Little girl purse with ruffles

Small · US terms



Finished size

About 7¼ in (18.5 cm) wide and 5¾ in (14.5 cm) tall laid flat, without the ruffles and the handle, with about 8½ in (21.5 cm) of handle between its sewn ends

Skill

Easy

The pouch is single crochet in rounds; the ruffles are two rounds of double crochet and one of single crochet.

Yarn

Light (3), 3 colors

Hook

3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge

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

In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: blush pink, the pouch, the handle and the top ruffle	**about 160 yd (146 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: rose pink, the middle ruffle	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: raspberry, the bottom ruffle, the bow and the loop	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 100 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a pearl button with a shank, ½ in (12 mm) across, sewing thread in pink and a sewing needle, 2 stitch markers, pins, a yarn needle 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.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Small (this file)	**7¼ in (18.5 cm) wide, 5¾ in (14.5 cm) tall**	**about 250 yd (229 m)**
Medium	8½ in (21.5 cm) wide, 6¼ in (16 cm) tall	about 300 yd (274 m)

Gauge

20 stitches and 22 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 5 the base should measure about 5½ in (14 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.

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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.
- The rounds of the pouch are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round. The right side, the outside, faces you all the time.
- Each round of a ruffle 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 the stitch the round before was joined in. In round 1 the first 2 dc go into the loop where the yarn is joined.
- Where the pattern says BLO, put the hook under the back loop only; the front loop stays free on the outside, for a ruffle.
- The bow, its knot and the handle are worked in rows. The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- sc2tog: draw up a loop in each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops on the hook.
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.
- The purse has a button: it is not for a child under three.
- Colors. A: the pouch and the handle. C: the bow and the loop. Bottom ruffle: C. Middle ruffle: B. Top ruffle: A.

Instructions

Small. US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
sc2tog 2 sc made into one. **BLO**: only the loop away from you. **RS** right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 18 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 3 times: work what is inside 3 times in all.
(42 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Pouch

Yarn A, blush pink.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 21.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 18 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 18 chs, 2 sc in last ch	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 18 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 18 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next st, sc in next 18 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 18 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(54 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 18 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 18 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(60 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sc in next 18 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 18 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	(66 sc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 5.** The base should measure about 5½ in (14 cm) long and 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide.

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Sides

☐ **Rnds 6 to 7** 6 7	Sc in each st around	(66 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnds 9 to 11** 9 10 11	Sc in each st around	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnds 13 to 16** 13 14 15 16	Sc in each st around	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnds 18 to 21** 18 19 20 21	Sc in each st around	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnd 22**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnds 23 to 24** 23 24	Sc in each st around	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnd 25**	Sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog, **[**sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog**] 5 times**, sc in next 5 sts	(66 sc)
☐ **Rnds 26 to 27** 26 27	Sc in each st around	(66 sc)
☐ **Rnd 28**	**[**Sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(60 sc)
☐ **Rnds 29 to 31** 29 30 31	Sc in each st around	(60 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Bottom ruffle

Yarn C, raspberry.

Work each ruffle so: hold the pouch upside down, its rim toward you and its base away from you, with the outside facing you, so that the ruffle grows toward the base. Begin in the free loop straight above one end of the base (the base is longer than it is wide; its two ends are at the two sides of the purse), and work from right to left all the way round. Each "st" of round 1 is one free loop.

☐ **Foundation**	The free front loops of round 11 of the pouch, at the foot of round 12, RS facing; 72 places.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Join C with sl st in first st, ch 2, 2 dc in same st, 2 dc in each of next 71 sts, sl st in first dc to join	(144 dc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	(144 dc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(144 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

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Middle ruffle

Yarn B, rose pink.

Work it as the bottom ruffle, into the free loops of round 16.

☐ **Foundation**	The free front loops of round 16 of the pouch, at the foot of round 17, RS facing; 72 places.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 2, 2 dc in same st, 2 dc in each of next 71 sts, sl st in first dc to join	(144 dc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	(144 dc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(144 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Top ruffle

Yarn A, blush pink.

Work it as the bottom ruffle, into the free loops of round 21.

☐ **Foundation**	The free front loops of round 21 of the pouch, at the foot of round 22, RS facing; 72 places.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 2, 2 dc in same st, 2 dc in each of next 71 sts, sl st in first dc to join	(144 dc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	(144 dc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(144 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Bow

Yarn C, raspberry.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 11.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(10 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 22**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(10 sc)

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

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

Knot of the bow

Yarn C, raspberry.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(5 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(5 sc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm).	

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Handle

Yarn A, blush pink.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 53.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(52 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 4** 2 3 4	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(52 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. Weave in the tails of the pouch and the ruffles on the inside of the pouch, the tails of the bow and the starting tails of the knot and the handle on their wrong sides. The long tails are for sewing.

2. The sides. Lay the pouch flat with its base folded along its middle the long way, so that each end of the base is at a side fold. Put a marker between two stitches of the rim at each fold, so that 30 stitches lie on the front and 30 on the back. Either half may be the front; the first stitches of the ruffles are at a fold.

3. The handle is about 10½ in (26.5 cm) long. Lay the last 1 in (2.5 cm) of one end flat against the inside of the pouch at a side fold, its right side against the pouch, the marker at the middle of its width, the rest of the handle upward. With its long tail whip stitch it down along its end, up both of its sides to the rim and along the rim. Sew the other end at the other marker in the same way with the new length; see that the handle is not twisted: its right side is outside all the way. Fasten off on the inside.

4. The bow. With the right side of the bow in front, fold it in small pleats across its middle, between rows 11 and 12, so that it is drawn in there. Wrap the knot round the pleats, right side out, so that its two short ends meet at the back, on the wrong side of the bow, and with its long tail whip stitch these ends together, 5 stitches to 5 chains. With the same tail sew four stitches through the knot and the bow at the back, so that nothing slips. Pin the bow on the middle of the front, its right side out, its long way level, the middle of the knot on round 26 of the pouch, straight below the middle of the front of the rim, which is between its stitches 15 and 16, counted from a marker. Sew the back of the knot to the pouch with the rest of the tail, 8 stitches round its edge. Fasten off on the inside. Take out the pins and the markers.

5. The button. With sewing thread sew it to the middle of the knot, through the knot and the pouch, going through the shank six times. Fasten off on the inside.

6. The loop. With C, leaving a tail of 8 in (20 cm), chain 34, and fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20 cm). With its tails sew the two ends of the chain to the inside of the rim at the middle of the back, on the two middle stitches, with five stitches each, and fasten off there. The loop goes forward over the opening and down round the button. Doubled it is about 3¼ in (8 cm) long.

7. Weave in all the tails that are left on the inside.

Finishing

- Wet the ruffles, pull them into even waves with your fingers and let them dry.

In all: 4 pieces; 3,848 stitches (2,064 in the pouch, 432 in the bottom ruffle, 432 in the middle ruffle, 432 in the top ruffle, 220 in the bow, 60 in the knot of the bow, 208 in the handle).

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