Christmas gift bag

Medium · US terms



Finished size
About 7¾ in (19.5 cm) wide laid flat and 8¼ in (21 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
It is worked in rounds, with increases in the base and a round of spaces for a cord.

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: pine green, main color	**about 130 yd (119 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: berry red, contrast color	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: snow, contrast color	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). Also: a stitch marker, a yarn needle and scissors.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. 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	6 in (15 cm) wide, 6¾ in (17 cm) tall	about 105 yd (96 m)
Medium (this file)	**7¾ in (19.5 cm) wide, 8¼ in (21 cm) tall**	**about 160 yd (147 m)**
Large	9½ in (24 cm) wide, 9¾ in (25 cm) tall	about 230 yd (210 m)

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Abbreviations

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

ch	chain stitch
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
MR	magic ring
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

If the piece measures more than that, begin again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger hook.

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 9 the base should measure about 5 in (12.5 cm) across, laid flat and not stretched.

Before you start

- Begin with a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, work round 1 into the loop, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed.
- The rounds are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- To change color, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). Where only one or two rounds are worked before the old yarn is used again, do not cut it: carry it loosely up the inside.
- Colors, round by round. Rounds 1 to 22: A. Round 23: C. Rounds 24 to 26: B. Round 27: C. Rounds 28 to 40: A.

Instructions

Chosen: Medium. Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. 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 sc is double crochet and sk is miss.

Yarns in order of use: A, pine green; C, snow; B, berry red.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(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)**

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☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 4 sts	**(54 sc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 9. After round 9 the base should measure about 5 in (12.5 cm) across.

Sides

☐ **Rnds 10 to 22**	Sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**

A box for each round, 10 to 22: tick them off as you go.

10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22

☐ **Rnd 23**	With C, sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	With B, sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 25 to 26**	Sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**

A box for each round, 25 to 26: tick them off as you go.

25 26

☐ **Rnd 27**	With C, sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 28**	With A, sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 29 to 33**	Sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**

A box for each round, 29 to 33: tick them off as you go.

29 30 31 32 33

Top

☐ **Rnds 34 to 35**	Sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**

A box for each round, 34 to 35: tick them off as you go.

34 35

☐ **Rnd 36**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, ch 1, sk next st**] 18 times**	**(36 sc, 18 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 37**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 18 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 38 to 40**	Sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**

A box for each round, 38 to 40: tick them off as you go.

38 39 40

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

Assembly

1. For the cord, with C, ch 150, about 34¼ in (87 cm) long, and fasten off with a tail of 6 in (15 cm) at each end.

2. Thread the cord in and out through the 18 chain-1 spaces, beginning and ending at the middle of the front. Knot each end and trim its tail to about ½ in (1.5 cm). Draw the cord up to close the bag, wind one end once round the neck over the round of spaces, and tie the two ends in a bow at the front.

Finishing

- Weave all the other tails in on the inside.

In all: 40 rounds; 1,926 stitches; 10 ends to weave in.

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