Join all 4 panels to form a box.

**7 EXTERNAL POCKETS**

Ch 1.  
 R1–R12: Sc in each st.  
 Make 16 pockets.  
 Sew or sc pockets around the outside.

**8 TENTACLES (Make 8)**

Ch 40.  
 R1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook:  
 \*Skip 1 ch, 5 dc in next ch (shell made).  
 Repeat "to" across.  
 You will have 10 shells.  
 Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

**9 ADD SKULL BEADS**

Thread yarn through a skull bead.  
 Tie a knot below the bead.  
 Repeat for each tentacle.

**10 ATTACH TENTACLES**

Fold tentacle at the top and sc securely around the top edge of the box.  
 Attach 8 evenly.

**11 ATTACH HEAD**

Center the head on top of the box.  
 Sc around the base of the head to secure it firmly.

**12 FINISHED ORGANIZER**

Your skull octopus organizer is ready!  
 Use it to store remotes, supplies, or treasures.  
 Great gift idea!

**CROCHET LEGEND (US TERMS)**

∞ = ch = chain  
 × = sc = single crochet  
 ˆ = hdc = half double crochet  
 ˆ = dc = double crochet  
 A = sc2tog = single crochet two together  
 • = sl st = slip stitch  
 ◊ = dc fan (shell) = work 5 dc in same stitch

**BASIC STITCHES (US TERMS)**

| CHAIN (ch) | SINGLE CROCHET (sc) | HALF DOUBLE CROCHET (hdc) | DOUBLE CROCHET (dc) | SHELL (5 dc in same st) | SINGLE CROCHET TWO TOGETHER (sc2tog) |
|------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1<br>      | 1<br>               | 1<br>                     | 1<br>               | 1<br>                   | 1<br>                                |
| 2<br>      | 2<br>               | 2<br>                     | 2<br>               | 1<br>                   | 2<br>                                |

**TIPS & NOTES**

- Use stitch markers to keep your rounds even.
- Keep tension tight and consistent.
- Stuff the head firmly for a round shape.
- Use embroidery thread for a clean skull face.

**COLOR GUIDE (SUGGESTED)**

Cream (Main Color)    Gray (Pockets)    Light Blue (Stripes)    Black (Face)    Orange (Starfish)

**CARE INSTRUCTIONS**

- ⚠ Spot clean only
- 🚫 Do not machine wash
- 🔄 Reshape if needed
- 📦 Store in a dry place

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## Introduction

Keep your favorite essentials close while adding a spooky handmade touch to your home! This **Crochet Skull Armrest Organizer** is designed to drape over the arm of a sofa or chair and features a removable skull lid, multiple storage pockets, decorative tentacles, skull garlands, starfish, and seashell appliqués. The organizer is sturdy enough to hold TV remotes, glasses, notebooks, crochet hooks, phones, tablets, reading materials, and other everyday accessories.

This original pattern uses mostly basic stitches and simple shaping techniques, making it suitable for adventurous beginners and enjoyable for experienced crocheters alike.

The project is worked in separate pieces and assembled at the end, allowing you to customize colors, decorations, and pocket placement.

**Pattern Language:** US Crochet Terms

**Skill Level:** Advanced Beginner to Intermediate

### Finished Size (Approximate)

- Height: 13 in (33 cm)
- Width: 9 in (23 cm)
- Depth: 9 in (23 cm)
- Skull Diameter: 5½ in (14 cm)
- Tentacles: 10–12 in (25–30 cm)

Measurements may vary depending on yarn, hook size, and personal tension.

## Materials

### Yarn

#### Main Color (MC)

- Worsted Weight (#4)
- Approximately 900–1100 yards
- Off-white, ivory, cream, or light gray

