Mesh band tote bag

Medium · US terms



Finished size
About 13½ in (34.5 cm) wide laid flat and 10¾ in (27.5 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
It is worked in rounds, with increases in the base and chains over skipped stitches.

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 14 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: cornflower, the base, the bands between and the handles	**about 225 yd (206 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, the mesh bands	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). Also: a stitch marker, 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.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Small	10½ in (26.5 cm) wide, 8½ in (21.5 cm) tall	about 180 yd (165 m)
Medium (this file)	**13½ in (34.5 cm) wide, 10¾ in (27.5 cm) tall**	**about 290 yd (265 m)**
Large	16¼ in (41.5 cm) wide, 13¼ in (33.5 cm) tall	about 420 yd (384 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)
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

13 stitches and 14 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.

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 7 the base should measure about 11½ in (29 cm) long, laid flat and not stretched.

Before you start

- 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. From round 2 on, the increases stand at the two ends only; along the two straight sides work one stitch in each stitch.
- The base is not joined: work it in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- From the first round of the sides on, each round is joined with a slip stitch in its first stitch. The chain at the start of a joined round does not count as a stitch. Work the first stitch of a round into the stitch the round before was joined in.
- In the first round of each band of mesh each double crochet (UK treble) is worked into a single crochet (UK double crochet), and each chain of 1 passes over one single crochet. In the second round of a band each double crochet is worked into a double crochet, and each chain of 1 passes over a chain-1 space. The round after each band puts one single crochet in every double crochet and one in every chain-1 space.
- The handle round makes two handles: each is a chain that passes over skipped stitches, and the next round works one stitch into the chain space for every chain.
- 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).
- About 13½ in (34.5 cm) wide laid flat and 10¾ in (27.5 cm) tall, on a base about 11½ in (29 cm) long and 4 in (10 cm) wide. Each handle is about 16 in (40.5 cm) long.
- Colors, round by round. Rounds 1 to 11: A. Rounds 12 to 13: B. Rounds 14 to 17: A. Rounds 18 to 19: B. Rounds 20 to 23: A. Rounds 24 to 25: B. Rounds 26 to 29: A. Rounds 30 to 31: B. Rounds 32 to 37: A.

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Instructions

Chosen: Medium. 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 and sk is miss.

Yarns in order of use: A, cornflower; B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 26.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 23 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 23 chs, 2 sc in last ch	**(52 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 23 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 23 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	**(58 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next st, sc in next 23 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 23 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(64 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 23 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 23 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(70 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sc in next 23 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 23 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(76 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 23 sts, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 23 sts, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(82 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, sc in next 23 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 23 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	**(88 sc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 7.** After round 7 the base should measure about 11½ in (29 cm) long and 4 in (10 cm) wide. After round 7, slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Every round after it is joined. Work the first stitch of round 8 into the stitch you slip stitched in.

Sides

☐ **Rnds 8 to 11**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(88 sc)**

A box for each round, 8 to 11: tick them off as you go.

8 9 10 11

☐ **Rnd 12**	With B, ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 44 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(44 dc, 44 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 44 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(44 dc, 44 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	With A, ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 44 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(88 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 15 to 17**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(88 sc)**

A box for each round, 15 to 17: tick them off as you go.

15 16 17

☐ **Rnd 18**	With B, ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 44 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(44 dc, 44 ch-1 sps)**

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☐ **Rnd 19**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 44 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(44 dc, 44 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	With A, ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 44 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(88 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 21 to 23**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(88 sc)**

A box for each round, 21 to 23: tick them off as you go.

☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23

☐ **Rnd 24**	With B, ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 44 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(44 dc, 44 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 44 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(44 dc, 44 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	With A, ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 44 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(88 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 27 to 29**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(88 sc)**

A box for each round, 27 to 29: tick them off as you go.

☐ 27 ☐ 28 ☐ 29

☐ **Rnd 30**	With B, ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 44 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(44 dc, 44 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 31**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 44 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(44 dc, 44 ch-1 sps)**

Top

☐ **Rnd 32**	With A, ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 44 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(88 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 33**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(88 sc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 33.** Before round 34, check where the round starts. Rounds that are never turned lean a little, so the join moves away from the place where the base began. Lay the bag flat with the base folded along its middle, so that each end of the base is at a side fold. The handles are in the middle of the front and the back when the first stitch of the round, the one the round before was joined in, is the 5th stitch past a side fold, in the direction you work. If it is not, slip stitch in each stitch on to the next place where it is; round 34 starts there, and its first single crochet goes into the same stitch as the last slip stitch.

☐ **Rnd 34**	Ch 1, sc in next 10 sts, ch 52, sk next 16 sts, sc in next 28 sts, ch 52, sk next 16 sts, sc in next 18 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(56 sc, 2 ch-52 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 35**	Ch 1, sc in next 10 sts, 52 sc in next ch-52 sp, sc in next 28 sts, 52 sc in next ch-52 sp, sc in next 18 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(160 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 36 to 37**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(160 sc)**

A box for each round, 36 to 37: tick them off as you go.

☐ 36 ☐ 37

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

Finishing

- Weave every tail in on the inside.

In all: 37 rounds; 2,962 stitches; 18 ends to weave in.

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