Diaper tote bag with pockets

US terms



Finished size

About 14¼ in (36 cm) long and 5¾ in (14.5 cm) wide at the base and 13 in (33 cm) tall, pockets 6 in (15 cm) deep, straps 20¼ in (51.5 cm) long above the bag

Skill

Intermediate

The bag is worked in rounds from an oval base; the pockets, the flap and the straps are added to it.

Yarn

Medium (4), 3 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: dove gray, the bag	**about 625 yd (572 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: sage, the pockets and the edge of the flap	**about 275 yd (251 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, the flap, the straps and the rim of the pockets	**about 160 yd (146 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 530 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7). Also: a flat wooden button 1 in (2.5 cm) across, with sewing thread and a sewing needle, ten stitch markers, pins, a yarn needle, scissors and a tape measure.

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 13 the base should measure about 14¼ in (36 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.

16 stitches and 14 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in griddle stitch, worked in the round. Count the 14 rounds of griddle stitch straight up the upper wall; a round of it is shorter than a round of double crochet (UK treble), because single crochet (UK double crochet) stands between. The flap and the straps are worked flat, in rows, and their rows have the same gauge: 16 stitches and 14 rows of griddle stitch, or 16 stitches and 18 rows of single crochet, to 4 in (10 cm). Measure the flap after row 14: it should be about 4 in (10 cm) long and 6 in (15 cm) wide. If it is longer, work the flap with a smaller hook; if it is shorter, with a larger one.

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Instructions

US terms.

sc single crochet (UK dc), **ch** chain, **dc** double crochet (UK tr), **sl st** slip stitch, **BLO** only the loop away from you, **sk** skip, **sc2tog** 2 sc made into one, **st** stitch.

2 sc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Sc in next 33 sts: one in each. **ch-4 sp**: the hole under four chains. 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**

[ ] 3 times: 3 times in all. (84 sc): the round now has 84; a check, not a step. **How to read a pattern**

Also: sp space, RS right side.

Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Bag

Yarn A, dove gray.

☐ **Start**	Ch 36.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 33 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 33 chs, 2 sc in last ch	(72 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 33 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 33 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	(78 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next st, sc in next 33 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 33 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(84 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 33 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 33 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(90 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sc in next 33 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 33 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	(96 sc)
☐ **Round 6**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 33 sts, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 33 sts, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(102 sc)
☐ **Round 7**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, sc in next 33 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 33 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	(108 sc)
☐ **Round 8**	Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 33 sts, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 33 sts, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(114 sc)
☐ **Round 9**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, sc in next 33 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 33 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	(120 sc)

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☐ **Round 10**	Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 33 sts, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 33 sts, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(126 sc)
☐ **Round 11**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, sc in next 33 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 33 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 2 times**	(132 sc)
☐ **Round 12**	Sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 33 sts, **[**sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 33 sts, **[**sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(138 sc)
☐ **Round 13**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, sc in next 33 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 33 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts**] 2 times**	(144 sc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 13.** The base should measure about 14¼ in (36 cm) long and 5¾ in (14.5 cm) wide. Larger? Begin again with a smaller hook. Smaller? A larger hook.

Lower wall

☐ **Round 14**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(144 sc)
☐ **Rounds 15 to 39**	Sc in each st around	(144 sc)

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

Upper wall

☐ **Round 40**	2 sc in next st, sc in each st around	(145 sc)
☐ **Round 41**	**[**Sc in next st, dc in next st**] 72 times**, sc in next st	(73 sc, 72 dc)
☐ **Round 42**	**[**Dc in next st, sc in next st**] 72 times**, dc in next st	(73 dc, 72 sc)
☐ **Round 43**	**[**Sc in next st, dc in next st**] 72 times**, sc in next st	(73 sc, 72 dc)
☐ **Round 44**	**[**Dc in next st, sc in next st**] 72 times**, dc in next st	(73 dc, 72 sc)
☐ **Round 45**	**[**Sc in next st, dc in next st**] 72 times**, sc in next st	(73 sc, 72 dc)
☐ **Round 46**	**[**Dc in next st, sc in next st**] 72 times**, dc in next st	(73 dc, 72 sc)
☐ **Round 47**	**[**Sc in next st, dc in next st**] 72 times**, sc in next st	(73 sc, 72 dc)
☐ **Round 48**	**[**Dc in next st, sc in next st**] 72 times**, dc in next st	(73 dc, 72 sc)
☐ **Round 49**	**[**Sc in next st, dc in next st**] 72 times**, sc in next st	(73 sc, 72 dc)
☐ **Round 50**	**[**Dc in next st, sc in next st**] 72 times**, dc in next st	(73 dc, 72 sc)
☐ **Round 51**	**[**Sc in next st, dc in next st**] 72 times**, sc in next st	(73 sc, 72 dc)
☐ **Round 52**	**[**Dc in next st, sc in next st**] 72 times**, dc in next st	(73 dc, 72 sc)
☐ **Round 53**	**[**Sc in next st, dc in next st**] 72 times**, sc in next st	(73 sc, 72 dc)
☐ **Round 54**	**[**Dc in next st, sc in next st**] 72 times**, dc in next st	(73 dc, 72 sc)
☐ **Round 55**	**[**Sc in next st, dc in next st**] 72 times**, sc in next st	(73 sc, 72 dc)

