Water bottle bag with a pocket

Regular · US terms



Finished size
About 3¾ in (9.5 cm) across and 8 in (20.5 cm) tall, with about 45¼ in (115 cm) of strap between its sewn ends

Skill
Easy
It is worked in rounds, with increases in the base.

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
16 stitches and 18 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: clay, the bag **about 145 yd (133 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: oat, the top, the pocket and the strap **about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 110 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).
Fiber: cotton
Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7). Also: a stitch marker, a yarn needle, scissors and a tape measure.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Slim	3¼ in (8.5 cm) across, 7½ in (19 cm) tall	about 195 yd (178 m)
Regular (this file)	**3¾ in (9.5 cm) across, 8 in (20.5 cm) tall**	**about 210 yd (192 m)**
Wide	4¼ in (11 cm) across, 8½ in (21.5 cm) tall	about 235 yd (215 m)

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 8 the base should measure about 3¾ in (9.5 cm) across, 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.

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16 stitches and 18 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in moss stitch, each single crochet and each chain 1 counted as a stitch. If your moss stitch rounds are not as tall as that, work more of them, all alike, before the single crochet round that ends the moss stitch, until the bag is as tall as you want it. Each moss stitch round you add takes about 2 yd (2 m) of A and puts the numbers of all the rounds above it up by one. The pocket stays on the rounds named for it, and the strap is placed from the rim, so nothing else changes.

Instructions

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sc single crochet (UK dc), **ch** chain, **BLO** only the loop away from you, **sk** skip, **st** stitch.
2 sc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Sc in next 3 sts: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the hole under the chain. The hook goes in the hole, never into a chain.
Rounds run in a **spiral**: mark the first stitch and move the marker up each round. **Working in the round**
[ ] 6 times: 6 times in all. (18 sc): the round now has 18; a check, not a step. Not 18? **Pull it back**.
Also: sp space, RS right side.
Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Bag

Begin with yarn A, clay.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring. *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.*	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 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)
☐ **Round 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 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)
☐ **Round 8**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(48 sc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 8.** The base should measure about 3¾ in (9.5 cm) across. Larger? Begin again with a smaller hook. Smaller? A larger hook.

Sides

☐ **Round 9**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **Rounds 10 to 11** 10 11	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **Round 12**	**[**Sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 24 times**	(24 sc, 24 ch-1 sps)

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☐ **Rounds 13 to 39**	**[**Sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 24 times**	(24 sc, 24 ch-1 sps)

13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39

☐ **Round 40**	**[**Sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 24 times**	(48 sc)

Top

☐ **Round 41**	With B, sc in each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **Rounds 42 to 44**	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)

42 43 44

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

Pocket

Begin with yarn B, oat.

☐ **Start**	Ch 17.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(16 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next st	(21 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st**] 10 times**	(11 sc, 10 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 9 times**, sc in next st	(12 sc, 9 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 9 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st	(11 sc, 10 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 9 times**, sc in next st	(12 sc, 9 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 9 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st	(11 sc, 10 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 9 times**, sc in next st	(12 sc, 9 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 9 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st	(11 sc, 10 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 9 times**, sc in next st	(12 sc, 9 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 9 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st	(11 sc, 10 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 9 times**, sc in next st	(12 sc, 9 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 9 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st	(11 sc, 10 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 9 times**, sc in next st	(12 sc, 9 ch-1 sps)

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☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 9 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st	(11 sc, 10 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 9 times**, sc in next st	(12 sc, 9 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 9 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st	(11 sc, 10 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 9 times**, sc in next st	(12 sc, 9 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 9 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st	(11 sc, 10 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 9 times**, sc in next st	(12 sc, 9 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 9 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st	(11 sc, 10 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 9 times**, sc in next st	(12 sc, 9 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 9 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st	(11 sc, 10 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 24**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st**] 10 times**	(21 sc)
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(21 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Strap

Begin with yarn A, clay.

