Flap backpack

US terms



Finished size
About 12½ in (31.5 cm) wide laid flat and 12½ in (31.5 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
It is worked in rounds, with increases in the base and a round of spaces for a cord.

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: olive, the sides **about 275 yd (251 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: tan, the base, the flap, the straps and the cord **about 250 yd (229 m), an estimate**
Fiber: cotton

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). Also: a stitch marker, a yarn needle, scissors and a button about 1 in (2.5 cm) across, with sewing thread and a sewing needle.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain stitch
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

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

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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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 5 the base should measure about 11¼ in (28.5 cm) long, laid flat and not stretched.

Before you start

- 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.
- The rounds are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- 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).
- Colors, round by round. Rounds 1 to 11: B. Rounds 12 to 52: A.

Instructions

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 sc is double crochet and sk is miss.

Bag

Yarns in order of use: B, tan; A, olive.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 32.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 29 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 29 chs, 2 sc in last ch	**(64 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 29 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 29 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	**(70 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next st, sc in next 29 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 29 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(76 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 29 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 29 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(82 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sc in next 29 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 29 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(88 sc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 5.** After round 5 the base should measure about 11¼ in (28.5 cm) long and 2¾ in (7 cm) wide.

Sides

☐ **Rnds 6 to 11**	Sc in each st around	**(88 sc)**

A box for each round, 6 to 11: tick them off as you go.

☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11

☐ **Rnd 12**	With A, sc in each st around	**(88 sc)**

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☐ **Rnds 13 to 45**	Sc in each st around	**(88 sc)**

A box for each round, 13 to 45: tick them off as you go.

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

Top

☐ **Rnds 46 to 47**	Sc in each st around	**(88 sc)**

A box for each round, 46 to 47: tick them off as you go.

46 47

☐ **Rnd 48**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, ch 1, sk next st**] 22 times**	**(66 sc, 22 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 49**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 22 times**	**(88 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 50 to 52**	Sc in each st around	**(88 sc)**

A box for each round, 50 to 52: tick them off as you go.

50 51 52

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

Flap

Yarn B, tan.

Leave a tail of 24 in (60 cm) before the slip knot: it sews the flap on.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 35.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 25**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(34 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 25: tick them off as you go.

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

☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 15 sts, ch 4, sk next 4 sts, sc in next 15 sts	**(30 sc, 1 ch-4 sp)**
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 15 sts, 4 sc in next ch-4 sp, sc in next 15 sts	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Rows 28 to 29**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(34 sc)**

A box for each row, 28 to 29: tick them off as you go.

28 29

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

Shoulder strap: make 2

Yarn B, tan.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 85.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(84 sc)**

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☐ **Rows 2 to 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(84 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 6: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 26 in (66 cm) to sew one end. To sew the other end, cut a new length of the same yarn, also 26 in (66 cm).

Assembly

1. For the cord, with B, ch 145, about 33¼ in (84.5 cm) long, and fasten off with a tail of 6 in (15 cm) at each end.

2. Thread the cord in and out through the 22 chain-1 spaces, beginning and ending at the middle of the front. Knot each end and trim its tail to about ½ in (1.5 cm). Leave the bag open, its top flat and not drawn up, until the flap and the straps are on.

3. Lay the flap on the outside of the back, right side out and pointing up, with its foundation chain along the round just below the spaces for the cord and its middle on the middle of the back. With its long tail, sew the foundation chain down. Its 34 chains meet 34 of the stitches across the back.

4. Each shoulder strap is about 24 in (61 cm) long. Lay the upper ends side by side on the outside of the back, in the middle of it, over four rounds just below the foundation chain of the flap, their ends pointing up to the flap and the straps hanging down, and sew these ends down. Lay the lower ends sideways along the outside of the back, just above the base, so that each strap leaves the back at the side edge nearest to it and its end points to the middle of the back. The last 2 in (5 cm) of each strap lies on the back, and the two ends are about 8½ in (21.5 cm) apart. Sew down those 2 in (5 cm) of each. Then draw the cord up to close the bag, tie it in a bow, fold the flap over the top to the front and sew the button to the front under the buttonhole, with sewing thread.

Finishing

- Weave all the other tails in on the inside.

In all: 4 pieces; 6,484 stitches (4,494 in the bag, 982 in the flap, 504 in each shoulder strap); 10 ends to weave in.

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