Heart crossbody purse

Girl · US terms



Finished size

About 7¼ in (18.5 cm) wide and 6½ in (16.5 cm) tall with its ruffle, 1½ in (4 cm) deep, with about 28 in (71 cm) of strap between its sewn ends

Skill

Intermediate

The hearts are shaped in every round, and a zipper is sewn in by hand.

Yarn

Light (3), 2 colors

Hook

3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge

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

In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: cherry, the hearts and the gusset	**about 110 yd (101 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: blush, the line, the ruffle, the strap and the tassel	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: two stitch markers, a piece of card 2 in (5 cm) wide, for the tassel, a yarn needle, pins, sewing thread and a sewing needle, scissors and a nylon zipper 4 in (10 cm) long, in red or pink.

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
Girl (this file)	**7¼ in (18.5 cm) wide, 6½ in (16.5 cm) tall**	**about 165 yd (151 m)**
Teen	9¾ in (25 cm) wide, 8¾ in (22 cm) tall	about 275 yd (251 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)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sc3tog	single crochet 3 stitches together (UK dc3tog)
st	stitch
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

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

20 stitches and 11 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet, worked in the round.

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 10 the heart 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.

Before you start

- A heart is worked round a chain. Round 1 goes along one side of the chain, with 3 stitches in its middle chain, which is the point, and 3 in the last chain, and back along the other side; the chain folds to a V, with the point below. Its right side is the side that faces you.
- Each round of a heart, and the ruffle, is joined with a slip stitch in its first stitch. The chain of 1 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 3 sc in one stitch always go into the middle one of the 3 at the point below. The sc3tog is at the cleft between the lobes; from round 3 on its middle stitch is the sc3tog of the round before.
- 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, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). Where only one or two rounds are worked before the old yarn is used again, do not cut it: carry it loosely up the inside.
- The gusset and the strap are worked in rows. The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- 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 strap begin with more chains: for every 4 in (10 cm) you want to add, as many more chains as the gauge has stitches in 4 in (10 cm). Every row then has as many more stitches. The yarn is worked out for the strap as it is written.
- Colors of a heart, round by round. Rounds 1 to 6: A. Round 7: B. Rounds 8 to 10: A.

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Instructions

Chosen: Girl. 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 sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, dc is treble, sc3tog is dc3tog and sk is miss.

Heart: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, cherry; B, blush.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 22.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 9 chs, 3 sc in next ch, sc in next 9 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 19 chs, 2 sc in last ch, sl st in first sc to join	**(46 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, **[**2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 8 sts, sc3tog, sc in next 8 sts, **[**2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(52 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 7 sts, sc3tog, sc in next 7 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(58 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 6 sts, sc3tog, sc in next 6 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(64 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 5 sts, sc3tog, sc in next 5 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(70 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 4 sts, sc3tog, sc in next 4 sts, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(76 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	With B, ch 1, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 20 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 3 sts, sc3tog, sc in next 3 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(82 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	With A, ch 1, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 2 sts, sc3tog, sc in next 2 sts, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(88 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 24 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next st, sc3tog, sc in next st, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(94 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 18 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 18 sts, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc3tog, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(100 sc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 10. The heart should measure about 6½ in (16.5 cm) across at its widest and 5¾ in (14.5 cm) from the top of a lobe straight down to the level of the point.

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

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Gusset

Yarn A, cherry.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 79.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(78 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(78 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 8: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8

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

Ruffle

Yarn B, blush.

Join B with a slip stitch in the front loop of the first stitch of round 10 of the front. Every stitch of the ruffle goes into a front loop; the back loops stay free for the gusset. The first single crochet goes into the loop where B is joined, and each shell of 5 double crochet (UK treble) goes into one loop.

☐ **Foundation**	The free front loops of round 10 of the front, RS facing; 100 stitches.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	**[**Sc in next st, sk next st, 5 dc in next st, sk next st**] 25 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(25 sc, 125 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Strap

Yarn B, blush.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 151.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(150 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(150 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 3: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30 cm) to sew one end. To sew the other end, cut a new length of the same yarn, also 12 in (30 cm).	

Assembly

1. Take one heart as the front. Lay it right side up with its point toward you. The cleft is the stitch of round 10 that takes 3 together, between the two lobes. From the cleft count 22 stitches to the right along the edge of the right lobe, the cleft not counted, and put a marker in the 22nd. Lay the other heart, the back, right side up in the same way, count 22 stitches to the left of its cleft and put a marker in the 22nd. With the two wrong sides together the markers lie one behind the other. The 22 stitches between the cleft and the marker are for the zipper, and the other 78, the cleft among them, for the gusset.

2. Work the ruffle into the front as written above, before anything is sewn.

3. Cut two lengths of A, each 56 in (142 cm) long. Hold the gusset to the front, the wrong sides of both toward the inside of the purse. The foundation edge of the gusset is sewn to the front: with one length, beginning at the cleft, whip stitch its 78 chains to the back loops of 78 stitches of round 10, one to one, from the cleft round the left lobe, down to the point and up the right side, to the stitch beside the marker. The ruffle stays outside.

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4. With the other length, sew the last row of the gusset to the back in the same way, all the right sides out, its 78 stitches to both loops of 78 stitches of round 10, beginning at the cleft of the back, so that the two clefts and the two points lie opposite each other.

5. Open the zipper. Lay it into the opening over the right lobe, its pull at the cleft when it is closed and its teeth outward. Pin one tape inside the edge of the front, the edge about 1/8 in (0.3 cm) from the teeth, and the other tape inside the edge of the back. With sewing thread, backstitch along the tape through the back loops of the front and then along the other through both loops of the back: each backstitch is about ¼ in (0.5 cm) long and begins where the last one ended. Fold the four ends of the tape to the inside, and sew each short end of the gusset over the zipper with whip stitches in thread.

6. The strap is about 30 in (76 cm) long. Lay 1 in (2.5 cm) of one end on the outside of the gusset, in the middle of its width, so that the strap leaves it at the marker and the end points down to the point of the heart. With its tail, whip stitch the 1 in (2.5 cm) down round all its edges. On the left side count 22 stitches from the cleft along the edge of the front, and sew the other end to the gusset below that place in the same way, with the new length. See that the strap is not twisted. Take out the markers.

7. For the tassel, wind B 20 times round a card 2 in (5 cm) wide. Slip a 10 in (25 cm) length of B under the loops at one edge of the card and knot it tightly, and cut the loops at the other edge. Wind a second length of 10 in (25 cm) five times round all the strands, ½ in (1.5 cm) below the knot, knot it and draw its ends inside. Tie the tassel to the pull of the zipper with the first length, and draw those ends down into it.

Finishing

- Weave the tails that are left in on the inside.

In all: 4 pieces; 2,684 stitches (730 in each heart, 624 in the gusset, 150 in the ruffle, 450 in the strap).

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