Cradle purse with a baby doll

US terms



Finished size

About 7¾ in (19.5 cm) long and 4¼ in (11 cm) wide, and 4 in (10 cm) tall with the hood, with handles about 12½ in (31.5 cm) long

Skill

Intermediate

It is single crochet in small shaped pieces: an oval base, two half domes worked in rows, and a doll.

Yarn

Medium (4), 5 colors

Hook

4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge

16 stitches and 18 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: lilac, stripes	**about 175 yd (160 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, stripes	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: soft tan, the head of the doll	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: brown, the eyes	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: rose, the mouth	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a stitch marker, a yarn needle, scissors, a little toy stuffing and pins.

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.

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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)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together (UK dc2tog)
BLO	back loop only
MR	magic ring
st	stitch
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

16 stitches and 18 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

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 7¾ in (19.5 cm) long, laid flat and not stretched. If the piece measures more than that, begin again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger hook.

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. That is the cradle. From round 2 on, its increases stand at the two ends only.
- 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. That is the doll and the cap.
- The rounds of the cradle, the doll and the cap are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round. Every other piece is worked in rows. The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Where the pattern says BLO, put the hook under the back loop only; the front loop stays on the outside as a ridge. It makes a ridge round the foot of the wall of the cradle.
- A hood half is worked back and forth round one end of its foundation chain, like half of an oval: along the chain, 3 stitches in the last chain, and back along its other side. The chain is the top of the dome, the row ends are its front edge, and the last row is its lower edge.
- To change color, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before. Cut the old yarn at each change, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.
- A toy for a child over three years. The doll has no eyes or buttons that are sewn on; the cords are long enough to loop, so it is not a toy for a crib.
- Colors. A: the cradle, the two hood halves, the handles, the tie and its loop. B: the ruffle and the cradle edge. The doll, round by round: rounds 1 to 8, C; rounds 9 to 21, B. The cap: rounds 1 to 5, B; round 6, A. The blanket, row by row. Rows 1 to 2: A. Rows 3 to 14: B. Rows 15 to 16: A.

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Instructions

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, dc is treble, sc2tog is dc2tog and sk is miss.

Cradle

Yarn A, lilac.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 17.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 14 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 14 chs, 2 sc in last ch	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	**(40 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 14 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(46 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 14 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(52 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sc in next 14 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 14 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(58 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 14 sts, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(64 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, sc in next 14 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 14 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	**(70 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 14 sts, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(76 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, sc in next 14 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 14 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	**(82 sc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 9. The base should measure about 7¾ in (19.5 cm) long and 4 in (10 cm) wide.

Walls

☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(82 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 11 to 18**	Sc in each st around	**(82 sc)**

A box for each round, 11 to 18: tick them off as you go.

☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18

☐ **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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Hood half: make 2

Yarn A, lilac.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 9.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 6 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 7 chs	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 7 sts	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 7 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 7 sts	**(23 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 7 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 7 sts	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 7 sts, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 7 sts	**(29 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 7 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 7 sts	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 7 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 7 sts	**(35 sc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(35 sc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 7 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 7 sts	**(38 sc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(38 sc)**
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 7 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 7 sts	**(41 sc)**
☐ **Rows 14 to 15**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(41 sc)**

A box for each row, 14 to 15: tick them off as you go.

14 15

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). For the first half, the hood, leave a tail of 42 in (107 cm) to sew it on.

Ruffle

Yarn B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	The front edges of the hood and of the flap together, wrong sides together, the outside of the hood facing: 30 places, the ends of 15 rows up one side and of 15 rows down the other.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 2 sts	**(33 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**sk next st, 5 dc in next st, sk next st, sc in next st**] 8 times**	**(9 sc, 40 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

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Cradle edge

Yarn B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	The free stitches of the last round of the cradle, round the foot end, RS facing: 41 stitches.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, **[**sk next st, 5 dc in next st, sk next st, sc in next st**] 10 times**	**(11 sc, 50 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Handle: make 2

Yarn A, lilac.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 51.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(50 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25 cm).	

Doll

Yarns in order of use: C, soft tan; B, white.

☐ **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**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 4 to 7**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 4 to 7: tick them off as you go.

4 5 6 7

☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**

Stop here, after round 8. Stuff the head firmly, through the opening of round 8, and leave the neck itself empty.

Gown

☐ **Rnd 9**	With B, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 10 to 19**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 10 to 19: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 **19**

Stop here, after round 19. Stuff the gown lightly, before its end is closed.

☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**Sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**Sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20 cm) to close the hole.	

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Cap

Yarns in order of use: B, white; A, lilac.

☐ **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**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	With A, sc in each st around	**(21 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (50 cm) for sewing.	

Blanket

Yarns in order of use: A, lilac; B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 15.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rows 4 to 14**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(14 sc)**

A box for each row, 4 to 14: tick them off as you go.

☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14

☐ **Row 15**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(14 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Assembly

1. Weave in the tails of the pieces on the wrong side, but not the tails that are still needed for sewing: the 42 in (107 cm) tail of the hood, the 10 in (25 cm) tail of each handle, the 8 in (20 cm) tail of the doll and the 20 in (50 cm) tail of the cap.

2. The lid. One hood half is the hood and the other is the flap; they are alike, and neither is a mirror of the other. Their front edges are the edges with the row ends: each runs up the ends of 15 rows, over the end of the foundation chain, which is the top, and down the ends of 15 rows. Each half is a cup with its right side outside. Leave the hood so. Turn the flap inside out, so that its right side is inside the cup and its wrong side is outside, and set it into the hood: the wrong sides of the two lie against each other, and the right side of the flap is seen inside the hood. Bring their front edges level, row end to row end, and pin them. Work the ruffle through both, one stitch in the end of each row, nothing in the end of the foundation chain. With the outside of the hood facing you it starts at the lower corner on the right, in the end of row 15 of both halves, goes up to the end of row 1, on over the top to the end of row 1 on the other side, and down to the end of row 15. Its first row joins the two halves.

3. Open the lid out: draw the flap forward out of the hood, so that it turns right side out again. Hood and flap make one dome with the ruffle standing up across its middle, all right side out. Turn row 2 of the ruffle up toward the outside and pull its shells out evenly.

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4. The hood is sewn to the cradle. Lay the cradle flat on its side with the base folded along its middle, so that the base makes two points, and mark the stitch of the last round at the fold at one end: this is the middle of the head end. The slip stitch that ended the cradle lies on the first stitch of the last round and is not a stitch of its own: at that place sew, or work the cradle edge, into that stitch, through the slip stitch too, once. So the last round has 82 places, 41 for the hood and 41 for the cradle edge. Mark the 21st stitch of row 15 of the hood, the middle of its 41 stitches. Set the hood on the cradle, both right side out, the two edges level and the two marks together, and whip stitch them, stitch to stitch, 41 stitches, from one lower corner of the ruffle round the head end to the other, with the tail of 42 in (107 cm). The flap is not sewn.

5. The cradle edge. 41 stitches of the last round of the cradle are free. With the outside facing and the cradle upright, the edge begins in the first of them after the end of the hood and goes round the foot end to the other end of the hood; its shells stand up.

6. The tie and its loop. With A, ch 64, about 12¾ in (32.5 cm) long, with a tail of 6 in (15 cm) at both ends; knot both ends and trim them to about ½ in (1.5 cm). Lay its middle on the last round of the cradle at the middle of the foot end, on the outside, below the shells, and sew it there with a new length of A, 10 in (25 cm) long, 6 stitches over the middle 2 chains. For the loop, with A, ch 16, about 3¼ in (8 cm) long, with a tail of 6 in (15 cm) at both ends. Bend it in two and sew both its ends with their tails to the middle of row 15 of the flap, on the right side, at its 21st stitch, so that the loop stands out past the edge of the flap.

7. The handles. Each is about 12½ in (31.5 cm) long. Sew the two ends of each to the outside of one long side of the cradle, with 12 stitches of the last round between them, 6 on each side of the middle of that side, which is below the lower corner of the ruffle. The last part of each end lies on rounds 16 to 18, the top three rounds of the wall, its end pointing down, so that the handle leaves the wall at its top edge. Both tails of a handle are at one of its ends. Sew that end down round its edges with the tail of 10 in (25 cm), and go round again; sew the other end in the same way with a new length of A, 10 in (25 cm) long.

8. The doll, stuffed as it was worked. Close the hole of the last round: draw its tail through the front loops of the 6 stitches, pull it shut, and hide the end inside. The neck is round 8, the last round of the head. With D and one split strand of it, embroider two closed eyes on the side of the head you choose for its front, away from the color change: each is a curve like a smile, over 2 stitches of round 6, 3 small backstitches, with 2 stitches of the round between the two eyes. With E, make one short straight stitch, 1 stitch wide, on round 7, below the middle between the eyes.

9. The cap. Set it on the head with its last round on round 8, the neck, behind, and on round 5, just above the eyes, in front, so that it leans back, and whip stitch it on round its edge with its tail of 20 in (50 cm), one stitch for each of its 21 stitches.

10. To close the purse, put the doll and the blanket inside, bring the flap down over the foot end, inside the shells, lead its loop out over them, take one end of the tie through the loop, and tie the two ends in a bow. To make the cradle, untie the bow and free the loop, and push the flap back through the front of the hood until it lies inside, its right side showing within. The ruffle is then the front edge of the hood, and the tie is tied in a bow by itself.

Finishing

- Weave every tail that is left in on the inside. Pull the shells of the ruffle and of the cradle edge into shape.

In all: 8 pieces; 3,110 stitches (1,260 in the cradle, 474 in each hood half, 82 in the ruffle, 61 in the cradle edge, 50 in each handle, 336 in the doll, 99 in the cap, 224 in the blanket).

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