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☐ **Round 56**	**[**Dc in next st, sc in next st**] 72 times**, dc in next st	(73 dc, 72 sc)
☐ **Round 57**	**[**Sc in next st, dc in next st**] 72 times**, sc in next st	(73 sc, 72 dc)
☐ **Round 58**	**[**Dc in next st, sc in next st**] 72 times**, dc in next st	(73 dc, 72 sc)
☐ **Round 59**	**[**Sc in next st, dc in next st**] 72 times**, sc in next st	(73 sc, 72 dc)
☐ **Round 60**	**[**Dc in next st, sc in next st**] 72 times**, dc in next st	(73 dc, 72 sc)
☐ **Round 61**	**[**Sc in next st, dc in next st**] 72 times**, sc in next st	(73 sc, 72 dc)
☐ **Round 62**	**[**Dc in next st, sc in next st**] 72 times**, dc in next st	(73 dc, 72 sc)
☐ **Round 63**	Sc2tog, sc in each st around	(144 sc)
☐ **Rounds 64 to 65** 64 65	Sc in each st around	(144 sc)
☐	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Pockets

Finish the bag first. Stand it up with the outside of the wall facing you and its top edge up, and work into the free loops at the edge of the base; join in any of them. The pockets grow upward outside the wall, and are a little wider than it: 169 stitches, so that there is room in them.

☐ **Start**	The front loops of round 13, left free on the outside round the base, RS facing; 144 stitches.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 23 times**	(168 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in each st around	(169 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**Sc in next st, dc in next st**] 84 times**, sc in next st	(85 sc, 84 dc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**Dc in next st, sc in next st**] 84 times**, dc in next st	(85 dc, 84 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	**[**Sc in next st, dc in next st**] 84 times**, sc in next st	(85 sc, 84 dc)
☐ **Round 6**	**[**Dc in next st, sc in next st**] 84 times**, dc in next st	(85 dc, 84 sc)
☐ **Round 7**	**[**Sc in next st, dc in next st**] 84 times**, sc in next st	(85 sc, 84 dc)
☐ **Round 8**	**[**Dc in next st, sc in next st**] 84 times**, dc in next st	(85 dc, 84 sc)
☐ **Round 9**	**[**Sc in next st, dc in next st**] 84 times**, sc in next st	(85 sc, 84 dc)
☐ **Round 10**	**[**Dc in next st, sc in next st**] 84 times**, dc in next st	(85 dc, 84 sc)
☐ **Round 11**	**[**Sc in next st, dc in next st**] 84 times**, sc in next st	(85 sc, 84 dc)
☐ **Round 12**	**[**Dc in next st, sc in next st**] 84 times**, dc in next st	(85 dc, 84 sc)
☐ **Round 13**	**[**Sc in next st, dc in next st**] 84 times**, sc in next st	(85 sc, 84 dc)
☐ **Round 14**	**[**Dc in next st, sc in next st**] 84 times**, dc in next st	(85 dc, 84 sc)
☐ **Round 15**	**[**Sc in next st, dc in next st**] 84 times**, sc in next st	(85 sc, 84 dc)
☐ **Round 16**	**[**Dc in next st, sc in next st**] 84 times**, dc in next st	(85 dc, 84 sc)

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☐ **Round 17**	**[**Sc in next st, dc in next st**] 84 times**, sc in next st	(85 sc, 84 dc)
☐ **Round 18**	**[**Dc in next st, sc in next st**] 84 times**, dc in next st	(85 dc, 84 sc)
☐ **Round 19**	**[**Sc in next st, dc in next st**] 84 times**, sc in next st	(85 sc, 84 dc)
☐ **Round 20**	**[**Dc in next st, sc in next st**] 84 times**, dc in next st	(85 dc, 84 sc)
☐ **Round 21**	With C, sc in each st around	(169 sc)
☐ **Round 22**	Sc in each st around	(169 sc)
☐	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Flap

Yarn C, cream.

Where the flap goes is told in step 2 of Assembly.

☐ **Start**	The middle of the back on round 65 of the bag, the outside of the back facing you; 24 stitches.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Join C with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, dc in next st, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 11 times**	(12 sc, 12 dc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 28**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 12 times**	(12 sc, 12 dc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

☐ **Row 29**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 5 times**, ch 4, sk next 4 sts, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 5 times**	(10 sc, 10 dc, 1 ch-4 sp)
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 5 times**, 4 sc in next ch-4 sp, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 5 times**	(14 sc, 10 dc)
☐ **Row 31**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 12 times**	(12 sc, 12 dc)
☐ **Row 32**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 20 sts, sc2tog	(22 sc)
☐ **Row 33**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 18 sts, sc2tog	(20 sc)
☐ **Row 34**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 16 sts, sc2tog	(18 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Edge of the flap

Yarn B, sage.

