Drawstring produce bags, set of three

US terms



Finished size

About 5¼ in (13.5 cm) wide laid flat and 5½ in (14 cm) tall for the small bag, 6¾ in (17 cm) wide laid flat and 7¼ in (18.5 cm) tall for the medium bag, 8 in (20.5 cm) wide laid flat and 8¾ in (22 cm) tall for the large bag

Skill

Easy

Each bag is worked in rounds from a flat circle up, in one simple mesh.

Yarn

Light (3), 4 colors

Hook

4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge

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

In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: ecru, the bags	**about 250 yd (229 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: beet, the band and cord of the small bag	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: carrot, the band and cord of the medium bag	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: pea, the band and cord of the large bag	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. 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. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

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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)
BLO	back loop only
MR	magic ring
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

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

The mesh has 10 rounds to 4 in (10 cm).

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 8 the base should measure about 3¼ in (8.5 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.

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 base of each bag is not joined: work it in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- 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.
- 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, 2 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.
- 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.
- The three bags are worked in the same way, each from its own ring. For a taller bag work more rounds of mesh; 5 more rounds make it about 2 in (5 cm) taller.
- 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). Begin every yarn with a tail as long.
- Colors of the small bag, round by round. Rounds 1 to 19: A. Rounds 20 to 26: B.

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- Colors of the medium bag, round by round. Rounds 1 to 25: A. Rounds 26 to 32: C.
- Colors of the large bag, round by round. Rounds 1 to 31: A. Rounds 32 to 38: D.

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 sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, dc is treble and sk is miss.

Small bag

Yarns in order of use: A, ecru; B, beet.

☐ **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)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 8.** The base should measure about 3¼ in (8.5 cm) across. Anything up to 3½ in (9 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 9 into the stitch you slip stitched in, so that every one of the 48 stitches of round 8 is used once.

Sides

☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 24 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(24 dc, 24 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnds 12 to 19**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 24 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(24 dc, 24 ch-1 sps)**

A box for each round, 12 to 19: tick them off as you go.

☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19

Band

☐ **Rnd 20**	With B, ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 24 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 21 to 22**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(48 sc)**

A box for each round, 21 to 22: tick them off as you go.

☐ 21 ☐ 22

☐ **Rnd 23**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next 2 sts, ch 1, sk next st**] 16 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(32 dc, 16 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 16 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(48 sc)**

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☐ **Rnds 25 to 26**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(48 sc)**

A box for each round, 25 to 26: tick them off as you go.

25 26

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

Medium bag

Yarns in order of use: A, ecru; C, carrot.

☐ **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)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 10.** The base should measure about 4 in (10 cm) across. Anything up 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 11 into the stitch you slip stitched in, so that every one of the 60 stitches of round 10 is used once.

Sides

☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 30 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(30 dc, 30 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnds 14 to 25**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 30 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(30 dc, 30 ch-1 sps)**

A box for each round, 14 to 25: tick them off as you go.

14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

Band

☐ **Rnd 26**	With C, ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 30 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 27 to 28**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(60 sc)**

A box for each round, 27 to 28: tick them off as you go.

27 28

☐ **Rnd 29**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next 2 sts, ch 1, sk next st**] 20 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(40 dc, 20 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 30**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 20 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(60 sc)**

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☐ **Rnds 31 to 32**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(60 sc)**

A box for each round, 31 to 32: tick them off as you go.

31 32

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

Large bag

Yarns in order of use: A, ecru; D, pea.

☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**Sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(72 sc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 12. The base should measure about 5 in (12.5 cm) across. Anything down to 4¾ in (12 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 13 into the stitch you slip stitched in, so that every one of the 72 stitches of round 12 is used once.

Sides

☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 36 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(36 dc, 36 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnds 16 to 31**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 36 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(36 dc, 36 ch-1 sps)**

A box for each round, 16 to 31: tick them off as you go.

16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

Band

☐ **Rnd 32**	With D, ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 36 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 33 to 34**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(72 sc)**

A box for each round, 33 to 34: tick them off as you go.

33 34

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☐ **Rnd 35**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next 2 sts, ch 1, sk next st**] 24 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(48 dc, 24 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 36**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 24 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 37 to 38**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(72 sc)**

A box for each round, 37 to 38: tick them off as you go.

37 38

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

Assembly

1. Small bag. For the cord, with B, ch 100, about 17¾ in (45 cm) long, and fasten off with a tail of 6 in (15 cm) at each end. Lay the bag flat with the right side out, so that round 26 is folded in two halves of 24 stitches. Round 23 has 16 chain-1 spaces; begin at the one nearest the middle of one side, which is the front. Thread the cord in from the outside through that space, out through the next, and so on all the way round: it goes in and comes out 8 times and ends on the outside, through the space beside the one where it began. Tie a knot in each end of the cord, close to its last chain, and trim the tails to about ½ in (1.5 cm). Draw the bag shut and tie the two ends in a bow.

2. Medium bag. For the cord, with C, ch 115, about 20½ in (52 cm) long, and fasten off with a tail of 6 in (15 cm) at each end. Lay the bag flat with the right side out, so that round 32 is folded in two halves of 30 stitches. Round 29 has 20 chain-1 spaces; begin at the one nearest the middle of one side, which is the front. Thread the cord in from the outside through that space, out through the next, and so on all the way round: it goes in and comes out 10 times and ends on the outside, through the space beside the one where it began. Tie a knot in each end of the cord, close to its last chain, and trim the tails to about ½ in (1.5 cm). Draw the bag shut and tie the two ends in a bow.

3. Large bag. For the cord, with D, ch 130, about 23 in (58.5 cm) long, and fasten off with a tail of 6 in (15 cm) at each end. Lay the bag flat with the right side out, so that round 38 is folded in two halves of 36 stitches. Round 35 has 24 chain-1 spaces; begin at the one nearest the middle of one side, which is the front. Thread the cord in from the outside through that space, out through the next, and so on all the way round: it goes in and comes out 12 times and ends on the outside, through the space beside the one where it began. Tie a knot in each end of the cord, close to its last chain, and trim the tails to about ½ in (1.5 cm). Draw the bag shut and tie the two ends in a bow.

Finishing

- Each bag has four tails to weave in, all on the inside. Weave the tail of the magic ring into the base. At the color change, weave the tail of A to the left and the starting tail of the band color to the right, each along the first round of the band through the back of eight stitches, so that neither shows on the outside and nothing runs across the mesh. Weave the last tail into the last round of the band. The tails of the cord are not woven in: they are trimmed below its knots.

In all: 3 pieces; 3,792 stitches (848 in the small bag, 1,240 in the medium bag, 1,704 in the large bag).

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