Cup carrier with a handle

Large · US terms



Finished size
About 10 in (25.5 cm) round, 2¼ in (5.5 cm) across the base and 4½ in (11.5 cm) tall, with about 13¾ in (35 cm) of handle between its sewn ends

Skill
Easy
It is worked in rounds, with increases in the base.

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
16 stitches and 18 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: eucalyptus, the holder and the middle of the handle	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: rust, the rim and the edges of the handle	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 40 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7). Also: a stitch marker, a yarn needle, scissors and a tape measure.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Medium	9 in (23 cm) round, 2¼ in (5.5 cm) across	about 70 yd (64 m)
Large (this file)	**10 in (25.5 cm) round, 2¼ in (5.5 cm) across**	**about 80 yd (73 m)**

Gauge

16 stitches and 18 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 2¼ in (5.5 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.

16 stitches and 18 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in moss stitch, each single crochet and each chain 1 counted as a stitch. If your moss stitch rounds are a little less tall than that, the holder comes out a little less tall, which does no harm.

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Instructions

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sc single crochet (UK dc), **ch** chain, **BLO** only the loop away from you, **sk** skip, **st** stitch.
2 sc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Sc in next 3 sts: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the hole under the chain. The hook goes in the hole, never into a chain.
Rounds run in a **spiral**: mark the first stitch and move the marker up each round. **Working in the round**
[ ] 6 times: 6 times in all. (18 sc): the round now has 18; a check, not a step. Not 18? **Pull it back**.
Also: sp space, RS right side.
Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Holder

Begin with yarn A, eucalyptus.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring. *Begin with a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring, draw up a loop and chain 1 to hold it, which does not count as a stitch. Work round 1 into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed.*	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	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	(30 sc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 5.** The base should measure about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) across. Larger? Begin again with a smaller hook. Smaller? A larger hook.

Sides

☐ **Round 6**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 7**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 8**	**[**Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**	(40 sc)
☐ **Round 9**	Sc in each st around	(40 sc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 9.** The sides should be about 10 in (25.5 cm) round, which is 5 in (12.5 cm) across when they are laid flat.

☐ **Round 10**	**[**Sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 20 times**	(20 sc, 20 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rounds 11 to 21**	**[**Sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 20 times** 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	(20 sc, 20 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Round 22**	**[**Sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 20 times**	(40 sc)

Rim

☐ **Round 23**	With B, sc in each st around	(40 sc)

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☐ **Rounds 24 to 25** 24 25	Sc in each st around	(40 sc)
☐	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Handle

Begin with yarn B, rust.

☐ **Start**	Ch 67.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(66 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(66 sc)
☐ **Rows 3 to 4** 3 4	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(66 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(66 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 24 in (61 cm) to sew one end. To sew the other end, cut a new length of B, 30 in (76 cm): it is 6 in (15 cm) longer than the tail because its first 6 in (15 cm) stay free to be woven in.	

Assembly

1. On the wrong side weave in the tails of the holder, that of the magic ring round the middle of the base, and the tails of the handle that are not used for sewing.

2. The handle is 66 stitches, about 16½ in (42 cm), long and 5 rows wide. Take the end of it that has the long tail. Lay it on the outside of the holder with its right side out, its short edge on round 19 and its sides straight up and down, so that it covers the top 6 rounds and the rest of it stands up above the rim. Put the marker in the stitch of round 25 that lies behind its middle. Only the short edge and the two sides of this end are edges of the handle; along the rim of the holder the handle runs on upward.

3. With the long tail whip stitch the end down, beginning at the corner the tail hangs from, which lies on round 19. Sew along the short edge to the other corner, one stitch for each of its 5 rows, and up that side to the rim, one stitch for each of its 5 stitches below the rim. Then sew across the handle along the rim, back to the side the tail hung from, with 5 backstitches, one on each row of the handle, each through the handle and round 25 of the holder together. Last sew down that side to the corner where you began, 5 stitches. Fasten off on the inside.

4. Count 20 stitches of round 25 from the marked one, the stitch after it being the first: the middle of the other end of the handle comes there, opposite the first. Take the marker out. Take care that the handle is not twisted, and sew that end on in the same way with the new length of B, 30 in (76 cm): begin at either corner of its short edge, leave the first 6 in (15 cm) of the yarn hanging inside the holder, and sew with the rest.

Finishing

- Weave in on the wrong side the ends left from sewing.

In all: 2 pieces; 966 stitches (636 in the holder, 330 in the handle).

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.

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Notes

- The rounds are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- Where the pattern says BLO, put the hook under the back loop only; the front loop stays on the outside as a ridge.
- Moss stitch: in its first round each chain 1 passes over a stitch. In every round after that, each single crochet goes into a chain-1 space of the round before, and each chain 1 passes over a single crochet. The first single crochet of a round goes into the first chain-1 space of the round before, past the first single crochet there, so the start of the round moves on one stitch in every round: move the marker with it. The last chain 1 of a round passes over the first single crochet of that same round, with two exceptions. In the first moss stitch round it passes over two stitches, the last stitch of the plain round and that first single crochet. In the last moss stitch round it passes over nothing, because the next round, of single crochet, begins in that first single crochet.
- The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Measure across the foot of your cup, and round it where the rim of the holder comes, 3¼ in (8.5 cm) above the table for the medium, 4½ in (11.5 cm) for the large. The foot should be about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) to 2½ in (6.5 cm) across. The medium is for a cup 9 in (23 cm) to 10 in (25.5 cm) round at that height, the large for one 10 in (25.5 cm) to 10¾ in (27.5 cm). The holder is as big round as the smaller measure, and the stitches stretch to the larger one.
- The top of the handle is about 6¾ in (17 cm) above the rim of the holder when it is held up, so that a hand fits between it and the lid. To carry the cup from the arm, begin the handle with 44 more chains and work 44 more stitches in every row: it is then about 12¼ in (31 cm) above the rim, and it takes about 10 yd (9 m) more of each color than is printed, so buy that much more. Every 8 stitches more or fewer are about 1 in (2.5 cm) of height.
- Put the lid on the cup before you lift it, and carry it upright.
- 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).
- Whip stitch, for a flat end sewn on: bring the needle out through the edge of the handle, put it into the holder just beside that edge, and bring it out through the edge again a little farther on. Draw the yarn snug.
- Backstitch: bring the needle out to the front one stitch length ahead, put it in again where the last stitch ended, and bring it out one stitch length ahead once more.
- Colors of the holder, round by round. Rounds 1 to 22: A. Rounds 23 to 25: B.
- Colors of the handle, row by row. Row 1: B. Rows 2 to 4: A. Row 5: B.

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