Hanging onion and potato bags

US terms



Finished size

About 10¼ in (26 cm) wide laid flat below the ring and 10½ in (26.5 cm) deep for the onion bag, with a strap 16 in (40.5 cm) long, and 12 in (30.5 cm) wide and 12 in (30.5 cm) deep for the potato bag, with a strap 17½ in (44.5 cm) long, the sewn ends of the straps counted; for onions and potatoes up to 3½ in (9 cm) across

Skill

Intermediate

It is joined rounds with post stitches and mesh; a ring is worked into the top and a flap is sewn on.

Yarn

Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook

5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge

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

In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: natural, the mesh and the flaps	**about 125 yd (114 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: onion plum, the bands and the strap of the onion bag	**about 160 yd (146 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: potato tan, the bands and the strap of the potato bag	**about 190 yd (174 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 240 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: 2 wooden or metal rings, one 7 in (18 cm) and one 8 in (20.5 cm) across on the outside and about ¼ in (0.5 cm) thick; the inner ring of an embroidery hoop will do, 4 wooden buttons ¾ in (2 cm) across, sewing thread 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.

Gauge

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

14 stitches and 8 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet, worked in the round. 4 rounds of the mesh are about 3 in (7.5 cm) tall.

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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 12 the base should measure about 6½ in (16.5 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.

Notes

- 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.
- The bags are worked in joined rounds from the base up, with the right side, the outside, facing you. Each round is joined with a slip stitch in its first stitch. The chain of 1, 2 or 3 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. The flaps and the straps are worked in rows, and there too the chain of 1 at the start does not count.
- FPdc, front post double crochet (UK front post treble): yarn over, put the hook from the front round the post of the stitch below, coming out at the front again, and finish it as a double crochet. BPdc, back post double crochet (UK back post treble): the same with the hook put in from the back and coming out at the back again.
- The slot: at the chains leave a gap in the round below. In the next round work the number of single crochet that is told round the whole chain, into the space beneath it, and not into the single chains.
- In the first round of the mesh 3 stitches are passed over for every 3 chains. In the rounds after it each treble goes into the treble below, and the chains lie over the chains. The slip stitch that ends a round goes into the first treble, after the last 3 chains. Treble crochet (UK double treble): yarn over twice, draw up a loop in the stitch, then 3 times yarn over and pull through 2 loops.
- 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. Onion bag. Rounds 1 to 21: B. Rounds 22 to 29: A. Rounds 30 to 34: B. Potato bag. Rounds 1 to 23: C. Rounds 24 to 33: A. Rounds 34 to 38: C. The flaps are A. The strap of the onion bag is B, that of the potato bag C.

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **tr** treble crochet (UK double treble), **MR** magic ring, **st** stitch, **sp** space, **rnd** round.
FPdc round the stitch below, from the front, **BPdc** round the stitch below, from the back, **sk** skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 2 sts**: one in each. **ch-18 sp**: the gap under 18 chains; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 6 times: work what is inside 6 times in all.
(6 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

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Onion bag

Yarns in order of use: B, onion plum; A, natural.

The ring goes into round 33. Lay it along the top of round 32, on the inside, and work every stitch of round 33 over it: put the hook into the stitch and under the ring, so that the ring lies inside the stitches. When the round is done, push the stitches along until they lie even all round it.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Base

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in MR, pull the tail to close the ring, 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)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 3 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 4 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(54 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(60 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 5 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(66 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 12.** The base should measure about 6½ in (16.5 cm) across.

Ribbed foot

☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 2, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	(72 dc)
☐ **Rnds 14 to 16**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next 2 sts, BPdc around next 2 sts**] 18 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	(36 FPdc, 36 BPdc)

14 15 16

Slot

☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	Ch 1, sc in next 27 sts, ch 18, sk next 18 sts, sc in next 27 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(54 sc, 1 ch-18 sp)
☐ **Rnd 19**	Ch 1, sc in next 27 sts, 18 sc in next ch-18 sp, sc in next 27 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)

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☐ **Rnds 20 to 21**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)

20 21

Mesh

☐ **Rnd 22**	With A, ch 3, **[**tr in next st, ch 3, sk next 3 sts**] 18 times**, sl st in first tr to join	(18 tr, 18 ch-3 sps)
☐ **Rnds 23 to 29**	Ch 3, **[**tr in next st, ch 3, sk next ch-3 sp**] 18 times**, sl st in first tr to join	(18 tr, 18 ch-3 sps)

23 24 25 26 27 28 29

Top

☐ **Rnd 30**	With B, ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 3 sc in next ch-3 sp**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnds 31 to 34**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)

31 32 33 34

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

Onion flap

Yarn A, natural.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 23.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(22 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(22 sc)

2 3 4 5 6

☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 4 sts, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, sc in next 10 sts, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts	(18 sc, 2 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 4 sts	(22 sc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(22 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Onion strap

Yarn B, onion plum.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(5 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 60**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(5 sc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 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 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57
58 59 60

☐ **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).	

