Kitty cat bag

US terms



Finished size

About 5½ in (14 cm) across and 1¾ in (4.5 cm) deep, with about 9¾ in (25 cm) of strap between its sewn ends

Skill

Easy

It is flat circles, two small cones and two straight strips, sewn together.

Yarn

Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook

4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge

15 stitches and 16 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: marmalade orange, main color	**about 115 yd (105 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, contrast color	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: soft black, contrast color	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: rose, contrast color	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7). Also: five stitch markers, a yarn needle and scissors.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain stitch
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
MR	magic ring
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

15 stitches and 16 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

If the piece measures more than that, begin again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger hook.

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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 11 the side should measure about 5½ in (14 cm) across, laid flat and not stretched.

Before you start

- 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.
- The rounds are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- 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.
- The strap is a short one, to carry the bag in the hand. 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 short strap.

Instructions

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 sc is double crochet.

Side: make 2

Yarn A, marmalade orange.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 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)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	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	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	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	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	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	**(66 sc)**
Stop and measure now, after round 11. After round 11 the side should measure about 5½ in (14 cm) across.		
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20 cm).	

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Band

Yarn A, marmalade orange.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 8.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 47**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(7 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 47: tick them off as you go.

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

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). Cut two lengths of the same yarn, each 50 in (127 cm), to sew the band on with.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn A, marmalade orange.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 14 in (36 cm) for sewing. Flatten the ear, with the two points where stitches were added at its sides: its open edge is two layers of 8 stitches.	

Muzzle: make 2

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25 cm) for sewing.	

Eye: make 2

Yarn C, soft black.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25 cm) for sewing.	

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Strap

Yarn A, marmalade orange.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 45.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(44 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(44 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. Choose one side as the face. The right side of both sides, the side you see as you work the rounds, is the outside of the bag. On the face count 22 edge stitches of round 11 and put a marker in the first and one in the last of them. These 22 are the top; turn the face so that they are. Mark 22 stitches of the other side, the back, in the same way. From here on, the middle of the face is its magic ring, and distances are measured from there to the middle of the piece to be sewn.

2. On the face, sew an eye on each side, its middle 1 in (2.5 cm) to the side of the middle of the face and ½ in (1.5 cm) above it. Sew on the two muzzle circles side by side, so that they touch at a point ¾ in (2 cm) straight below the middle of the face. With D, sew a nose over the top of the place where they meet: four straight stitches that run from side to side, close below one another, the top one ½ in (1.5 cm) wide and each of the others a little shorter. With C, sew one stitch straight down from the nose, about ¼ in (0.5 cm) long, between the two circles. With C, sew two whiskers on each side: each is one stitch about ¾ in (2 cm) long that begins at the outer edge of the muzzle and runs outward, the two about ¼ in (0.5 cm) apart, the upper one slanting a little up and the lower one a little down.

3. Sew the open edge of one ear, both layers together, to the first 8 of the 22 stitches at the top of the face, and the other ear to the last 8 of them, one stitch of the ear to each stitch. The 6 stitches between the ears stay free.

4. Lay one long edge of the band along the edge of the back, all the way round from one marker to the other, leaving 22 stitches free at the top, and whip stitch it on with one of the long lengths (47 rows to 44 stitches). Take one row of the band with each edge stitch of the back, but two rows with one stitch in the 7th, 22nd, and 37th of the 44 stitches. Sew the other long edge to the edge of the face in the same way with the other length, so that the two openings lie opposite each other.

5. The strap is about 11¾ in (30 cm) long. Lay 1 in (2.5 cm) of one of its ends on the outside of the band, at one end of the opening and in the middle of the width of the band, so that the rest of the strap stands up out of the opening. Sew that end down round its three outer edges and across at the edge of the opening. Sew the other end of the strap to the other end of the band in the same way.

Finishing

- Weave all the other tails in on the wrong side.

In all: 10 pieces; 1,441 stitches (396 in each side, 329 in the band, 70 in each ear, 18 in each muzzle, 6 in each eye, 132 in the strap); 20 ends to weave in.

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