Armchair caddy with four pockets

US terms



Finished size
About 11½ × 32¾ in (29 × 83 cm)
About 11½ in (29 cm) wide and 32¾ in (83 cm) long, with pockets about 8¼ in (21 cm) and 5 in (12.5 cm) deep

Skill
Easy
It is three flat pieces in rows, sewn together.

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 11 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: charcoal, the strip and the tall pockets **about 525 yd (480 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: tan, the short pockets and the bands **about 110 yd (101 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 320 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).
Fiber: cotton
Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: four stitch markers or pins, a yarn needle and scissors.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Gauge

14 stitches and 11 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

Ten rows of the pocket stitch, single and half double crochet by turns, are about 3¼ in (8 cm) tall.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Lay it flat and count the stitches and rows over 4 in (10 cm) in its middle. There should be 14 stitches and 11 rows. If you count more stitches than that, change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, change to a smaller hook. The swatch can be pulled out and its yarn used again.
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> | **Swatch foundation** | Ch 23. | |
> | **Swatch row 1 (RS)** | Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across | (21 hdc) |
> | **Swatch rows 2 to 16** | Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across | (21 hdc) |

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Notes

- In the strip the chain of 2 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch. In the pocket panels the chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch. The first stitch of a row goes into the first stitch of the row before.
- Pocket stitch: single crochet and half double crochet by turns. From row 3 on, every single crochet goes into a half double crochet, and every half double crochet goes into a single crochet.
- The pockets lie outside the arm. Over an arm about 7 in (18 cm) wide, with about 11 in (28 cm) down the outside, about 14¾ in (37.5 cm) are left for the inside and under the seat cushion. For a wider arm, work 3 more rows in A at the end of the strip for every 1 in (2.5 cm).
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, draw the yarn snug, and go on to the next chain or row.
- Backstitch: bring the needle up one stitch length ahead along the line, put it down again at the end of the last stitch, and so on, so that the stitches on the front lie end to end.
- To change color, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before. In the strip, leave A hanging at the side edge while the two rows of B are worked, then draw it loosely up that edge and go on with it; cut B after each of its bands, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). In the tall pocket panel, cut A when B begins, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- Colors of the strip, row by row. Rows 1 to 30: A. Rows 31 to 32: B. Rows 33 to 36: A. Rows 37 to 38: B. Rows 39 to 42: A. Rows 43 to 44: B. Rows 45 to 90: A.

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **st** stitch.
RS right side, the one that shows.
[ ] 20 times: work what is inside 20 times in all.
(40 hdc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Strip

Yarns in order of use: A, charcoal; B, tan.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 42.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	(40 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 30**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(40 hdc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

☐ **Row 31**	With B, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(40 hdc)
☐ **Row 32**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(40 hdc)
☐ **Row 33**	With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(40 hdc)
☐ **Rows 34 to 36**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(40 hdc)

34 35 36

☐ **Row 37**	With B, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(40 hdc)
☐ **Row 38**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(40 hdc)

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☐ **Row 39**	With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(40 hdc)
☐ **Rows 40 to 42**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(40 hdc)
	40 41 42	
☐ **Row 43**	With B, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(40 hdc)
☐ **Row 44**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(40 hdc)
☐ **Row 45**	With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(40 hdc)
☐ **Rows 46 to 90**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(40 hdc)
	46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90	
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Tall pocket panel

Yarns in order of use: A, charcoal; B, tan.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 41.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(40 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 22**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, hdc in next st**] 20 times**	(20 sc, 20 hdc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	
☐ **Row 23**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(40 sc)
☐ **Rows 24 to 26**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(40 sc)
	24 25 26	
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Short pocket panel

Yarn B, tan.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 41.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(40 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 12**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, hdc in next st**] 20 times**	(20 sc, 20 hdc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	
☐ **Rows 13 to 16**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(40 sc)
	13 14 15 16	
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Assembly

1. Weave in the tails of all three pieces on the wrong side first. The right side of every piece is the side that faces you in its row 1.

2. Lay the strip with its right side up and its foundation chain toward you. Lay the tall pocket panel on it, right side up, foundation chain on foundation chain and side edges together. Its top edge comes to about row 23 of the strip. Put a

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marker in the strip at that row, at both sides.

3. Cut a length of A about 96 in (244 cm) long. Beginning at the top of the right side of the panel with a tail of 6 in (15 cm), whip stitch down that side, along the two foundation chains, chain to chain (40 chains), and up the left side. On each side work one stitch for each of the 26 rows of the panel, through the edge of the panel and the edge of the strip. The strip has only about 23 rows there, so now and then put two stitches into the same row of the strip, and keep the top corner of the panel at the marker. The top stays open. Fasten off and draw both tails in between the layers.

4. Lay the short pocket panel on the tall one in the same way, right side up, foundation chain on foundation chain. Its 16 rows lie on rows 1 to 16 of the tall panel; its top edge may come a little lower than the top of row 16, and is left so. Cut a length of B about 78 in (198 cm) long. Beginning at the top of the right side of the short panel with a tail of 6 in (15 cm), whip stitch it to the tall panel down that side, along the foundation chains, chain to chain, and up the left side, row to row, 16 stitches on each side. The top stays open. Fasten off and draw both tails in between the layers.

5. For the seam in the middle, count 20 stitches in from one side edge and put a marker between the 20th and 21st stitch at the foundation chain and another between the 20th and 21st stitch at the top edge of the tall pocket panel. The seam runs straight up between the two. Cut a length of A about 42 in (106.5 cm) long. Beginning at the foundation chain with a tail of 6 in (15 cm), backstitch up that line through all the layers, which are three as far as the top of the short panel and two above it: one backstitch for each row of the tall panel, 26 in all. Work two more stitches over the top edge of the tall panel, one on the other, and fasten off on the back of the strip. Draw both tails in between the layers. That makes two tall pockets behind and two short ones in front, each about 5¾ in (14.5 cm) wide.

Finishing

- Lay the strip over the arm with the pockets outside and tuck the other end down between the arm and the seat cushion, as far as it will go.

In all: 3 pieces; 5,280 stitches (3,600 in the strip, 1,040 in the tall pocket panel, 640 in the short pocket panel).

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