Chunky cable look pouf ottoman

Large · US terms



Finished size
About 17¾ × 12 in (45 × 30 cm)
About 17¾ in (45 cm) across and 12 in (30.5 cm) tall when it is filled, for the feet or for one person to sit on

Skill
Intermediate
It is worked in joined rounds of post stitches, with a simple cable crossed in every third round.

Yarn
Super bulky (6)

Hook
12 mm

Gauge
6 stitches and 3 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet (UK treble).

What you need

Yarn: any one color (oatmeal heather in the picture), super bulky (6) **about 625 yd (572 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 690 g, an estimate, where 100 g is 90 yd (82 m).

Fiber: wool blend

Hook: 12 mm, or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a stitch marker, a large blunt yarn needle, scissors, three bed pillows of the usual size, about 20 by 26 in (51 by 66 cm), each with about 1½ lb (700 g) of filling in it, about 1 lb (450 g) of toy stuffing and an old flat sheet, twin size, 66 by 96 in (168 by 244 cm), as near as you have to the color of the yarn.

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
Small	14¾ × 10 in (37 × 25 cm)	about 450 yd (411 m)
Large (this file)	**17¾ × 12 in (45 × 30 cm)**	**about 625 yd (572 m)**

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Gauge

6 stitches and 3 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

6 stitches and 7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, worked in the round. Double crochet here is the cable pattern of the sides; the cables draw it in, and the measure round the pouf is the one to go by. Single crochet is for the button and the base circle only.

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 5 the pouf should measure about 56 in (142 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.

Notes

- Join the foundation chain into a ring with a slip stitch, and take care that it is not twisted. Each round of the pouf is joined with a slip stitch in its first stitch. The chain of 2 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch; work the first stitch in or round the stitch the round before was joined in. The right side, the outside, faces you all the way.
- Post stitches: a front post double crochet (FPdc) is worked round the upright of the stitch below and not into its top. Yarn over, put the hook from the front to the back before the upright and out to the front again after it, yarn over and pull up a loop, [yarn over, pull through 2 loops] 2 times. For a back post double crochet (BPdc) do the same, but put the hook from the back to the front before the upright and out to the back again after it. The front posts stand out toward you; the back posts lie back between the cables. A dc and a dc2tog between them are worked into the tops of the stitches as usual. dc2tog, double crochet 2 stitches together: [yarn over, insert hook in next stitch, yarn over, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops] 2 times, yarn over, pull through all 3 loops on hook. sc2tog, single crochet 2 stitches together: [insert hook in next stitch, yarn over, pull up a loop] 2 times, yarn over, pull through all 3 loops on hook.
- A lead and a trail are front post treble crochets (UK front post double trebles). A cable is 4 raised stitches. In round 3 and in every third round after it, work lead twice and trail twice over each cable: the two leads go round the 3rd and 4th raised stitches of the round below, and then the two trails go round the 1st and 2nd, in front of the leads. The two pairs have changed places, and 4 stitches have been worked over 4. In the round after it work round the uprights of the crossed stitches in the order in which their tops lie. Where a round begins with a lead, join it with the slip stitch in the first lead.
- The button and the base circle are worked in a spiral: their rounds are not joined, and a marker is moved up to the first stitch of each round. They begin with a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring, draw up a loop and chain 1 to hold it, which does not count as a stitch. Work round 1 into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed.
- The finished size is that of the stitches at this gauge, with the filling pressed in firmly.

Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **MR** magic ring, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.

sc2tog 2 sc made into one, **dc2tog** 2 dc made into one, **FPdc** round the stitch below, from the front, **BPdc** round the stitch below, from the back, **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.

2 dc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 3 sts**: one in each.

[ ] 12 times: work what is inside 12 times in all.

(60 dc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

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Special stitches

lead (Leading cable stitch): A long front post stitch round the upright of the stitch two places after the one named. Yarn over twice, put the hook from the front to the back before that upright and out to the front again after it, yo and pull up a loop, [yo, pull through 2 loops] 3 times. The stitch named counts as used.

trail (Trailing cable stitch): The same long stitch round the upright of the stitch two places before the one named, which has been passed over: bring the hook to it in front of the two leads of the same cable. The stitch named counts as used.

Pouf

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 60, sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Top

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, dc in each ch around, sl st in first dc to join (60 dc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next 4 sts, BPdc around next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join (48 FPdc, 12 BPdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2, **[**lead in next 2 sts, trail in next 2 sts, BPdc around next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first lead to join (24 leads, 24 trails, 12 BPdc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join (48 FPdc, 24 dc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next 4 sts, BPdc around next st, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join (48 FPdc, 12 BPdc, 24 dc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 5.** The pouf should measure about 56 in (142 cm) around.

