## **Crochet Valentine Envelope**

This small envelope is a unique way to present a valentine's day gift, especially a gift of jewelry. A quick and easy project, even for a beginner. Gauge is not really important here, but for my envelope that measures about 3 1/2 X 4 inches, I used the following:

White Sport Yarn

Crochet hook size G

A heart button about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch across

Needle and Red thread to sew on button

Small piece of felt back up the button

Using sport yarn and G hook, ch 26. Row 1: Sc in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook, sc in each ch across-25 sts. Ch 1, turn.

Repeat Row 1 for 27 rows or until your piece is square. 25 sc in each row-do not count the ch 1 in the beginning of row. the 25<sup>th</sup> st will be into the top of the ch 1 in the previous row.

Last row: Repeat as with other rows, except ch 5 and turn at the beginning of this row. Omit the turning ch at the end of the row and fasten off.

The ch 5 forms a loop buttonhole for your heart button.

Fold the corners in, as picture 2 at the right shows. Tack the corners where they meet together, and then with yarn whip the edges where they meet as shown in picture 3.

Cut a piece of felt or cotton cloth about <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> an inch to place behind the button for stability. Fold the envelope flap down to find the right position for the

button and sew securely in place with the red thread. Tug the edges a little until it is square and flat. By changing the type of yarn, the number of stitches in the starting chain and the size of the hook, you can make this up in various sizes.

I think this is the perfect size to tuck a pair of earrings into or, perhaps an engagement ring.

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