Mini backpack with front pocket

Mini · US terms



Finished size
About 8 in (20.5 cm) wide, 9 in (23 cm) tall and 3 in (7.5 cm) deep, with straps about 14¼ in (36 cm) long between their sewn ends

Skill
Intermediate
The parts are plain rows of single crochet; the heart is in bobbles of a second color, and there is a good deal of joining.

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
18 stitches and 20 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: lilac, the bag, the straps and the heart **about 500 yd (457 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, the pocket and the edges **about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 280 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).
Fiber: cotton
Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a wooden button 1 in (2.5 cm) across, with sewing thread and a sewing needle, cotton batting for the straps, five stitch markers, pins, 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
Mini (this file)	**8 in (20.5 cm) wide, 9 in (23 cm) tall**	**about 565 yd (517 m)**
Large	12 in (30.5 cm) wide, 12½ in (31.5 cm) tall	about 985 yd (901 m)

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Gauge

18 stitches and 20 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

A row of bobbles is as tall as a row of single crochet.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Lay it flat and count the stitches and rows over 4 in (10 cm) in its middle. There should be 18 stitches and 20 rows. If you count more stitches than that, change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, change to a smaller hook. The swatch can be pulled out and its yarn used again.
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> | **Swatch foundation** | Ch 28. | |
> | **Swatch row 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across | (27 sc) |
> | **Swatch rows 2 to 30** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | (27 sc) |

Notes

- The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Row 1 and all the odd rows have the right side facing you.
- Bobbles: they are worked on even rows, with the wrong side facing you, and stand out on the right side. A bobble is one stitch; in the next row work one single crochet (UK double crochet) into its top.
- Two colors in the pocket: lay A along the top of the row below at the start of the first row of bobbles, and work over it all the way across that row and every row after it, to the last row of bobbles, the plain rows between with them. Where A is worked, B is carried in the same way. At each turn bring A up to the new row. To change color draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before. Cut A after the last row of bobbles, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- 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.
- Buttonhole: the 4 chains lie over 4 skipped stitches; in the next row work 4 single crochet round the chain.
- The front, the back and the band are A. The pocket is B, with the bobbles of rows 4 to 18 in A. The heart has 49 bobbles.

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Instructions

Mini. 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, **yo** yarn over the hook, **sk** skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
3 sc in next st: all in one stitch. **sc in next 32 sts**: one in each. **ch-4 sp**: the gap under four chains; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 2 times: work what is inside 2 times in all.
(36 sc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

bo (Bobble): [yo, insert hook in the place named, yo, pull up a loop, yo, pull through 2 loops] 4 times, yo, pull through all 5 loops on hook. Push it out to the right side.

Front

Yarn A, lilac.

The foundation edge is the bottom.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 37.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(36 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 45**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(36 sc)

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

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

Back and flap

Yarn A, lilac.

Rows 1 to 45 are the back, from the bottom up. The rows from 46 on are the flap.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 37.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(36 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 62**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(36 sc)

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 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57
58 59 60 61 62

☐ **Row 63**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 32 sts, sc2tog	(34 sc)
☐ **Row 64**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 30 sts, sc2tog	(32 sc)
☐ **Row 65**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 14 sts, ch 4, sk next 4 sts, sc in next 14 sts	(28 sc, 1 ch-4 sp)
☐ **Row 66**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 14 sts, 4 sc in next ch-4 sp, sc in next 14 sts	(32 sc)
☐ **Row 67**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 28 sts, sc2tog	(30 sc)
☐ **Row 68**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 26 sts, sc2tog	(28 sc)
☐ **Row 69**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 24 sts, sc2tog	(26 sc)

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☐ **Row 70**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 22 sts, sc2tog	(24 sc)
☐ **Row 71**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 20 sts, sc2tog	(22 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Band

Yarn A, lilac.

The band goes down one side of the bag, under it and up the other side: 45 rows, 40 rows and 45 rows.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 15.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(14 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 130**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(14 sc)

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 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57
58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85
86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112 113
114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124 125 126 127 128 129 130

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

Pocket

Yarns in order of use: B, cream; A, lilac.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 26.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(25 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(25 sc)

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☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; with B, sc in next 12 sts, with A, bo in next st, with B, sc in next 12 sts	(24 sc, 1 bo)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(25 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; with B, sc in next 10 sts, **[**with A, bo in next st, with B, sc in next st**] 2 times**, with A, bo in next st, with B, sc in next 10 sts	(22 sc, 3 bo)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(25 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; with B, sc in next 8 sts, **[**with A, bo in next st, with B, sc in next st**] 4 times**, with A, bo in next st, with B, sc in next 8 sts	(20 sc, 5 bo)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(25 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; with B, sc in next 6 sts, **[**with A, bo in next st, with B, sc in next st**] 6 times**, with A, bo in next st, with B, sc in next 6 sts	(18 sc, 7 bo)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(25 sc)

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☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; with B, sc in next 4 sts, **[**with A, bo in next st, with B, sc in next st**] 8 times**, with A, bo in next st, with B, sc in next 4 sts	(16 sc, 9 bo)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(25 sc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; with B, sc in next 4 sts, **[**with A, bo in next st, with B, sc in next st**] 8 times**, with A, bo in next st, with B, sc in next 4 sts	(16 sc, 9 bo)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(25 sc)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn; with B, sc in next 4 sts, **[**with A, bo in next st, with B, sc in next st**] 8 times**, with A, bo in next st, with B, sc in next 4 sts	(16 sc, 9 bo)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(25 sc)
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn; with B, sc in next 6 sts, **[**with A, bo in next st, with B, sc in next st**] 2 times**, with A, bo in next st, with B, sc in next 3 sts, **[**with A, bo in next st, with B, sc in next st**] 2 times**, with A, bo in next st, with B, sc in next 6 sts	(19 sc, 6 bo)
☐ **Rows 19 to 21** 19 20 21	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(25 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Edge of the pocket

Yarn B, cream.