Hold the flap with its free end up. Begin at the foot of the side at your right, where it meets the bag, work up that side, along the end and down the other side (left-handed, begin at your left).

☐ **Start**	The three free sides of the flap, its right side facing you: 86 places, 1 in the end of each of the 34 rows of one side, 18 in the stitches of row 34 and 1 in the end of each of the 34 rows of the other side.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 33 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 34 sts	(88 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

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Strap: make 2

Yarn C, cream.

☐ **Start**	Ch 103.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(102 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 5** 2 3 4 5	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(102 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 32 in (81 cm) to sew one end. To sew the other end, cut a new length of the same yarn, also 32 in (81 cm).	

Assembly

1. Weave in the tails of the bag on the inside and those of the straps on the wrong side, except the long tail of each strap.

2. Lay the bag flat with its base folded in half along its length, so that the two ends of the base are at the two side folds. Put a marker at each side fold in round 65, and one straight below it at each side fold in round 39, the last round of the lower wall. From fold to fold there are 72 stitches of round 65; one side is the front, the other the back. Put a marker in the middle of the front and one in the middle of the back, each after 36 stitches of round 65 counted from a side fold. The flap is worked onto the 12 stitches before the middle of the back and the 12 after it: begin at the right end of these 24 as the outside of the back faces you (left-handed, at the left end), and take the marker of the middle of the back out when you come to it. Then work the edge of the flap. Weave in the tails of the flap and of its edge on the wrong side of the flap. Leave the other five markers where they are.

3. Pockets. The first and the fourth line of sewing go straight up from the base at the two side folds, two lines lie between them on the front and two on the back, 24 stitches of the wall apart. Mark these six places at the top of the pockets with a marker through both layers, beginning with the two that are in round 39 at the side folds, which are moved through both layers, and adding four: 24 stitches of round 39 of the wall from one to the next, and 28 stitches of the last round of the pockets, 29 in the last of the six. Pin the pockets to the wall along the six lines.

4. For each line cut a length of B about 28 in (71 cm) long. Beginning at the top with a tail of 4 in (10 cm) on the inside, take two stitches over the cream rim, then backstitch straight down to the base through the pockets and the wall, one stitch for each round. Backstitch: bring the needle up one stitch length ahead, go down where the last stitch ended, and so on. Fasten off on the inside and weave in both ends. Take these six markers out; leave the two at the side folds in round 65 and the one in the middle of the front. Weave in the other tails of the pockets between the two layers.

5. Straps. Lay one end of a strap upright on the outside of the front, right side out, with its short end along the foot of round 56 and the strap pointing up, so that it covers the last 10 rounds of the bag. Its inner edge is 14 stitches from the marker in the middle of the front. With the long tail sew it down all round the part that lies on the bag: bring the needle up through the strap one stitch in from its edge and down through the bag beside the edge, one stitch for each stitch or row, along the short end, up both long edges, 11 stitches each, and across the strap along the top edge of the bag. Fasten off on the inside and weave in the end of the tail there. Bring the strap over in an arch, without a twist, and sew its other end to the front on the other side of the middle, as a mirror of the first, with the new length of C: begin on the inside, leaving an end of 4 in (10 cm), and at the end fasten off on the inside and weave in both ends. Sew the second strap to the back in the same way, beside the flap, its inner edges 2 stitches from the foot of the flap. Take the markers at the side folds out and leave the one in the middle of the front.

6. Button. Sew it to the middle of the front with sewing thread, through the wall only: on round 51, about 4 in (10 cm) below the top edge, straight below the marker. With the bag standing and the front and the back of its opening about 4¼ in (11 cm) apart, the flap folded straight over the opening to the front brings the middle of the buttonhole to this

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place. Take the last marker out.

Finishing

- Stand the bag on a table, press its base flat from the inside and pull the pockets straight.

In all: 3 pieces; 14,540 stitches (8,915 in the bag, 3,717 in the pockets, 800 in the flap, 88 in the edge of the flap, 510 in each 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

- 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.
- In the bag and the pockets the rounds are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- In the first round of the lower wall work under the back loop only. The front loops left free round the base are used for the pockets.
- Griddle stitch: single and double crochet (UK double crochet and treble) by turns. Each single crochet goes into a double crochet of the round or row below, each double crochet into a single crochet. In the rounds the number of stitches is odd, so they fall into place by themselves.
- The right side, the outside, faces you in every round. In rows the odd rows are the right side.
- The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch. In griddle rows the first single crochet goes into the last double crochet of the row before.
- 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).
- sc2tog: draw up a loop in each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops on the hook. It makes one stitch of two.
- The bag is A. The pockets are B, their last 2 rounds C. The flap and the straps are C, the edge of the flap is B. A bottle up to 2¾ in (7 cm) across and 8 in (20.5 cm) tall stands in a pocket.

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