Half moon shoulder bag

Medium · US terms



Finished size

About 12¼ in (31 cm) wide, 6¾ in (17 cm) tall and 2¼ in (5.5 cm) deep, with a strap about 18¼ in (46.5 cm) long from corner to corner

Skill

Easy

It is two half circles and one long strip, sewn together stitch to stitch.

Yarn

Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook

5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge

14 stitches and 11 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In half double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: olive, half circle, rows 1 to 14, half circle, rows 16 to 17, the top edge and the gusset and strap	**about 275 yd (251 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: gold, the line	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a wooden button about 1¼ in (3 cm) across, with sewing thread, a yarn needle, scissors and stitch markers or 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
Small	10¼ in (26 cm) wide, 5½ in (14 cm) tall	about 210 yd (192 m)
Medium (this file)	**12¼ in (31 cm) wide, 6¾ in (17 cm) tall**	**about 295 yd (270 m)**

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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)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
MR	magic ring
st	stitch
RS	right side

Gauge

14 stitches and 11 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet.

14 stitches and 16 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

The swatch. A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Lay it flat and count the stitches and rows over 4 in (10 cm) in its middle. There should be 14 stitches and 11 rows. If you count more stitches than that, change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, change to a smaller hook. The swatch can be pulled out and its yarn used again.

Swatch foundation	Ch 23.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(21 hdc)**
Swatch rows 2 to 16	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	**(21 hdc)**

Before you start

- Begin each half circle with a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and draw up a loop. Work row 1 into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed. Turn at the end of every row and do not join, so that the piece is a half circle.
- The chain of 2 at the start of a row of hdc and the chain of 1 at the start of a row of sc do not count as stitches. Work the first stitch into the first stitch of the row.
- 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). To change at the start of a row, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before.
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.
- For a longer or shorter strap begin the strip with more or fewer chains: 7 stitches are 2 in (5 cm). The gusset keeps its count.
- Colors. The half circles, row by row. Rows 1 to 14: A. Row 15: B. Rows 16 to 17: A. The top edges, the strip and the loop: A.

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Instructions

Chosen: Medium. 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 row is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and hdc is half treble.

Half circle: make 2

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

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, 4 hdc in MR	**(4 hdc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 2, turn; 2 hdc in each st across	**(8 hdc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 2, turn; **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**	**(12 hdc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, hdc in next st	**(16 hdc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 2, turn; **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**	**(20 hdc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, hdc in next 2 sts	**(24 hdc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 2, turn; **[**hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**	**(28 hdc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, hdc in next 3 sts	**(32 hdc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 2, turn; **[**hdc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**	**(36 hdc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, hdc in next 4 sts	**(40 hdc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 2, turn; **[**hdc in next 9 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**	**(44 hdc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 10 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, hdc in next 5 sts	**(48 hdc)**
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 2, turn; **[**hdc in next 11 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**	**(52 hdc)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 12 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, hdc in next 6 sts	**(56 hdc)**
☐ **Row 15**	With B, ch 2, turn; **[**hdc in next 13 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**	**(60 hdc)**
☐ **Row 16**	With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 14 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, hdc in next 7 sts	**(64 hdc)**
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 2, turn; **[**hdc in next 15 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**	**(68 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Top edge: make 2

Yarn A, olive.

☐ **Foundation**	The straight edge of a half circle, RS facing, the straight edge at the top and the curve below: 34 places, the ends of rows 17 to 1 and then of rows 1 to 17, nothing in the ring.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 10 times**, sc in next st	**(45 sc)**

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☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(45 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Gusset and strap

Yarn A, olive.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 137.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(136 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(136 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 9: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30 cm) to sew the strip into a ring.	

Assembly

1. Work a top edge along the straight edge of each half circle. Weave in the tails of the half circles and of their top edges on the wrong side.

2. The ring. With its 12 in (30 cm) tail, whip stitch the two short ends of the strip together, row to row, 9 rows, without a twist, so that its right side is outside all the way round. The strip is now a ring of 136 stitches. Count 72 stitches from this seam along the last row, in either direction, and mark the place after stitch 72: the 72 stitches between the seam and the mark are the gusset, the other 64 are the strap. Mark the foundation edge straight across from this mark too.

3. The front. One half circle is the front and the other the back; they are alike. The curved edge of each has 72 places: the ends of the 2 rows of the top edge at one corner, the 68 stitches of row 17, and the ends of the 2 rows of the top edge at the other corner. Cut a length of A about 72 in (183 cm) long. With the wrong sides inside, set the gusset against the front, the last row of the strip along the curve and the right side of both outside, and pin the seam at one corner and the mark at the other; which of the two corners has the seam does not matter. Beginning at the corner with the seam with a tail of 6 in (15 cm), whip stitch the two together, stitch to stitch, 72 stitches, work 3 stitches in the same place at each corner, and fasten off inside.

4. The back. Pin the foundation edge of the gusset along the curve of the back, the seam and the mark at its two corners, the wrong sides inside, and whip stitch it with another length of A, 72 in (183 cm) long, from the same corner, 72 stitches, in the same way. The 64 stitches of the strap stay free.

5. The loop. With A, ch 36, turn, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each of the next 34 chs: a firm cord about 8 in (20.5 cm) long. Leave a tail of 8 in (20 cm) before the first chain, and fasten off with another tail of 8 in (20 cm): both tails are then at the same end of the cord. Fold the cord in half. Lay about ½ in (1.5 cm) of its two ends side by side on the inside of the back, at the middle of its top edge, over the 2 rows of the edge, the fold pointing up. Sew the end that has the tails down with one of them, 6 small stitches. Lead the other tail across to the other end, close beside it, and sew that end down with it, 6 small stitches. Weave in what is left of both tails. The loop stands up from the top edge, about 3½ in (9 cm) long.

6. The button. On the front, count down to row 4 of the half circle, straight below the middle of the straight edge, and sew the button to the right side there with sewing thread, between the 8th and the 9th of the 16 stitches of that row. The loop goes over the top and round the button.

Finishing

- Weave every tail that is left in on the inside.

In all: 3 pieces; 2,628 stitches (612 in each half circle, 90 in each top edge, 1,224 in the gusset and strap).

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