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Potato bag

Yarns in order of use: C, potato tan; A, natural.

The ring goes into round 37. Lay it along the top of round 36, on the inside, and work every stitch of round 37 over it: put the hook into the stitch and under the ring, so that the ring lies inside the stitches. When the round is done, push the stitches along until they lie even all round it.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Base

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in MR, pull the tail to close the ring, 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)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 3 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 4 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(54 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(60 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 5 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(66 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 1, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 6 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(78 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(84 sc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 14.** The base should measure about 7¾ in (19.5 cm) across.

Ribbed foot

☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 2, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	(84 dc)
☐ **Rnds 16 to 18**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next 2 sts, BPdc around next 2 sts**] 21 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	(42 FPdc, 42 BPdc)

16 17 18

Slot

☐ **Rnd 19**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(84 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 20**	Ch 1, sc in next 32 sts, ch 20, sk next 20 sts, sc in next 32 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(64 sc, 1 ch-20 sp)
☐ **Rnd 21**	Ch 1, sc in next 32 sts, 20 sc in next ch-20 sp, sc in next 32 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(84 sc)
☐ **Rnds 22 to 23**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(84 sc)

22 23

Mesh

☐ **Rnd 24**	With A, ch 3, **[**tr in next st, ch 3, sk next 3 sts**] 21 times**, sl st in first tr to join	(21 tr, 21 ch-3 sps)
☐ **Rnds 25 to 33**	Ch 3, **[**tr in next st, ch 3, sk next ch-3 sp**] 21 times**, sl st in first tr to join	(21 tr, 21 ch-3 sps)

25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33

Top

☐ **Rnd 34**	With C, ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 3 sc in next ch-3 sp**] 21 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(84 sc)
☐ **Rnds 35 to 38**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(84 sc)

35 36 37 38

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

Potato flap

Yarn A, natural.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 25.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(24 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(24 sc)

2 3 4 5 6

☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 4 sts, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, sc in next 12 sts, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts	(20 sc, 2 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 4 sts	(24 sc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(24 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Potato strap

Yarn C, potato tan.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(5 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 66**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(5 sc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 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 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57

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58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66

☐ **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. Weave in all the tails of the two bags and of the flaps, on the wrong side, and the starting tail of each strap. Leave the long tails of the straps.

2. The flap. The join of the rounds is the middle of the back, and the slot is in the middle of the front. The foundation edge of the flap is its upper edge and its right side is out. Lay the flap over the slot, its upper edge along the line between the round above the slot (round 19 of the onion bag, round 21 of the potato bag) and the round after it, its middle over the middle of the slot, so that it reaches 2 stitches past the slot at each side. Pin it.

3. Cut a length of A for each flap: 30 in (76 cm) for the onion bag, 32 in (81.5 cm) for the potato bag. Begin at one end of the upper edge with a tail of 6 in (15 cm) on the inside of the bag. Sew the upper edge down: bring the needle from the inside up through the flap one row below its upper edge and down through the bag beside the edge, one stitch for each of the 22 or 24 stitches. Do not sew the sides. Take the needle to the inside, fasten off and weave in both ends there. Take out the pins.

4. Buttons. Let the flap hang straight down over the slot. Through the middle of each buttonhole put a marker into the ribbed foot beneath. With sewing thread sew a button at each marker, through the foot, with six stitches, and knot the two ends of the thread on the inside. Take out the markers. Button the flap.

5. The strap. Its two ends lie on the outside of the top, at the two sides of the bag. Count the stitches of the last round from its join at the middle of the back, the first stitch of the round as 1. In the onion bag the 5 stitches of one end lie over stitches 16 to 20 and those of the other end over stitches 52 to 56; in the potato bag over stitches 19 to 23 and 61 to 65. The last 4 rows of each end lie flat on the last 4 rounds of the bag, its short edge down, and the rest of the strap stands up above the top, its right side out and not twisted.

6. Sew one end down with its long tail and the other with the new length, leaving 6 in (15 cm) of that at its start on the inside. Begin at a lower corner, for the first end the one where the tail hangs. Along an edge bring the needle up through the strap one stitch in from the edge and down through the bag beside the edge. Work 5 stitches along the short edge to the other lower corner and 4 up the side there. Go across the strap just below the top edge of the bag, up through bag and strap in one stitch of the strap and down through both in the next, over its 5 stitches. Then work 4 stitches down the other side to the corner where you began. At the ring take the needle past it, through the stitches only. Fasten off on the inside and weave in the ends there.

7. Fill the bags with the mouth open and the flap buttoned. Hang them where it is dark and dry, and the onions and the potatoes apart from each other.

Finishing

- Pull each bag straight down from its ring, so that the squares of the mesh open and the rounds lie level.

In all: 6 pieces; 4,634 stitches (1,602 in the onion bag, 194 in the onion flap, 300 in the onion strap, 1,996 in the potato bag, 212 in the potato flap, 330 in the potato strap).

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