Cupcake purse

US terms



Finished size

About 5½ in (14 cm) across at the rim and 6¼ in (16 cm) tall without the cherry and the handle, with about 14 in (35.5 cm) of handle above the rim

Skill

Intermediate

The case has front and back post stitches, and the stuffed tube is coiled and sewn on.

Yarn

Medium (4), 5 colors

Hook

4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge

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

In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: candy pink, the case, the handle and sprinkles	**about 95 yd (87 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: vanilla, the lid and the frosting	**about 175 yd (160 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cherry red, the cherry and sprinkles	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: mint, sprinkles	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: lemon, sprinkles	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 150 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: two handfuls of toy stuffing, a round button about ¾ in (2 cm) across, with sewing thread and a sewing needle, a stitch marker, a yarn needle, pins and scissors.

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.

Gauge

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

15 stitches and 11 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet, worked in the round. 15 stitches and 8 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet, worked in the round. The ribs of the case are counted at the double crochet gauge, smoothed out flat; left alone they draw in.

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 4 in (10 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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Notes

- Begin with a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and draw up a loop. Where round 1 does not begin with a chain, chain 1 to hold the loop, which does not count as a stitch. Work round 1 into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed.
- Each round is joined with a slip stitch in its first stitch. The chain at the start of a round does not count as a stitch; work the first stitch of the round into, or round the post of, the stitch the round before was joined in. This is for the case.
- The rounds of the lid, of the frosting tube and of the cherry 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 and makes the edge of the base.
- A post stitch is worked round the upright of the stitch below and not into its top: from the front (FPdc, UK front post treble) it stands out, from the back (BPdc, UK back post treble) it lies back.
- The handle is worked in rows. The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Straight stitch: bring the needle up at one end of the stitch and down at the other, so that the yarn lies flat between them; do not pull it tight.
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.
- For a shoulder strap work the handle on more chains: 15 more for every 4 in (10 cm). Every row then has as many more stitches, and for every 10 in (25.5 cm) it takes about 9 yd (8 m) more yarn, with 30 percent over.
- Colors. The case and the handle are A, the lid and the frosting tube are B, and the cherry is C. D and E are only for sprinkles.

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **MR** magic ring, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
sc2tog 2 sc made into one, **FPdc** round the stitch below, from the front, **BPdc** round the stitch below, from the back. **BLO**: only the loop away from you. **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 2 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 6 times: work what is inside 6 times in all.
(6 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Case

Yarn A, candy pink.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in MR, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, 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, sl st in first sc to join	(30 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, 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, sl st in first sc to join	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(48 sc)

Stop and measure now, after round 8. The base should measure about 4 in (10 cm) across.

Sides

☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 16 times**, sl st in first dc to join	(64 dc)
☐ **Rnds 11 to 14**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 32 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	(32 FPdc, 32 BPdc)

11 12 13 14

Rim

☐ **Rnds 15 to 16**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(64 sc)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

15 **16**

Stop and measure now, after round 16. The case should stand about 3¼ in (8.5 cm) tall.

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

Lid

Yarn B, vanilla.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(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)
☐ **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)
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(60 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 5 sts	(66 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 18 in (45 cm) to sew the hinge.	

Frosting tube

Yarn B, vanilla.

This is the tube of frosting. It begins at the thin tip. Push a little stuffing into it every five or six rounds: it should be round and soft, so that it bends. Leave the last two rounds empty.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 hdc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 2 to 5**	Hdc in each st around	(6 hdc)
2 3 4 5		
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 7 to 10**	Hdc in each st around	(8 hdc)
7 8 9 10		
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**Hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 12 to 15**	Hdc in each st around	(10 hdc)
12 13 14 15		
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**Hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 2 times**	(12 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 17 to 20**	Hdc in each st around	(12 hdc)
17 18 19 20		
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**Hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 2 times**	(14 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 22 to 25**	Hdc in each st around	(14 hdc)
22 23 24 25		
☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**Hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 2 times**	(16 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 27 to 82**	Hdc in each st around	(16 hdc)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54
55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	**82**

Stop and measure now, after round 82. The tube should be about 29¾ in (75.5 cm) long.

☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 72 in (183 cm). Flatten the open end and whip stitch it closed with this tail, 8 stitches to 8 stitches; the rest of the tail sews the coil.	

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Cherry

Yarn C, cherry red.