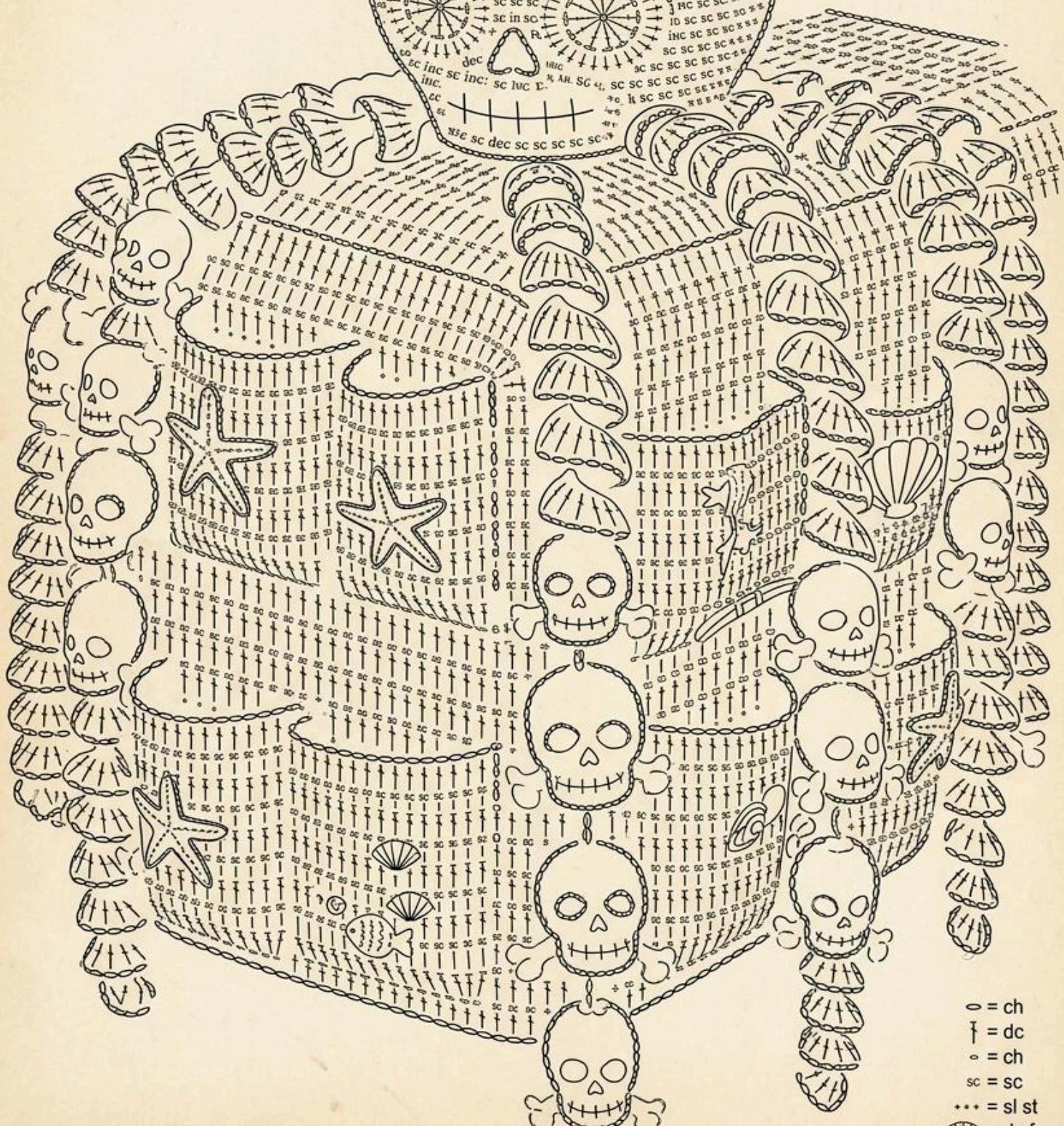
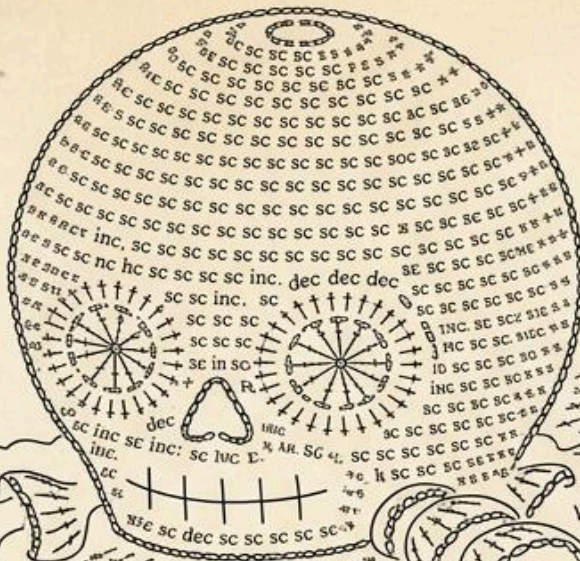
#### Contrast Color A

- Black
- About 50 yards

#### Contrast Color B

- Sand Beige
- About 60 yards

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#### Contrast Color C

- Ocean Blue
- About 40 yards

#### Contrast Color D

- Orange (Starfish)
- About 20 yards

#### Optional Accent Colors

- Brown
- Light Gray
- Mint
- Coral

## Crochet Hook

- 3.75 mm (F)  
or
- 4.00 mm (G)

Use whichever hook creates a firm fabric with minimal gaps.

## Additional Supplies

- Polyester fiberfill
- Stitch markers
- Yarn needle
- Sharp embroidery scissors
- Measuring tape
- Sewing pins or clips
- Cardboard or plastic canvas (optional for reinforcing the organizer)
- Fabric lining (optional)
- Thin craft foam (optional)
- Hot glue (optional for reinforcement only)

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## Abbreviations (US Terms)

ch = chain

sl st = slip stitch

sc = single crochet

hdc = half double crochet

dc = double crochet

inc = increase (2 sc in same stitch)

dec = invisible decrease

BLO = back loop only

FLO = front loop only

MR = magic ring

st = stitch

sts = stitches

rep = repeat

RS = right side

WS = wrong side

FO = fasten off

## Helpful Notes

This pattern is worked mostly in continuous rounds unless otherwise stated.

Use a stitch marker to identify the first stitch of each round.

Move the marker after every completed round.

Stuff the skull gradually as you crochet.

Do not overstuff.

A firm but slightly flexible skull creates the nicest appearance.

The organizer body is intentionally crocheted tightly to support weight.

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If your stitches are loose, use a hook one size smaller.

The organizer may be lined with fabric for additional strength.

Cardboard or plastic canvas inserts can be added inside the bottom and lid for extra stability.

## Color Suggestions

### Classic Pirate

- Ivory
- Black
- Sand
- Orange

### Halloween

- White
- Black
- Purple
- Green

### Ocean Theme

- Cream
- Aqua
- Navy
- Coral

### Gothic

- Black
- Charcoal
- Silver

### Pastel Spooky

- White
- Pink
- Lavender
- Mint

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## Gauge

22 sc × 24 rounds

= 4 × 4 inches

Exact gauge is not critical, but maintaining consistent tension is important for proper assembly.

## Construction Overview

This organizer is made from individual crochet pieces assembled together.

You will crochet:

- Skull
- Eye sockets
- Nose
- Teeth
- Basket base
- Basket walls
- Lid
- Lid edging
- Six large tentacles
- Six decorative tentacles
- Four hanging skull chains
- Four front storage pockets
- Side pockets
- Starfish appliqués
- Seashell appliqués
- Hanging loop
- Decorative edging

Once every component has been completed, everything is sewn securely onto the organizer before adding the final decorative details.