☐ **Start**	Ch 193.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(192 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(192 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(192 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(192 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(192 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(192 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) to sew one end. To sew the other end, cut a new length of the same yarn, also 20 in (51 cm).	

Assembly

1. Weave in the tails of the bag, and those of the pocket and the strap that are not used for sewing, on the wrong side.

2. The pocket. Hold the bag with its base down and its right side out. Find round 11: it is the last of the 3 rounds of single crochet between the ridge of front loops and the moss stitch. Mark any 16 stitches of it, one after another; the other 32 stay free. They may be anywhere on the round, as both ends of the strap are placed from the pocket. The 16

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marked stitches are the place for the lower edge of the pocket. Hold the pocket with its right side out and its foundation edge, 16 stitches, down on the marked ones.

3. Cut a length of B about 54 in (137 cm) long. Begin at the upper right corner of the pocket with a tail of 6 in (15 cm), and whip stitch down its right edge, one stitch in the end of each row: row 25 is sewn to round 36, row 24 to round 35, and so on down to row 1 and round 12, in a straight line up and down on the bag. Go on along the foundation edge, one stitch of it to each of the 16 marked stitches, and then up the left edge in the same way as the right. The sewn edges are 16 stitches apart and the pocket is 21 stitches wide, so that a phone has room between it and the bottle. Leave its top edge open. Fasten off and draw both tails to the inside of the bag.

4. The strap is about 48 in (122 cm) long. Lay the bag flat with the pocket in the middle of its front, so that there is a fold at each side. Take the end of the strap with the long tail. Lay it on the outside of the bag, right side out, its middle on one side fold, so that it covers the top 6 rounds of the bag, the 4 rounds of B and the 2 of A just below them. Its short edge then lies along the top of the 7th round down from the rim, which is round 38 if you added none. Whip stitch it down round all four edges of the part that lies on the bag, the fourth along the rim. Take care that the strap is not twisted, and sew its other end to the other side fold in the same way with the new length.

Finishing

- Weave in on the wrong side the ends left from sewing.

In all: 3 pieces; 2,744 stitches (1,272 in the bag, 320 in the pocket, 1,152 in the strap).

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.

Notes

- The rounds are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- Where the pattern says BLO, put the hook under the back loop only; the front loop stays on the outside as a ridge.
- Moss stitch: in its first round each chain 1 passes over a stitch. In every round after that, each single crochet goes into a chain-1 space of the round before, and each chain 1 passes over a single crochet. The first single crochet of a round goes into the first chain-1 space of the round before, past the first single crochet there, so the start of the round moves on one stitch in every round: move the marker with it. The last chain 1 of a round passes over the first single crochet of that same round, with two exceptions. In the first moss stitch round it passes over two stitches, the last stitch of the plain round and that first single crochet. In the last moss stitch round it passes over nothing, because the next round, of single crochet, begins in that first single crochet.
- The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- The pocket is in moss stitch too, worked in rows, where every step is written out.
- Measure across the bottom of your bottle. The slim size is for a bottle 2½ in (6.5 cm) to 3 in (7.5 cm) across. The regular size is for a bottle 3 in (7.5 cm) to 3½ in (9 cm) across. The wide size is for a bottle 3½ in (9 cm) to 4 in (10 cm) across. A bottle with a handle does not go in. The pocket is for a phone up to 3 in (7.5 cm) wide and about ½ in (1.5 cm) thick, in its case.
- For a longer or shorter strap, begin with 16 more or fewer chains for every 4 in (10 cm), and work as many more or fewer stitches in every row; every 4 in (10 cm) more takes about 7 yd (6.5 m) of yarn in all, 30 percent over included, two thirds of it A and one third B.
- 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.
- Colors of the bag, round by round. Rounds 1 to 40: A. Rounds 41 to 44: B.
- Colors of the pocket, row by row. Rows 1 to 23: B. Rows 24 to 25: A.
- Colors of the strap, row by row. Rows 1 to 2: A. Rows 3 to 4: B. Rows 5 to 6: A.

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