Boho fringe crossbody bag

US terms



Finished size
About 8½ in (21.5 cm) wide and 7½ in (19 cm) tall without the fringe, with a strap about 46 in (117 cm) long before sewing

Skill
Intermediate
The flap is lace, worked in rows that fan out from a ring.

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
16 stitches and 18 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: terracotta, the bag and two cords of the strap **about 190 yd (174 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, the flap, the fringe and one cord of the strap **about 90 yd (82 m), an estimate**
Fiber: cotton
Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a stitch marker, a yarn needle, scissors, a ruler, for the fringe and pins.

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.

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
RS	right side

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Gauge

16 stitches and 18 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

After row 8 the flap measures about 3½ in (9 cm) from the ring to the top of row 8, not stretched.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. The gauge is checked on the piece itself: after round 12 the bag should measure about 17 in (43 cm) around, laid flat and not stretched, measured across and doubled. If the piece measures more than that, begin again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger hook.

Before you start

- Round 1 is worked along both sides of the foundation chain: along one side, 3 stitches in the last chain, then back along the other side.
- The rounds are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- Bag: in the rounds that increase, the two increases that follow one another stand at a side fold, so the bag grows there and stays flat.
- Flap: the chain of 3 at the start of a row counts as its first double crochet and stands on the last stitch of the row before; the last dc of a row goes into the top of the chain of 3 of the row before. The chain of 1 at the start of row 9 and of the heading does not count, and the first single crochet of row 9 goes into the last stitch of row 8. Where a stitch is worked into a chain-1 or chain-2 space, put the hook into the space, round the chain.
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.
- For a longer or shorter strap begin all three cords with more or fewer chains: 20 for every 4 in (10 cm) of the finished strap.

Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, dc is treble and sk is miss.

Bag

Yarn A, terracotta.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 20.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 17 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 17 chs, 2 sc in last ch	**(40 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 18 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(44 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 20 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 22 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(52 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 24 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(56 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	**(56 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 26 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 28 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(64 sc)**

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☐ **Rnds 10 to 11**	Sc in each st around	**(64 sc)**

A box for each round, 10 to 11: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 30 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(68 sc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 12.** The bag should measure about 17 in (43 cm) around.

☐ **Rnds 13 to 34**	Sc in each st around	**(68 sc)**

A box for each round, 13 to 34: tick them off as you go.

13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34

☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Flap

Yarn B, cream.

The flap is worked back and forth. Pull no row tight: it should lie flat, as a half circle.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 4, sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 6 dc in ring	**(7 dc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in each of next 6 sts	**(13 dc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, **[**ch 2, sk next st, dc in next st**] 6 times**	**(7 dc, 6 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, **[**3 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next st**] 6 times**	**(25 dc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, **[**sk next st, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next st, sk next st, dc in next st**] 6 times**	**(19 dc, 6 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, **[**sk next st, 5 dc in next ch-2 sp, sk next st, dc in next st**] 6 times**	**(37 dc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, **[**ch 1, sk next st, dc in next 3 sts, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next st**] 6 times**	**(25 dc, 12 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, **[**sk next ch-1 sp, sk next st, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next st, sk next st, sk next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 6 times**	**(31 dc, 6 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 9 dc in next ch-2 sp, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(7 sc, 54 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Flap heading

Yarn B, cream.

Hold the flap with its right side facing you and its straight edge at the top. Join B with a slip stitch in the end of row 9 at your right (at your left if you work left-handed), and work the first single crochet into the same place. In the ends of rows 8 to 1 work round the chain of 3 or the dc that stands there.

☐ **Foundation**	The straight edge of the flap, RS facing; 32 places: 1 in the end of row 9, 2 in the end of each of rows 8 to 2 and 1 in the end of row 1; then, on the other side of the ring, 1 in the end of row 1, 2 in the end of each of rows 2 to 8 and 1 in the end of row 9; nothing is worked into the ring.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in each st across	**(32 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 32 in (81.5 cm) to sew the flap on.	

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Terracotta cord: make 2

Yarn A, terracotta.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 231.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(230 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Cream cord

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 231.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(230 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Assembly

1. Weave in the tails of the bag, of the three cords and of the flap, all but the long tail of the flap heading. If the flap does not lie flat, pin it out as a half circle, damp it and let it dry. Lay the bag flat with the foundation chain along the middle of its lower edge, so that 34 stitches of the last round lie on each side and the increases run up the two side folds. The two sides are alike.

2. The flap. Lay the bag with one side, the back, facing you. Hold the flap, right side facing you, above it, so that the flap goes on upward from the back and its heading lies along the top edge of the back. Whip stitch the 32 stitches of the heading to the stitches of the back with its long tail, stitch to stitch, the edges meeting; 1 of the 34 stitches of the back stays free at each end. Fold the flap over the top to the front.

3. The strap. Both its ends are sewn with new yarn: cut two lengths of B, each 12 in (30.5 cm) long, and two lengths of A, each 24 in (61 cm) long. Lay the three cords side by side, flat, right side up, the cream one in the middle, their ends level. Over the last 1 in (2.5 cm) at one end, sew each terracotta cord, long edge to long edge, to the cream one with one length of B, so that the three make one flat end three cords wide. Braid them evenly and not too tightly: bring the right cord over the middle one, then the left cord over the middle one, and so on. Lay the three cords side by side again at the other end, flat, right side up, the cream one in the middle, and sew them together over their last 1 in (2.5 cm) with the other length of B. The strap is about 46 in (117 cm) long.

4. Lay one sewn end of the strap, its 1 in (2.5 cm), on the inside of the bag at one side fold, pointing down, its middle on the fold. With one length of A, whip stitch it down along its two sides, along its lower end and across it at the rim; do not draw the stitches through to the outside more than is needed. Sew the other end at the other side fold in the same way with the other length of A, without a twist in the strap. Weave in all the tails of this sewing.

5. The fringe. Cut 72 strands of B, each 14 in (35.5 cm) long. A bundle is 4 strands. Along row 9 of the flap put a bundle in the 2nd, 5th and 8th dc of each of the 6 scallops, 18 bundles in all: fold it in half, draw the fold from the wrong side to the right side through the top of the dc, pass the eight ends through the fold and draw it snug.

6. Lay the flap flat with the fringe straight. Begin at one end: take 4 ends of the first bundle and 4 ends of the next one together, and tie them in a plain knot about 1 in (2.5 cm) below the edge. Take the 4 other ends of that bundle with 4 ends of the next, and so on to the other end: 17 knots. The first 4 ends of the first bundle and the last 4 of the last stay as they are. Comb the fringe with your fingers and trim it to about 4 in (10 cm) below the knots, in a curve that follows the edge of the flap.

Finishing

- Draw the fringe straight and comb it once more with your fingers.

In all: 5 pieces; 3,119 stitches (2,172 in the bag, 225 in the flap, 32 in the flap heading, 230 in each terracotta cord, 230 in the cream cord).

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