Chunky half double tote bag

Medium · US terms



Finished size
About 12¾ in (32.5 cm) wide laid flat and 11¼ in (28.5 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
It is worked in rounds, with increases in the base and chains over skipped stitches.

Yarn
Bulky (5), 2 colors

Hook
6.5 mm (US K-10 1/2)

Gauge
10 stitches and 11 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: periwinkle, main color — **about 225 yd (206 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, contrast color — **about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**
Fiber: cotton
Hook: 6.5 mm (US K-10 1/2). 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	10¾ in (27.5 cm) wide, 9¼ in (23.5 cm) tall	about 200 yd (183 m)
Medium (this file)	**12¾ in (32.5 cm) wide, 11¼ in (28.5 cm) tall**	**about 285 yd (261 m)**
Large	16½ in (42 cm) wide, 13¼ in (33.5 cm) tall	about 455 yd (416 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
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

10 stitches and 11 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 5 the base should measure about 10¾ in (27.5 cm) long, laid flat and not stretched.

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. From round 2 on, the increases stand at the two ends only; along the two straight sides work one stitch in each stitch.
- The base is not joined: work it in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- From the first round of the sides on, each round is joined with a slip stitch in its first stitch. The chain at the start of a joined round does not count as a stitch. Work the first stitch of a round into the stitch the round before was joined in.
- The handle round makes two handles: each is a chain that passes over skipped stitches, and the next round works one stitch into the chain space for every chain.
- To change color where a joined round begins, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the slip stitch that ends the round before. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- About 12¾ in (32.5 cm) wide laid flat and 11¼ in (28.5 cm) tall, on a base about 10¾ in (27.5 cm) long and 3¾ in (9.5 cm) wide. Each handle is about 16 in (40.5 cm) long.
- Colors, round by round. Rounds 1 to 23: A. Rounds 24 to 29: B.

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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 sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble and sk is miss.

Yarns in order of use: A, periwinkle; B, cream.

☐ **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 17 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 17 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	**(46 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 17 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(52 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 17 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(58 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sc in next 17 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 17 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(64 sc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 5. After round 5 the base should measure about 10¾ in (27.5 cm) long and 3¾ in (9.5 cm) wide. After round 5, slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Every round after it is joined. Work the first stitch of round 6 into the stitch you slip stitched in.

Sides

☐ **Rnds 6 to 23**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(64 hdc)**

A box for each round, 6 to 23: tick them off as you go.

☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23

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☐ **Rnd 24**	With B, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(64 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(64 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	Ch 1, sc in next 7 sts, ch 40, sk next 12 sts, sc in next 20 sts, ch 40, sk next 12 sts, sc in next 13 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(40 sc, 2 ch-40 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	Ch 1, sc in next 7 sts, 40 sc in next ch-40 sp, sc in next 20 sts, 40 sc in next ch-40 sp, sc in next 13 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(120 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 28 to 29**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(120 sc)**

A box for each round, 28 to 29: tick them off as you go.

☐ 28 ☐ 29

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

Finishing

- Weave every tail in on the inside.

In all: 29 rounds; 1,940 stitches; 4 ends to weave in.

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