Doll backpack

US terms



Finished size

About 4 in (10 cm) wide, 1¾ in (4.4 cm) deep and 5 in (12.5 cm) tall, without the handle

Skill

Easy

Ten pieces worked in rounds and rows and sewn together.

Yarn

Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook

3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge

20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet, in a spiral.

What you need

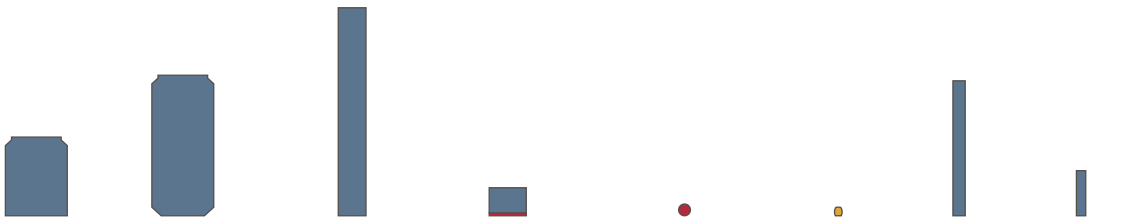
Yarn A: denim blue, the main color	**about 195 yd (178 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cherry red, pocket, cherry disc and the details	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: mustard, button	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: leaf green, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 110 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, a stitch marker, 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.

The pieces



Front **Back and flap** **Gusset** to the front **Pocket** to the front **Cherry disc x 2** to the pocket **Button** **Strap x 2** **Handle**

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Gauge

20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, in a spiral.

20 sc and 22 rows or rounds = 4 in (10 cm). To check it, work the first 22 rows of the front: they should measure about 4 in (10 cm) from the foundation edge, and the piece should be about 4 in (10 cm) wide.

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Notes

- Every piece that has rounds is worked in a continuous spiral with the right side facing you: do not join and do not turn. Put the marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up. Square brackets hold a repeat; work it as many times as the line says. The number in parentheses is the count at the end of the round.
- Whip stitch: lay the two edges side by side, wrong sides together. Take the needle through both edges from front to back, carry the yarn over the top and go through from the front again, one stitch for each stitch or row. At the end of a row the needle goes under the whole end stitch. Overcasting is the same stitch over one edge that is sewn to nothing: it goes in one stitch, or one row, in from the edge, and winds round the edge.
- To sew a piece down on another, take small stitches over its edge and into the piece below, one for each stitch or row.
- Slip stitch: put the hook in the stitch, yarn over, and pull it through the stitch and through the loop on the hook (United Kingdom: slip stitch too).
- In a piece worked in rows the odd rows are right side rows. The right side of every piece is the outside of the bag. Rows are counted from the foundation chain.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work round 1 into the loop and pull the tail to close it. Or chain 2 and work round 1 into the first chain.
- Color change: where a line begins "With B," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the row or round before it in that color. Cut the old yarn and weave in the ends on the wrong side.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the backpack. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- To work sc2tog, put the hook under the front loop only of each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over, pull through both loops, yarn over, pull through 2 loops.
- Standard is for a doll about 18 in (46 cm) tall, Small for a doll about 14 in (35.5 cm) tall. The rounds and stitches are the same for every size; the yarn and the hook make the difference. Lengths in the words (tails, details) are for Standard, the size written here: for another size multiply them by the number in its line.
- Small: light (3, DK) yarn, 2.75 mm (C-2) hook, 26 sc and 28.6 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): 3 1/8 in (7.9 cm) wide, 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) deep and 4 in (10 cm) tall, without the handle; multiply lengths by 0.77; about 0.77 times the yarn.

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Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **MR** magic ring, **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
sc2tog 2 sc made into one. **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 14 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 2 times: work what is inside 2 times in all.
(16 sc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Front

Yarn A, denim blue.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 16 stitches wide at the start. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

Row 1 is the bottom, row 28 the top edge.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 17.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(16 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st	(18 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st	(20 sc)
☐ **Rows 4 to 28**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(20 sc)
	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	
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Back and flap

Yarn A, denim blue.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 16 stitches wide at the start. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

Rows 1 to 28 are the back, from the bottom up; rows 29 to 38 are the lid, rows 39 to 50 the flap that hangs down in front. Rows 29 and 39 are right side rows worked in the back loops: each leaves a ridge on the right side where the piece will fold.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 17.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(16 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st	(18 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st	(20 sc)
☐ **Rows 4 to 28**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(20 sc)
	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 BLO of each st across	(20 sc)
☐ **Rows 30 to 38**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(20 sc)
	30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38	
☐ **Row 39**	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	(20 sc)

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☐ **Rows 40 to 47**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(20 sc)

40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47

☐ **Row 48**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 16 sts, sc2tog	(18 sc)
☐ **Row 49**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 14 sts, sc2tog	(16 sc)
☐ **Row 50**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog	(14 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Gusset

Yarn A, denim blue.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 9 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

One long strip that goes down one side of the bag, along the bottom and up the other side.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 10.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(9 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 74**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(9 sc)

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 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

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Pocket

Yarns in order of use: A, denim blue; B, cherry red.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 12 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

Row 1 is the bottom, row 10 the opening.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 13.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(12 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(12 sc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

☐ **Row 10**	With B, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(12 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a short end.	