Before round 8 fill the cherry firmly with stuffing.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	5 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(5 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 5 times**	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnds 4 to 6** 4 5 6	Sc in each st around	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**Sc in next st, sc2tog**] 5 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc2tog**] 5 times**	(5 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 14 in (36 cm). Thread it through the front loops of the last 5 stitches, draw them closed and knot it: this end is the underside of the cherry, and the rest of the tail sews it on.	

Handle

Yarn A, candy pink.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 61.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(60 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 3** 2 3	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(60 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 14 in (36 cm) to sew one end. To sew the other end, cut a new length of the same yarn, also 14 in (36 cm).	

Assembly

1. Lay the lid down with its right side up. Its long tail is at the back: there its last round ends, so that the middle of the back is between the last stitch and the first stitch of round 11.

2. Pin the tube to the lid in a coil. Lay the closed wide end on the lid at the back, beside the long tail, with the side of the tube level with the edge of the lid. Go along the edge the way the hands of a clock go, seen from above, once all the way round. Then go on inward and upward for almost three turns more: each turn leans on the inner side of the turn below it and stands higher, and every turn is smaller, so that the frosting rises to a point and the thin tip ends on top, over the middle of the lid. If the coil comes to the middle too soon, lay the turns a little farther out; if it does not reach the middle, lay them farther in.

3. With the long tail of the tube, sew the coil down from its wide end to the tip. On the first turn take a small stitch every ½ in (1.5 cm), through one stitch on the underside of the tube and one stitch of round 10 of the lid. From the second turn on, take the stitches through the side of the tube and the side of the turn it leans on, so that they sink in and do not show. Fasten off under the tip.

4. Set the cherry on top of the coil, its underside on the tip of the tube, in the middle. With its tail, whip stitch round it with 10 small stitches, each through one stitch of round 7 of the cherry and one stitch of the frosting below. Fasten off and draw the end into the cherry.

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5. The sprinkles are 40 straight stitches, ten in each of A, C, D and E, each about ½ in (1.5 cm) long and lying on the outer side or the top of the frosting. Thread the needle with a length of one color, about 34 in (86 cm) long, and hide its knot between two turns of the coil. Come out where a sprinkle begins, go in where it ends, and pass inside the tube to the next. Set the sprinkles about ¾ in (2 cm) apart, so that two neighbors have different colors and point different ways: seven of each color on the first turn and three on the turns above it.

6. For the button loop, count from the first stitch of round 11 of the lid to the 32nd stitch, which is at the front. Join B with a slip stitch in that stitch, chain 10, skip 2 stitches of the lid and slip stitch in the next one, the 35th. Fasten off and draw both tails into the tube.

7. For the hinge, set the lid on the case with the right sides of both outward and the middle of the back of the lid on the middle of the back of the case, which is between the last stitch and the first stitch of its round 16. The hinge is 10 stitches wide, 5 on each side of that middle. The rounds of the two pieces run opposite ways, so the last 5 stitches of the lid lie on the first 5 stitches of the case, and the first 5 stitches of the lid on the last 5 of the case. The long tail of the lid comes out in the middle of the hinge, so first take it to one end: on the wrong side of the lid run the needle through the backs of the last 5 stitches of round 11, from the last one to the fifth from the end. From there whip stitch the 10 stitches of the lid to the 10 stitches of the case, stitch to stitch, across the middle to the fifth stitch of round 11. Fasten off on the inside.

8. The middle of the front of the case is between the 32nd and the 33rd stitch of round 16. With sewing thread, sew the button to the outside of the case below that place, on the lower of the two rounds of the rim, so that the loop reaches over it with the lid closed.

9. The handle is about 16 in (40.5 cm) long. It is sewn to the outside of the case, so that the lid opens and closes between its two sides. Lay 1 in (2.5 cm) of one of its ends upright on the outside of the case, the right side of the handle outward, its middle in line with the place between the 16th and the 17th stitch of round 16: its short edge is 1 in (2.5 cm) below the top edge of the rim and points down, and the rest of the handle goes up past the edge of the lid. With the tail, whip stitch the 1 in (2.5 cm) down: its two sides, its short edge, and level across it along the top edge of the rim. Sew the other end in the same way between the 48th and the 49th stitch, with the new length of A. See that the handle is not twisted.

Finishing

- Weave the tails that are left in on the inside.

In all: 5 pieces; 2,540 stitches (712 in the case, 396 in the lid, 1,162 in the frosting tube, 90 in the cherry, 180 in the handle).

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