Gift box with a bow lid

Mug · US terms



Finished size
About 5 in (12.5 cm) square and 5¼ in (13.5 cm) tall without the bow, for a mug up to 4½ in (11.5 cm) wide with its handle and 4½ in (11.5 cm) tall

Skill
Intermediate
The walls carry two colors in each round, and the ribbon and the bow are sewn on.

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
16 stitches and 17 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: kraft brown, the box and the lid	**about 165 yd (151 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: ivory, the checks	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: red, the ribbon and the bow	**about 160 yd (146 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 200 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Fiber: cotton or cotton blend

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a large handful of toy stuffing, pins, 4 stitch markers, 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.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Jewelry	3 in (7.5 cm) square, 2¼ in (5.5 cm) tall	about 160 yd (146 m)
Candle	4 in (10 cm) square, 5¼ in (13.5 cm) tall	about 320 yd (293 m)
Mug (this file)	**5 in (12.5 cm) square, 5¼ in (13.5 cm) tall**	**about 390 yd (357 m)**

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Gauge

16 stitches and 17 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 10.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Work a swatch in A before you begin: ch 25; row 1, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across (24 sc); rows 2 to 26, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across (24 sc). Lay it flat and count the stitches over 4 in (10 cm) in its middle. There should be 16 stitches; rows worked back and forth are not quite as tall as rounds, so go by the stitches. 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 25. | |
> | **Swatch row 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across | (24 sc) |
> | **Swatch rows 2 to 26** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | (24 sc) |

Notes

- Begin with a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and draw up a loop. Where round 1 does not begin with a chain, chain 1 to hold the loop, which does not count as a stitch. Work round 1 into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed.
- The square begins in the middle. From round 2 on, 3 single crochet (UK double crochet) worked in one stitch make a corner. The middle one of the 3 is the corner stitch, and the 3 sc of the next round go into it. The joins of the rounds come in the middle of one side, which is the back.
- Each round is joined with a slip stitch in its first stitch. The chain at the start of a round does not count as a stitch; work the first stitch of the round into the stitch the round before was joined in. The right side, the outside, faces you in all the rounds.
- The bow loops and the knot are worked in a spiral: their rounds are not joined. Keep a marker in the first stitch of each round.
- Where the pattern says BLO, put the hook under the back loop only; the front loop stays on the outside as a ridge.
- Tapestry crochet: where two or more colors share a round, lay the color or colors of that round not in use along the top of the round before and work over them, all the way round, so that they are carried inside the stitches.
- Inside a round, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before the change. To change where a joined round begins, draw it through as the last yarn over of the slip stitch that joins the round before. In the box cut nothing while both colors are in the rounds. After the last round of checks cut B, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- Joined rounds that are never turned lean a little as they rise, so the checks lean a little to the right. That is how they should look; keep the corners of the box straight up, not along the edges of the checks.
- The bands are worked in rows. The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Whip stitch: put the needle through a stitch of one piece and through a stitch of the other, and draw the yarn snug.
- sc2tog: draw up a loop in each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops on the hook.
- Colors. Box. Rounds 1 to 11: A. Rounds 12 to 31: A and B. Round 32: A. The lid is A; the bands, the bow loops and the knot are C.

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Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **MR** magic ring, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
sc2tog 2 sc made into one. **BLO**: only the loop away from you. **RS** right side, the one that shows.
3 sc in next st: all in one stitch. **sc in next 2 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 4 times: work what is inside 4 times in all.
(8 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Box

Yarns in order of use: A, kraft brown; B, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 sc in MR, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first sc to join	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 3 sc in next st**] 4 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, sc in next 2 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, 3 sc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, sc in next 3 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 3 times**, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(32 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, sc in next 4 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 3 times**, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(40 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, sc in next 5 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 3 times**, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, sc in next 6 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts**] 3 times**, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(56 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, sc in next 7 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts**] 3 times**, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, sc in next 8 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts**] 3 times**, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, sc in next 9 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts**] 3 times**, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(80 sc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 10.** The base should be about 5 in (12.5 cm) from side to side.

Walls

☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(80 sc)
☐ **Rnds 12 to 15**	Ch 1, with B, sc in next 3 sts, **[**with A, sc in next 4 sts, with B, sc in next 4 sts**] 9 times**, with A, sc in next 4 sts, with B, sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join	(80 sc)

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☐ **Rnds 16 to 19** 16 17 18 19	Ch 1, with A, sc in next 3 sts, **[**with B, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next 4 sts**] 9 times**, with B, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join	(80 sc)
☐ **Rnds 20 to 23** 20 21 22 23	Ch 1, with B, sc in next 3 sts, **[**with A, sc in next 4 sts, with B, sc in next 4 sts**] 9 times**, with A, sc in next 4 sts, with B, sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join	(80 sc)
☐ **Rnds 24 to 27** 24 25 26 27	Ch 1, with A, sc in next 3 sts, **[**with B, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next 4 sts**] 9 times**, with B, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join	(80 sc)
☐ **Rnds 28 to 31** 28 29 30 31	Ch 1, with B, sc in next 3 sts, **[**with A, sc in next 4 sts, with B, sc in next 4 sts**] 9 times**, with A, sc in next 4 sts, with B, sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join	(80 sc)

