Mesh laundry bag

Tall · US terms



Finished size

About 12 in (30.5 cm) across the base and 22½ in (57 cm) tall, with straps about 15 in (38 cm) long between their sewn ends, and a small bag about 6¾ in (17 cm) from side fold to side fold and 6½ in (16.5 cm) tall

Skill

Easy

It is worked in rounds from a flat base; the mesh is one round, repeated.

Yarn

Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook

5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge

16 stitches and 18 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: white, the mesh, the base of the small bag and the label pocket	**about 400 yd (366 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: navy, the base, the stripes, the bands, the straps and the cords	**about 450 yd (411 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 430 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). Also: a stitch marker, pins, a yarn needle, scissors and a tape measure.

Before you start

- The base of each bag 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, and the work is never turned. The chain of 1 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.
- 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.

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Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Short	11 in (28 cm) across, 19 in (48.5 cm) tall	about 725 yd (663 m)
Tall (this file)	**12 in (30.5 cm) across, 22½ in (57 cm) tall**	**about 850 yd (777 m)**

Gauge

16 stitches and 18 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in 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 25 the base should measure about 11½ in (29 cm) across, laid flat and not stretched. A range that is near enough is printed after that round. If the piece measures more than that, begin again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger hook.

16 stitches and 8 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet, worked in the round. The mesh has 8 rounds and 8 spaces to 4 in (10 cm).

Instructions

Tall. US terms.

sc single crochet (UK dc), **ch** chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **dc** double crochet (UK tr), **BLO** only the loop away from you, **sk** skip, **st** stitch.
2 sc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Sc in next 3 sts: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the hole under the chain. The hook goes in the hole, never into a chain.
[ ] 6 times: 6 times in all. (18 sc): the round now has 18; a check, not a step. Not 18? **Pull it back**.
Also: sp space, RS right side.
Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Laundry bag

Begin with yarn B, navy.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring. *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.*	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 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)
☐ **Round 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 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)

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☐ **Round 8**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Round 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)
☐ **Round 10**	**[**Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(60 sc)
☐ **Round 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)
☐ **Round 12**	**[**Sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(72 sc)
☐ **Round 13**	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	(78 sc)
☐ **Round 14**	**[**Sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(84 sc)
☐ **Round 15**	Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 7 sts	(90 sc)
☐ **Round 16**	**[**Sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(96 sc)
☐ **Round 17**	Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 8 sts	(102 sc)
☐ **Round 18**	**[**Sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(108 sc)
☐ **Round 19**	Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 17 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 9 sts	(114 sc)
☐ **Round 20**	**[**Sc in next 18 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(120 sc)
☐ **Round 21**	Sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 19 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 10 sts	(126 sc)
☐ **Round 22**	**[**Sc in next 20 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(132 sc)
☐ **Round 23**	Sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 21 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 11 sts	(138 sc)
☐ **Round 24**	**[**Sc in next 22 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(144 sc)
☐ **Round 25**	Sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 23 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 12 sts	(150 sc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 25.** The base should measure about 11½ in (29 cm) across. Anything from 11 in (28 cm) to 12 in (30.5 cm) is near enough. Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Every round after it is joined. Work the first stitch of round 26 into the stitch you slip stitched in, so that every one of the 150 stitches of round 25 is used once. Larger? Begin again with a smaller hook. Smaller? A larger hook.

Sides

☐ **Round 26**	Ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(150 sc)
☐ **Round 27**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(150 sc)

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Mesh

☐ **Round 28**	With A, ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 75 times**, sl st in first dc to join (75 dc, 75 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rounds 29 to 32** 29 30 31 32	Ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 75 times**, sl st in first dc to join (75 dc, 75 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Round 33**	With B, ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 75 times**, sl st in first dc to join (75 dc, 75 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Round 34**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 75 times**, sl st in first dc to join (75 dc, 75 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Round 35**	With A, ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 75 times**, sl st in first dc to join (75 dc, 75 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rounds 36 to 39** 36 37 38 39	Ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 75 times**, sl st in first dc to join (75 dc, 75 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Round 40**	With B, ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 75 times**, sl st in first dc to join (75 dc, 75 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Round 41**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 75 times**, sl st in first dc to join (75 dc, 75 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Round 42**	With A, ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 75 times**, sl st in first dc to join (75 dc, 75 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rounds 43 to 46** 43 44 45 46	Ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 75 times**, sl st in first dc to join (75 dc, 75 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Round 47**	With B, ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 75 times**, sl st in first dc to join (75 dc, 75 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Round 48**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 75 times**, sl st in first dc to join (75 dc, 75 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Round 49**	With A, ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 75 times**, sl st in first dc to join (75 dc, 75 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rounds 50 to 53** 50 51 52 53	Ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 75 times**, sl st in first dc to join (75 dc, 75 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Round 54**	With B, ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 75 times**, sl st in first dc to join (75 dc, 75 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Round 55**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 75 times**, sl st in first dc to join (75 dc, 75 ch-1 sps)