Sides

☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 2, **[**lead in next 2 sts, trail in next 2 sts, BPdc around next 3 sts**] 12 times**, sl st in first lead to join (24 leads, 24 trails, 36 BPdc)
☐ **Rnds 7 to 8**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next 4 sts, BPdc around next 3 sts**] 12 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join (48 FPdc, 36 BPdc)

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☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 2, **[**lead in next 2 sts, trail in next 2 sts, BPdc around next 3 sts**] 12 times**, sl st in first lead to join (24 leads, 24 trails, 36 BPdc)
☐ **Rnds 10 to 11**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next 4 sts, BPdc around next 3 sts**] 12 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join (48 FPdc, 36 BPdc)

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☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 2, **[**lead in next 2 sts, trail in next 2 sts, BPdc around next 3 sts**] 12 times**, sl st in first lead to join (24 leads, 24 trails, 36 BPdc)
☐ **Rnds 13 to 14**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next 4 sts, BPdc around next 3 sts**] 12 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join (48 FPdc, 36 BPdc)

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Underside

☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 2, **[**lead in next 2 sts, trail in next 2 sts, BPdc around next st, dc2tog**] 12 times**, sl st in first lead to join	(24 leads, 24 trails, 12 BPdc, 12 dc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next 4 sts, dc2tog**] 12 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	(48 FPdc, 12 dc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next 4 sts, BPdc around next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	(48 FPdc, 12 BPdc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	Ch 2, **[**lead in next 2 sts, trail in next 2 sts, BPdc around next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first lead to join	(24 leads, 24 trails, 12 BPdc)
☐ **Rnd 19**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next 4 sts, BPdc around next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	(48 FPdc, 12 BPdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Covered button

The last round turns the edge under. The right side is the outside.

☐ **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)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 58 in (147.5 cm) for sewing.	

Base circle

☐ **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)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 2 sts	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 3 sts	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

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Assembly

1. Weave in the tails of the pouf on the wrong side, the tail of the foundation chain along round 1, and the starting tail of the button and all the tails of the base circle on their wrong sides. Leave only the long tail of the button.

2. Cords: make 2. Leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) at each end, ch 80 loosely, about 48 in (122 cm), and fasten off. Top: begin on the right side, beside the join, and thread one cord by hand in and out between the stitches of round 1, close above the foundation chain: down to the wrong side just before the 4 stitches under a cable, behind them, and up to the right side after them; then over the one stitch between two cables, and down again. Go all round so, 24 places in all. Both ends are then on the right side; draw them through to the wrong side, side by side. Underside: thread the second cord in the same way between the stitches of round 19, behind the 4 stitches of every cable, and leave both its ends on the right side.

3. Top: turn the pouf wrong side out. Draw the cord of the top as tight as it goes, so that the cables come together, and tie its ends in three firm knots, one on the other. Weave the ends of the cord in and turn the pouf right side out. A hole about as wide as two or three fingers may stay in the middle; the button covers it.

4. Button: stuff it lightly with a handful of the toy stuffing, so that it is a low dome. Set it on the middle of the top, its last round down and its right side up. Take its long tail down through the pouf at the edge of the button and sew it down all round: bring the needle up through the pouf close to the button, through a stitch of the last round of the button and down again beside it, 18 stitches, taking in the ends of the cables. The needle is now inside the pouf. Bring it up through the gathered edge at one side of the hole and, slanting, out at the middle of the button; put it down again one stitch away and, slanting, through the gathered edge at the other side of the hole. Do this three times in all and draw the yarn tight, so that the middle sinks a little. Fasten off on the inside.

5. Filling: fold each pillow in half along its length, so that it is about 10 in by 26 in (25 by 66 cm). Roll the first up from one of its short ends, 10 in (25 cm) wide, and roll the second and then the third round it in the same direction: a fat round bundle about 10 in (25 cm) tall. Stand it on one of its flat ends on the middle of the sheet and pack the rest of the toy stuffing over its top, to make it round. Draw the sheet up over it all round, twist its corners together on top and tuck them in, so that no white can show between the stitches.

6. Turn the pouf with its top down. Put the bundle in, the tucked corners up toward you, and work it out into the sides with your hands until they are round and full. Lay the base circle on the sheet in the middle of the opening, its right side up toward you. Draw the second cord as tight as it goes over it and tie its ends in a bow. Tuck the bow in beside the base circle and turn the pouf over.

Finishing

- To wash the pouf, untie the bow, take out the base circle and the filling, and wash the cover by hand in the way the yarn band says. Dry it flat. The pouf is for feet and for sitting; it is not for standing on.

In all: 3 pieces.

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