Dragon egg dice bag

One set · US terms



Finished size
About 2¾ in (7 cm) across and 4½ in (11.5 cm) tall, for one set of seven dice

Skill
Intermediate
It has one special stitch, the scale, worked round the posts of the stitches below.

Yarn
Light (3), 4 colors

Hook
3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge
22 stitches and 24 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: deep amethyst, the base, the lowest scales and the cord	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: amethyst, scales	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: lilac gray, scales	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: silver, the top scales and the top	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

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

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
One set (this file)	**2¾ in (7 cm) across, 4½ in (11.5 cm) tall**	**about 105 yd (96 m)**
Several sets	4¼ in (11 cm) across, 6 in (15 cm) tall	about 190 yd (174 m)

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)
MR	magic ring

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st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
RS	right side

Special stitches

pair: 2 dc in the place named. A pair counts as 1 stitch.

scale: Worked on the right side, in front of the pair named, round the posts of its two dc. Every dc of a scale is worked with the hook under the whole post, as under a bar. Turn the bag a quarter, so that the base is at your left (at your right if you work left-handed), and work 5 dc round the post of the first dc of the pair, the first of them at its top and the last at its foot. Turn the bag half round, so that the base is at the other hand, and work 5 dc round the post of the second dc, the first at its foot and the last at its top. Turn the bag upright again. The 10 dc stand out to both sides of the pair as one rounded scale, its tip toward the base. A scale counts as 1 stitch.

Gauge

22 stitches and 24 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

A scale row is a round of pairs and a round of scales together. Two scale rows are about 1 in (2.5 cm) tall, measured on the wrong side; the scales themselves are longer and hang over the row below. Scale rows that differ a little do no harm.

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 6 the base should measure about 2 in (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.

Before you start

- Begin with a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and draw up a loop. Work round 1 into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed.
- Each round is joined with a slip stitch and all of them are worked with the right side facing; never turn. The chain at the start of a round does not count as a stitch: work the first stitch of the round into the first place of the round below, the one the round below was joined in. A round of pairs is joined in the top of the first dc of its first pair, and a round of scales in the top of its first sc, or of the first dc of its first scale.
- Into a pair or a scale: where the pattern says to work a stitch into a pair, put the hook between the two dc of that pair, at their tops. A scale hangs in front of its pair, so a stitch worked into a scale goes into the same place: between the two dc of the pair behind it.
- How the scales lie: each is worked on every second pair, with one sc in the pair between, which holds it down. In the next scale row the scales come on the other pairs, so that each lies over the gap between two of the row below.
- To change color where a joined round begins, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the slip stitch that ends the round before. Cut the old yarn at each change, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- Colors, round by round. Rounds 1 to 15: A. Rounds 16 to 19: B. Rounds 20 to 21: C. Rounds 22 to 27: D.

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Instructions

Chosen: One set. 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 and sk is miss.

Yarns in order of use: A, deep amethyst; B, amethyst; C, lilac gray; D, silver.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in MR, 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)**
☐ **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)**

Stop and measure now, after round 6. The base should measure about 2 in (5 cm) across.

☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(48 sc)**

Scale row 1

☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 2, **[**pair in next st, ch 1, sk next 2 sts**] 16 times**, sl st in first pair to join	**(16 pairs, 16 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sk next ch-1 sp, scale in next st, sk next ch-1 sp**] 8 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(8 sc, 8 scales)**

Scale row 2

☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 2, **[**pair in next st, ch 1**] 16 times**, sl st in first pair to join	**(16 pairs, 16 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 1, **[**scale in next st, sk next ch-1 sp, sc in next st, sk next ch-1 sp**] 8 times**, sl st in first scale to join	**(8 scales, 8 sc)**

Scale row 3

☐ **Rnd 16**	With B, ch 2, **[**pair in next st, pair in next st, ch 1**] 8 times**, sl st in first pair to join	**(16 pairs, 8 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, scale in next st, sk next ch-1 sp**] 8 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(8 sc, 8 scales)**

Scale row 4

☐ **Rnd 18**	Ch 2, **[**pair in next st, pair in next st, ch 1**] 8 times**, sl st in first pair to join	**(16 pairs, 8 ch-1 sps)**

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☐ **Rnd 19**	Ch 1, **[**scale in next st, sc in next st, sk next ch-1 sp**] 8 times**, sl st in first scale to join	**(8 scales, 8 sc)**

Scale row 5

☐ **Rnd 20**	With C, ch 2, pair in each st around, sl st in first pair to join	**(16 pairs)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, scale in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(8 sc, 8 scales)**

Scale row 6

☐ **Rnd 22**	With D, ch 2, pair in each st around, sl st in first pair to join	**(16 pairs)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	Ch 1, **[**scale in next st, sc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first scale to join	**(8 scales, 8 sc)**

Top

☐ **Rnd 24**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 3 sts, ch 1, sk next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(24 sc, 8 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 3 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 8 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(32 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the tails on the wrong side. Turn the bag right side out and smooth every scale down so that its tip points to the base.

2. For the cord, with A, ch 110, about 16 in (40.5 cm) long, and fasten off with a tail of 6 in (15 cm) at each end. Round 25 has 8 chain-1 spaces, an even number. Begin at any of them, from the outside: go in at that space and out at the next, and so on round, so that the cord comes out at the last space, beside the one where it went in. Make both ends equally long. Knot each end and trim its tail to about ½ in (1.5 cm).

3. Draw the cord up until the top closes, and tie it in a bow. The last rounds stand up above the cord as a small frill.

Finishing

- If a scale curls up, pin its tip down on the row below, damp it and let it dry.

In all: 27 rounds.

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