The first stitch is the one at the right end of the last row. Work along the last row, down the left side, along the foundation chain and up the right side. The first and the last stitch or chain of the top and of the bottom are the corners.

☐ **Foundation**	The pocket just worked, 25 stitches and 21 rows; turn it so that its last row is at the top with the right side facing you.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, 3 sc in same st, sc in next 23 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in end of each of next 21 rows, 3 sc in next ch, sc in next 23 chs, 3 sc in next ch, sc in end of each of next 21 rows, sl st in first sc to join	(100 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 52 in (132 cm) for sewing the pocket on.	

Strap: make 2

Yarn A, lilac.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 73.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(72 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 12** 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(72 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 58 in (147.5 cm) for sewing the strap shut.	

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Hanging loop

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 25.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(24 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 3** 2 3	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(24 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 16 in (41 cm) to sew one end. To sew the other end, cut a new length of the same yarn, also 16 in (41 cm).	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the tails on the wrong side, except the long tails of the pocket edge, of the straps and of the hanging loop. Push every bobble out to the right side.

2. Pocket. Lay the front with its right side up and its foundation edge toward you, and the pocket on it, right side up, with the lower side of its edge along row 3 of the front and the point of the heart on the line up the middle of the front, between stitches 18 and 19. With its edge the pocket is 27 stitches wide, so 4½ stitches of the front are free at its left and 4½ at its right. The last row of the pocket is at the top, and the long tail hangs at its top right corner. Pin it. Sew it down along its right side, its bottom and its left side with the long tail: bring the needle up through the pocket one stitch in from its edge and down through the front beside the edge, one stitch for each stitch or row of the pocket. The top stays open. Take two stitches over each other at both top corners. Fasten off on the wrong side.

3. Straps. Cut two strips of batting 1 in (2.5 cm) wide and 15 in (38 cm) long. Lay one in the middle of the wrong side of a strap, fold the strap over it the long way, so that its first and its last row meet edge to edge, and whip stitch these two edges together with the long tail, one stitch for each of the 72 stitches. Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch, and draw the yarn snug. Fasten off and draw the end inside. The seam is at one long side of the strap. Do the same with the second.

4. Lay the back with its right side up and its foundation edge toward you; the flap reaches away from you. Straps, top ends: lay one end of a strap on the back, with its short end along the top of row 42 and the strap pointing toward you, its seam toward the middle of the back, and one stitch free between the strap and the line up the middle of the back. Cut a length of A about 24 in (61 cm) long and sew the last 4 stitches of the strap down, through the strap and the back: along the short end, along both sides, and across the strap. Backstitch: bring the needle up one stitch length ahead, go down where the last stitch ended, and so on. Fasten off on the wrong side. Lay the second strap on the other side of the middle in the same way, as a mirror of the first.

5. Straps, bottom ends: bring the other end of each strap down without a twist and lay it on the back with its short end along the top of row 2 and its outer side 2 stitches in from the side edge of the back, so that the strap points away from you. Sew its last 4 stitches down in the same way. The straps are longer than the way between and stand off in a bow.

6. Hanging loop. It is a small arch on the back, its right side up, above the straps. Lay one end upright over rows 43 to 45, its short end along the foot of row 43, with 2 stitches free between it and the line up the middle of the back, and the other end in the same way on the other side of the middle, so that the loop curves over past row 45 without a twist. Sew the 3 stitches at each end down, one end with the long tail, the other with the new length of B: bring the needle up through the loop one stitch in from its edge and down through the back beside the edge, one stitch for each stitch or row, along the short end, up both sides and across along the top of row 45. Fasten off on the wrong side.

7. Front and band. Put markers in both long edges of the band after row 45 and after row 85: these are the bottom corners. Hold the front and the band with the wrong sides together, the front facing you, row 1 of the band at the top

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of the left side of the front (left-handed, of the right side). With B, begin there and work through both edges with single crochet (UK double crochet), down the left side of the front: 1 in the end of each of the 45 rows of the front and of the band; then along the foundation edge of the front: 1 in each chain, but 2 in every ninth, 40 in all, with 1 in the end of each of 40 rows of the band; then up the right side: 1 in the end of each of 45 rows. Fasten off. Left-handed, go down the right side first.

8. Back and band. Join the other long edge of the band to the back in the same way: hold them with the wrong sides together and the back facing you, its foundation edge down. Begin at your left, at the top of row 45 of the back, where the flap begins; go down that side, along the bottom, with 2 in every ninth chain, and up the other side to the top of row 45. Do not fasten off. Go on round the flap, through the flap alone: 1 single crochet in the end of each of its 26 rows up the side, 3 in the first stitch of its last row, 1 in each of the next 20 stitches, 3 in the last stitch, and 1 in the end of each of 26 rows down the other side. Slip stitch in the first single crochet of the seam and fasten off. Weave in the tails on the inside.

9. Push the tops of the two sides inward, between the front and the back, so that the bag is only about 1¼ in (3 cm) deep at its top, and fold the flap over to the front. Mark the place on the front under the middle of the buttonhole, above the pocket, and sew the button there with sewing thread, through the front only.

Finishing

- Push the corners out from inside. Close the flap and let the bag stand with a small cushion in it overnight.

In all: 7 pieces.

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