Rim

☐ **Rnd 32**	With A, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(80 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Lid

Yarn A, kraft brown.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 sc in MR, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first sc to join	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 3 sc in next st**] 4 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, sc in next 2 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, 3 sc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, sc in next 3 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 3 times**, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(32 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, sc in next 4 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 3 times**, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(40 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, sc in next 5 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 3 times**, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(48 sc)
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☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, sc in next 8 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts**] 3 times**, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, sc in next 9 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts**] 3 times**, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(80 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, sc in next 10 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 19 sts**] 3 times**, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(88 sc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 11.** The top of the lid should be about 5½ in (14 cm) from side to side, a little larger than the box.

Side of the lid

☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(88 sc)
☐ **Rnds 13 to 15**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(88 sc)

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☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Lid band: make 2

Yarn C, red.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(5 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 31**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(5 sc)

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 31

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Box band: make 4

Yarn C, red.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(5 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 19**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(5 sc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Bow loops: make 2

Yarn C, red.

This is one long tube. The first single crochet goes into the first chain. Put a little stuffing in as you go, so that the tube is soft and can be pressed flat with two fingers.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 12, sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in each ch around	(12 sc)

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☐ **Rnds 2 to 48**	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)

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 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48

☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 50 in (127 cm) for sewing.	

Knot

Yarn C, red.

Begin at the top. Stuff it firmly after the last round.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnds 4 to 5**	Sc in each st around	(18 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 26 in (66 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the tails on the wrong side, the tail of each magic ring round its middle, all but the long tails of the two bow loops and of the knot. The starting tails of the bow loops and the knot stay inside them.

2. Shape the box and the lid: press the base of the box and the top of the lid flat and crease their four sides along the ridge, then pinch the corners of the walls into upright edges, straight up from the corner stitches. The lid stays off the box until all the sewing is done.

3. The bands of the lid. On the lid put a marker in the lower edge at each of its four corners, 22 stitches from one to the next. The middle of a side is the 11th stitch after a marker: a band covers it and 2 stitches on each side of it, so that 8 stitches stay free between the band and each marked stitch.

4. Lay one band across the lid, right side up, from the lower edge at the middle of one side, up the side, over the middle of the top and down to the lower edge of the opposite side. Pin it. Cut two lengths of C, each 48 in (122 cm) long. Sew the band down all round its edge. With the first length begin on the inside of the lid at one corner of the band and sew one long edge, 31 stitches, one for each row, and then the short edge that follows it, 5 stitches: bring the needle up through the lid and the band half a stitch in from the edge of the band, and down through the lid just beside that edge. Fasten off on the inside. With the second length begin where the first ended and sew the other long edge and the other short edge. Lay the other band across it at right angles, over the other two sides, and sew it down in the same way with two new lengths; where the two cross it goes over the first. Take the markers out.

5. The bands of the box. Put a marker in the top edge of the box at each of its four corners, 20 stitches from one to the next. The middle of a side is the 10th stitch after a marker. The lower end of a band lies along the ridge of the base, and the band goes straight up from there, right side up, its middle below that stitch. It covers rounds 1 to 19 of the walls, counted from the ridge, row for round; the 3 rounds above it stay free. Pin it. Cut a length of C 62 in (157.5 cm) long, begin on the inside of the box at a lower corner of the band and sew the band down round its four edges in the same way as those of the lid: 19 stitches up, 5 across, 19 down and 5 across. Fasten off on the inside. Sew a band on each of the other three sides in the same way, each with a new length. Take the markers out.

6. The bow loops. Join the two ends of a tube to a ring, not twisted: with its long tail whip stitch the 12 stitches of the

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last round to the 12 chains of the foundation, right side out. Do not cut the tail. Press the ring flat so that the seam lies against the place opposite to it: this gives two loops with the seam in the middle. Wind the tail tightly round this middle, over both layers, 6 times, draw it through the winding twice and leave it. Make the other ring in the same way.

7. Lay one pair of loops across the other at right angles, middle on middle, the seams below. Turn the lid so that a band runs away from you, and set the bow on the crossing of the bands, so that each loop points to a corner of the lid. With the tail of the lower pair sew through the middle of both pairs and through the lid 6 times, then fasten off on the inside of the lid. Do the same with the tail of the upper pair.

8. The knot. Set its open edge on the middle of the bow. With its long tail whip stitch its 12 stitches to the loops round about, so that it sits down between them, then bring the needle through to the inside of the lid, pull the knot down a little and fasten off. Puff the four loops up with your fingers.

Finishing

- Set the lid on the box so that its bands meet those of the box. Take it off by its sides, not by the bow.

In all: 11 pieces; 5,006 stitches (2,200 in the box, 880 in the lid, 155 in each lid band, 95 in each box band, 576 in each bow loops, 84 in the knot).

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