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☐ **Round 56**	With A, ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 75 times**, sl st in first dc to join	(75 dc, 75 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rounds 57 to 60** 57 58 59 60	Ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 75 times**, sl st in first dc to join	(75 dc, 75 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Round 61**	With B, ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 75 times**, sl st in first dc to join	(75 dc, 75 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Round 62**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 75 times**, sl st in first dc to join	(75 dc, 75 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Round 63**	With A, ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 75 times**, sl st in first dc to join	(75 dc, 75 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rounds 64 to 67** 64 65 66 67	Ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 75 times**, sl st in first dc to join	(75 dc, 75 ch-1 sps)

Band

☐ **Round 68**	With B, ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 75 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(150 sc)
☐ **Rounds 69 to 71** 69 70 71	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(150 sc)
☐ **Round 72**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, ch 1, sk next st**] 50 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(100 sc, 50 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Round 73**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 50 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(150 sc)
☐ **Rounds 74 to 76** 74 75 76	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(150 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Small wash bag

Begin with yarn A, white.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 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)
☐ **Round 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 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)

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☐ **Round 8**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Round 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)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 9.** The base should measure about 4¼ in (11 cm) across. Anything from 4 in (10 cm) to 4¼ in (11 cm) is near enough. Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Every round after it is joined. Work the first stitch of round 10 into the stitch you slip stitched in, so that every one of the 54 stitches of round 9 is used once.

Sides

☐ **Round 10**	Ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(54 sc)
☐ **Round 11**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(54 sc)

Mesh

☐ **Round 12**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 27 times**, sl st in first dc to join	(27 dc, 27 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rounds 13 to 15**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 27 times**, sl st in first dc to join 13 14 15	(27 dc, 27 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Round 16**	With B, ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 27 times**, sl st in first dc to join	(27 dc, 27 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Round 17**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 27 times**, sl st in first dc to join	(27 dc, 27 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Round 18**	With A, ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 27 times**, sl st in first dc to join	(27 dc, 27 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rounds 19 to 21**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 27 times**, sl st in first dc to join 19 20 21	(27 dc, 27 ch-1 sps)

Band

☐ **Round 22**	With B, ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 27 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(54 sc)
☐ **Round 23**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(54 sc)
☐ **Round 24**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, ch 1, sk next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(36 sc, 18 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Round 25**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(54 sc)
☐ **Round 26**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(54 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Carry strap: make 2

Yarn B, navy.

☐ **Start**	Ch 77.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(76 sc)

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☐ **Rows 2 to 5** 2 3 4 5	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(76 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 28 in (71 cm); it sews down the end it hangs from.	

Label pocket

Yarn A, white.

☐ **Start**	Ch 16.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(15 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 14** 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(15 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Edge of the label pocket

Yarn B, navy.

☐ **Start**	The label pocket just worked, 15 stitches and 14 rows; turn it so that its last row is at the top with the right side facing you.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, 3 sc in same st, sc in next 13 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in end of each of next 14 rows, 3 sc in next ch, sc in next 13 chs, 3 sc in next ch, sc in end of each of next 14 rows, sl st in first sc to join	(66 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 44 in (112 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the tails on the wrong side, each under stitches of its own color, but leave the tail of 28 in (71 cm) on each strap and the tail of 44 in (112 cm) on the edge of the label pocket.

2. Find the front. Lay the laundry bag flat, right side out, with the joins of the rounds at one side fold. The half that faces you is the front; its 75 stitches of round 76 run from one side fold to the other. The other half is the back.