Cherry disc: make 2

Yarn B, cherry red.

☐ **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)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Press it flat with the right side up.	

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Button

Yarn C, mustard.

☐ **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 next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	(10 sc)

Stuff lightly now with a little scrap yarn.

☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**sc2tog, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 6 stitches and pull it tight to close the hole. Keep the tail for sewing.	

Strap: make 2

Yarn A, denim blue.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 4 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

For another length measure your doll from the back of the shoulder, over it, down the front and under the arm to the side of the back. The free part of the strap, 38 rows, is about 7 in (17.5 cm) long in Standard and 5 3/8 in (13.5 cm) in Small. Work more or fewer rows now, the same on both straps: 11 rows are about 2 in (5 cm) in Standard, 1½ in (4 cm) in Small.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 5.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(4 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 48**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(4 sc)

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 29
30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing the lower end.	

Handle

Yarn A, denim blue.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 3 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(3 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 16**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(3 sc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing this end.	

Assembly

1. Pocket: lay the pocket on the front, right side up, row 1 at the bottom, so that its 12 stitches lie on the middle 12 stitches of the front, its row 1 on row 2 of the front and its row 10 on row 11. With a new length of A, about 20 in (51 cm), sew down one end of the rows, the foundation edge and the other end of the rows. Row 10 stays open.

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2. Cherries: sew the two cherry discs to the pocket, right side up, all 12 stitches of each edge, with their own tails and through the pocket only. The middle of each lies on the line between rows 3 and 4 of the pocket, 2 stitches from the middle of the pocket, one on each side. They touch.

3. Button: sew the closed hole of the button to the right side of the front with its tail, round 1 outward, going round twice. Its middle is half way across the front, on the line between rows 14 and 15.

4. Loop: with the right side of the flap toward you, join B with a sl st in the 6th stitch of row 50, ch 12, sl st in the 9th stitch of row 50 and fasten off. Weave in the ends. The loop goes over the button when the flap is closed.

5. Edge of the lid and flap: with B, about 40 in (102 cm), overcast along the ends of rows 29 to 50 of the back and flap, then along the 14 stitches of row 50, then along the ends of rows 50 to 29 on the other side.

6. Seams: pin the gusset to the front, wrong sides together, one long edge of the gusset along the edge of the front: rows 1 to 28 of the gusset lie along one side of the front, from row 28 down to row 1; rows 29 to 46 along the 16 chains of the bottom; rows 47 to 74 up the other side, from row 1 to row 28. With B, about 60 in (152 cm), whip stitch the two together with the front toward you: at the sides row to row; along the bottom two rows of the gusset to the first chain and two to the last, and one row to each chain between. The top edges stay open.

7. In the same way, with another 60 in (152 cm) of B, whip stitch the other long edge of the gusset to rows 1 to 28 of the back and flap, with the back toward you. The lid and the flap stay free.

8. Straps, upper ends: pin the two straps to the right side of the back, one on each side of its middle, each upright with its right side up: rows 1 to 5 of the strap lie on rows 19 to 23 of the back, row 1 the lowest, and 2 stitches of the back stay free between the strap and the middle. The rest of each strap points up. With A, about 14 in (36 cm) each, sew down the foundation edge and both edges of these 5 rows, then across the strap at row 5.

9. Straps, lower ends: bring each strap out to its own side and down, with a quarter turn, so that its right side faces out, and no other twist, and lay its last 5 rows (44 to 48, if you did not change the length) on the gusset, right side up, the last row the lowest. On the side of the bag where row 1 of the gusset is, they lie on rows 23 to 27 of the gusset; on the other side on rows 48 to 52. One stitch of the gusset stays free between the strap and the seam of the back. Sew down the three outer edges with the tail and then across at the first of these 5 rows.

10. Handle: stand the two short ends of the handle on the lid near the back. Each end runs from front to back over rows 29 to 31 of the lid, 3 stitches from the middle, one on each side, so that the handle makes an arch. Sew each end down all round: the second with the tail, the first with a new length of A, about 10 in (25 cm).

Finishing

- Embroider with one strand of yarn and the yarn needle when the pieces round the place are sewn on; begin and end each strand on the wrong side of a flat piece, inside a stuffed one. Satin stitch is straight stitches side by side until the shape is filled. Backstitch is a line of short stitches end to end: bring the needle up one stitch ahead, put it down at the end of the stitch before, and repeat.
- Stems and leaf: work these after the cherries are sewn on (step 2 below), with D (leaf green) and through the pocket only. Work a line of backstitch from the top of each cherry up to one point: it is on the line between rows 8 and 9 of the pocket, half a stitch to the left of its middle. From that point to the right, work a leaf in satin stitch with D: about ¾ in (19 mm) long and 5/16 in (8 mm) tall in the middle, pointed at both ends, its stitches upright.
- Weave in every end on the inside. Push the corners out with a finger and press the two folds of the lid with your hand. It has small parts: not for a child under three.

In all: 10 pieces; 2,822 stitches (554 in the front, 982 in the back and flap, 666 in the gusset, 120 in the pocket, 18 in each cherry disc, 32 in the button, 192 in each strap, 48 in the handle).

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