Chunky tote bag

Medium · US terms



Finished size
About 12¾ in (32.5 cm) wide laid flat and 11 in (28 cm) tall

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

Yarn
Bulky (5), 3 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: marigold, main color	**about 170 yd (155 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, contrast color	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: wine, 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, 9 in (23 cm) tall	about 185 yd (169 m)
Medium (this file)	**12¾ in (32.5 cm) wide, 11 in (28 cm) tall**	**about 255 yd (233 m)**
Large	16½ in (42 cm) wide, 13 in (33 cm) tall	about 405 yd (370 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)
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 rounds are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- 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, 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).
- About 12¾ in (32.5 cm) wide laid flat and 11 in (28 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 26: A. Rounds 27 to 29: B. Rounds 30 to 35: C.

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, marigold; B, cream; C, wine.

☐ **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)**

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☐ **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.

Sides

☐ **Rnds 6 to 26** — Sc in each st around — **(64 sc)**

A box for each round, 6 to 26: tick them off as you go.

6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

☐ **Rnd 27** — With B, sc in each st around — **(64 sc)**

☐ **Rnds 28 to 29** — Sc in each st around — **(64 sc)**

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

28 29

Top

☐ **Rnd 30** — With C, sc in each st around — **(64 sc)**

☐ **Rnd 31** — Sc in each st around — **(64 sc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 31. Before round 32, check where the round starts. Unjoined rounds lean a little, so the marker moves away from the place where the base began. Lay the bag flat with the base folded along its middle, so that each end of the base is at a side fold. The handles are in the middle of the front and the back when the marker stands 3 stitches past a side fold, in the direction you work. If it does not, work one single crochet in each stitch on to that place and move the marker there; round 32 starts from it.

☐ **Rnd 32** — 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 — **(40 sc, 2 ch-40 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 33** — 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 — **(120 sc)**

☐ **Rnds 34 to 35** — Sc in each st around — **(120 sc)**

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

34 35

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

Finishing

- Weave every tail in on the inside.

In all: 35 rounds; 2,324 stitches; 6 ends to weave in.

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