3. Cords. For the laundry bag, with B, ch 280; sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across; fasten off with a tail of 6 in (15 cm) at each end. The cord is about 56 in (142 cm) long. For the small bag, with B, ch 130 and fasten off with the same tails; it is about 26 in (66 cm) long.

4. Thread the cord of the laundry bag through the spaces of round 72, before the straps are sewn on. Draw it through with one of its tails in the yarn needle. Begin at the space nearest the middle of the front: go in from the outside through that space, out through the next, and so on all the way round. It goes in and comes out 25 times and ends on the outside, through the space beside the one where it began. Thread the cord of the small bag through the 18 spaces of its round 24 in the same way, beginning at any space. Knot each end close to its last chain and trim the tails to about ½ in (1.5 cm).

5. Straps. On the front, put a pin in the top edge 15 stitches to each side of the middle. Lay one end of a strap on the outside of the band at each pin, right side up, so that the middle of the strap end is at the pin, its short edge lies along round 68, the first round of the band, and the strap points up. It covers the 9 rounds of the band, and the cord in round 72 lies beneath it. See that the strap is not twisted. Both ends are sewn down with yarn that begins at the bottom left corner, where the short edge meets the side at your left: at one end of the strap the long tail hangs there; for the other end take a new length of B, 28 in (71 cm), and begin with a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

6. Sew each end like this: bring the needle up through the strap one stitch in from its edge and down through the

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band beside the edge, one stitch for each stitch or row. From the bottom left corner work 5 stitches along the short edge to the right. Up the right side work 4, one for each of rounds 68 to 71; work none at round 72, the round of spaces, but let the yarn run on loosely across that round on the inside of the bag, over the cord where the cord is inside; then work 4, one for each of rounds 73 to 76, to the top edge of the bag. Work 5 across the strap to the left along that top edge. Go down the left side in the same way, 4, none at round 72, and 4, back to where you began. So each side of the strap is open at round 72, and the cord slides through there, between the strap and the band. Do not sew through the cord. Fasten off on the inside of the band and weave in both ends of the yarn there. Sew the second strap to the back in the same way, with pins 15 stitches to each side of the middle of the back, then pull the cord to and fro to see that it runs freely.

7. Label pocket. Lay it on the front, right side out, its last row at the top and its edge of B round it, in the middle between the side folds, so that its top edge lies along round 63, which is the fifth round of mesh below the band. The long tail hangs at the top right corner. With it sew the pocket to the mesh down the right side, along the bottom and up the left side: bring the needle up through the edge of the pocket and down through the mesh beneath, round a double crochet (UK treble) or a chain and not through an empty space, one stitch for each stitch of the edge. The top stays open. Work two stitches in one place at each top corner, fasten off on the inside and weave in the end.

Finishing

- Wash both bags as the yarn band says and dry them flat before they are used, so that they do not shrink later. In the wash, close the small bag with its cord tied in a bow.

In all: 5 pieces; 8,486 stitches (6,550 in the laundry bag, 900 in the small wash bag, 380 in each carry strap, 210 in the label pocket, 66 in the edge of the label pocket).

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.

Notes

- Where the pattern says BLO, put the hook under the back loop only; the front loop stays on the outside as a ridge, which makes the sides turn up from the base.
- Mesh: in its first round 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 every mesh round after it each double crochet is worked into a double crochet, and each chain of 1 passes over a chain-1 space. The first round of the band puts one single crochet in every double crochet and one in every chain-1 space. The chain of 3 at the start of a mesh round only lifts the hook; leave it loose behind the first double crochet.
- In the straps and the label pocket the chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- In the edge of the label pocket work one single crochet in the end of each row, and along the foundation chain one under each chain; the 3 single crochet in one place turn each corner.
- Colors of the laundry bag, round by round. Rounds 1 to 27: B. Rounds 28 to 32: A. Rounds 33 to 34: B. Rounds 35 to 39: A. Rounds 40 to 41: B. Rounds 42 to 46: A. Rounds 47 to 48: B. Rounds 49 to 53: A. Rounds 54 to 55: B. Rounds 56 to 60: A. Rounds 61 to 62: B. Rounds 63 to 67: A. Rounds 68 to 76: B.
- Colors of the small wash bag, round by round. Rounds 1 to 15: A. Rounds 16 to 17: B. Rounds 18 to 21: A. Rounds 22 to 26: B.

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