Japanese knot bag

Wrist · US terms



Finished size

About 8½ in (21.5 cm) wide laid flat and 5¼ in (13.5 cm) tall without the handles, the long handle about 14½ in (37 cm) and the short one about 7 in (18 cm)

Skill

Easy

It is single crochet, with one easy stitch pattern, simple decreases and a little cross stitch.

Yarn

Light (3), 2 colors

Hook

3.75 mm (US F-5)

Gauge

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

In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: indigo, the bag **about 175 yd (160 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: cream, the cross stitch **about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 75 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 3.75 mm (US F-5), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: two stitch markers, 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
Wrist (this file)	**8½ in (21.5 cm) wide, 5¼ in (13.5 cm) tall**	**about 185 yd (169 m)**
Market	12 in (30.5 cm) wide, 7¾ in (19.5 cm) tall	about 340 yd (311 m)

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Gauge

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

A round of moss stitch is as tall as a round of 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 7¼ in (18.5 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.

Notes

- The rounds are joined with a slip stitch in their first single crochet. The chain of 1 at the start of a round or row does not count as a stitch; work the first stitch of a round into the stitch the round before was joined in. The right side faces you all the time in the rounds.
- 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.
- 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 slip stitch at the start of such a round only brings the hook to the first space; it is not counted and nothing is worked into it. The last chain 1 of a round passes over the single crochet of the round before that the slip stitch passed. In the round that ends the moss stitch there is one single crochet in every single crochet and one in every chain-1 space.
- The straps are worked in rows. In row 2 and after it the first stitch goes into the last stitch of the row before.
- sc2tog: draw up a loop in each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops on the hook. It makes one stitch of two.
- 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 band is rounds 22 to 29.

Instructions

Wrist. US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **st** stitch, **sp** space, **rnd** round.
sc2tog 2 sc made into one, **sk** skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 27 sts**: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 3 times: work what is inside 3 times in all.
(60 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Bag

Yarn A, indigo.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 30.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 27 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 27 chs, 2 sc in last ch, sl st in first sc to join	(60 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 27 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 27 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(66 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, sc in next 27 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 27 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 27 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 27 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(78 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sc in next 27 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 27 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(84 sc)

Stop and measure now, after round 5. The base should measure about 7¼ in (18.5 cm) long and 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide.

Sides

☐ **Rnds 6 to 7**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(84 sc)
	6 7	
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, sc in first st, ch 1, sk next st, **[**sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 41 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(42 sc, 42 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnds 9 to 20**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 1, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 41 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(42 sc, 42 ch-1 sps)
	9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	
☐ **Rnd 21**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 42 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(84 sc)

Band

☐ **Rnds 22 to 29**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(84 sc)
	22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29	

Above the band

☐ **Rnd 30**	Ch 1, sc in first st, ch 1, sk next st, **[**sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 41 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(42 sc, 42 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnds 31 to 32**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 1, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 41 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(42 sc, 42 ch-1 sps)
	31 32	
☐ **Rnd 33**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 42 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(84 sc)
☐ **Rnd 34**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(84 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

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Long strap: make 2

Yarn A, indigo.

Where the four straps stand: lay the bag flat with the two ends of the base at the side folds and the right side out, and put a marker in the edge at each side fold. There are 42 stitches of the last round from marker to marker, on the front and on the back. Leave 3 stitches free beside each marker, on the front and on the back; the next 12 stitches carry a strap, and 12 stitches stay free in the middle of the front and of the back, between the two straps there.

The two long straps are both at your left when the front faces you: one on the front, one on the back, beside the same side fold.

For each strap turn that side of the bag toward you, with the right side facing, and begin in the stitch of its place that is farthest to your right (to your left if you are left handed).

☐ **Foundation**	12 stitches of the last round of the bag, RS facing; 12 stitches.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 11 sts	(12 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(12 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog	(10 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(10 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog	(6 sc)
☐ **Rows 8 to 40**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(6 sc)

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

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30 cm) on one of the two, to sew with, and a tail of 6 in (15 cm) on the other.	

Short strap: make 2

Yarn A, indigo.

The two short straps are beside the other side fold, at your right, one on the front and one on the back.

For each strap turn that side of the bag toward you, with the right side facing, and begin in the stitch of its place that is farthest to your right (to your left if you are left handed).

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☐ **Rows 8 to 19**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(6 sc)

8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30 cm) on one of the two, to sew with, and a tail of 6 in (15 cm) on the other.

Assembly

1. Weave in all the tails on the wrong side, but not the two long tails. Have the bag right side out.

2. The cross stitch is worked with B on the eight rounds of the band, rounds 22 to 29, on the right side; the top one of them stays plain. Cross stitch: one slanting stitch from the lower left corner of a single crochet to its upper right corner, and a second over it from the lower right corner to the upper left. Each cross covers one stitch of one round, and in every cross the same slant lies on top. Cut B in lengths of about 40 in (101.5 cm) and weave in both ends of each on the inside, behind the crosses; carry the yarn loosely on the inside from cross to cross.

3. The crosses repeat over 12 stitches, 7 times round the bag. Count the stitches of each round from its first stitch, the one the round was joined in; after the 12th begin again at 1. In round 22: stitch 7; round 23: stitches 6 and 8; round 24: stitches 1, 5 and 9; round 25: stitches 1, 2, 4, 7, 10 and 12; round 26: stitches 1, 5 and 9; round 27: stitches 6 and 8; round 28: stitch 7. They make a diamond with a cross in its middle, and a small plus between two diamonds.

4. Sew the long handle. Bring the last rows of the two long straps together, edge to edge, right side out, without a twist. With the long tail whip stitch the 6 stitches of the one to the 6 stitches of the other, the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch. Take two small stitches on the wrong side, fasten off and weave in the ends there. The handle is now about 14½ in (37 cm) long, from rim to rim.

5. Sew the two short straps together in the same way, right side out. The short handle is about 7 in (18 cm) long.

6. To close the bag pass the long handle through the short one, from the side it stands on, and draw it up.

Finishing

- Pat the base flat and pull the straps straight.

In all: 2,928 stitches (2,124 in the bag, 264 in each long strap, 138 in each short strap).

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