Mini mochila bag with a flower base

Mini · US terms



Finished size
About 6 in (15 cm) wide laid flat and 7 in (18 cm) tall, with a strap about 43½ in (110.5 cm) long

Skill
Easy
It is all single crochet in unjoined rounds, with never more than two colors in a round.

Yarn
Light (3), 3 colors

Hook
3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge
21 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: navy, the base, the foot and the top	**about 95 yd (87 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, the petals and the crosses	**about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: coral, the middle of the sides and the cord	**about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 100 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a stitch marker, a yarn needle, scissors and a piece of card 2¼ in (5.5 cm) wide, for the tassels.

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)	**6 in (15 cm) wide, 7 in (18 cm) tall**	**about 260 yd (238 m)**
Small	9¼ in (23.5 cm) wide, 9½ in (24 cm) tall	about 440 yd (402 m)

Gauge

21 stitches and 22 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 8 the base should measure about 3 in (7.5 cm) across, laid flat and not stretched. 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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Notes

- 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 base grows by 8 stitches in a round, but every fourth round of it is worked without increases: so it lies flat. Where two single crochet (UK double crochet) go into one stitch, both are in the same color.
- The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch. That is the strap, the only part worked in rows.
- Tapestry crochet: where two or more colors share a round, lay the color or colors of that round not in use along the top of the round before and work over them, all the way round, so that they are carried inside the stitches.
- In the rows of the strap that have two colors carry the one not in use in the same way, from one end of the row to the other, so that it is there when you turn. In a wrong side row bring the old yarn to the front, toward you, before you draw the new yarn through, so that the yarns always cross on the wrong side.
- Rounds that are never turned lean: each stitch stands slightly right of the one below (slightly left of it if you are left-handed), about one stitch in 5 rounds. The figures of the sides are corrected for it: after every 5 rounds the repeat begins one stitch later in the round than before. It is written into every line, so work each line as it stands. For the same reason the start of the round drifts round the bag as it rises.
- To change color, at the start of a round or row or inside it, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before. In rounds and rows of one color nothing is carried.
- Where two colors share a round, cut nothing at a change: the color you leave is carried. Once a color is no longer in the rounds: where only one or two rounds are worked before it is used again, carry it loosely up the inside; where more are worked, or it is not used again, cut it, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). In the strap cut A after row 1 and begin it anew for row 6, and cut B and C after row 5.
- Colors. Bag. Rounds 1 to 3: C. Rounds 4 to 10: A and B. Rounds 11 to 12: A. Round 13: C. Round 14: A. Rounds 15 to 20: A and B. Round 21: A. Round 22: C. Round 23: B. Rounds 24 to 26: B and C. Rounds 27 to 28: C. Rounds 29 to 34: B and C. Rounds 35 to 36: C. Rounds 37 to 39: A and C. Round 40: A. Round 41: B. Rounds 42 to 47: A. Round 48: C. Strap. Row 1: A. Rows 2 to 5: B and C. Row 6: A.
- Each repeat of the sides is 8 stitches and is worked 8 times in a round.

Instructions

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ch chain, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **MR** magic ring, **st** stitch, **sp** space, **rnd** round.

sk skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows.

2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 2 sts**: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.

[ ] 8 times: work what is inside 8 times in all.

(8 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Bag

Yarns in order of use: C, coral; A, navy; B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
Base		
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	8 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(8 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 8 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**With A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next st, with A, sc in next st**] 8 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**With A, sc in next st, with B, 2 sc in next st, with A, sc in next st**] 8 times**	(32 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**With A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, with A, sc in next st**] 8 times**	(40 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**With A, sc in next st, with B, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next st**] 8 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**With A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next st**] 8 times**	(48 sc)

Stop and measure now, after round 8. The base should measure about 3 in (7.5 cm) across.

☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**With A, sc in next st, with B, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next st**] 8 times**	(56 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**With A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 4 sts, with A, 2 sc in next st**] 8 times**	(64 sc)

Sides

☐ **Rnds 11 to 12** 11 12	Sc in each st around	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	With C, sc in each st around	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	With A, sc in each st around	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**With A, sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 3 sts**] 8 times**	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**With A, sc in next 4 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts**] 8 times**	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnds 17 to 18** 17 18	**[**With A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 6 sts**] 8 times**	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnds 19 to 20** 19 20	**[**With A, sc in next 4 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts**] 8 times**	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnd 21**	Sc in each st around	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnd 22**	With C, sc in each st around	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnd 23**	With B, sc in each st around	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**With B, sc in next st, with C, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 5 sts**] 8 times**	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnd 25**	**[**With C, sc in next 4 sts, with B, sc in next 4 sts**] 8 times**	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**With C, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts**] 8 times**	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnd 27**	With C, sc in each st around	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnd 28**	Sc in each st around	(64 sc)

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☐ **Rnds 29 to 30** 29 30	**[**With C, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts**] 8 times**	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnds 31 to 32** 31 32	**[**With B, sc in next 3 sts, with C, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 3 sts**] 8 times**	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnds 33 to 34** 33 34	**[**With B, sc in next st, with C, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next st**] 8 times**	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnd 35**	With C, sc in each st around	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnd 36**	Sc in each st around	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnd 37**	**[**With A, sc in next 2 sts, with C, sc in next 6 sts**] 8 times**	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnd 38**	**[**With A, sc in next 3 sts, with C, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next st**] 8 times**	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnd 39**	**[**With A, sc in next 4 sts, with C, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts**] 8 times**	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnd 40**	Sc in each st around	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnd 41**	With B, sc in each st around	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnd 42**	With A, sc in each st around	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnd 43**	Sc in each st around	(64 sc)

Top

☐ **Rnd 44**	Sc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 15 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next 2 sts	(48 sc, 16 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 45**	Sc in next st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next 3 sts**] 15 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next 2 sts	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnds 46 to 47** 46 47	Sc in each st around	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnd 48**	With C, sc in each st around	(64 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Strap

Yarns in order of use: A, navy; B, cream; C, coral.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 229.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(228 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; **[**with B, sc in next 2 sts, with C, sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next st**] 38 times**	(228 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; **[**with C, sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next 3 sts**] 38 times**	(228 sc)
☐ **Rows 4 to 5** 4 5	Ch 1, turn; **[**with C, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 3 sts, with C, sc in next 2 sts**] 38 times**	(228 sc)

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☐ **Row 6**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(228 sc)

Stop and measure now, after row 6. The strap should measure about 1 in (2.5 cm) wide.

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 24 in (61 cm) to sew one end. To sew the other end, cut a new length of the same yarn, also 24 in (61 cm).

Assembly

1. Weave in all the tails of the bag on the inside and all the tails of the strap on its wrong side, but not the long tail of the strap.

2. The strap is about 43½ in (110.5 cm) long and 1 in (2.5 cm) wide. Flatten the bag with the middle of a cross of the upper band of crosses in the middle of the front, so that there is a side fold at each side. Lay the end of the strap that has the long tail upright on the outside of the bag at one side fold, its right side out, the middle of its width on the fold and the rest of the strap pointing up. Its short end lies along the foot of round 39, and the strap covers rounds 39 to 43, the five rounds just below the round of spaces. With that tail sew it down all round the part that lies on the bag: bring the needle up through the strap one stitch in from its edge and down through the bag beside the edge, one stitch for each stitch or row of the strap, beginning at the corner of the short end where the tail hangs: 6 stitches along the short end to its other corner, 5 up the long edge there, across the strap along the top of round 43, and 5 down the other long edge. To go across bring the needle up through bag and strap in one row of the strap and down through both in the next. Fasten off on the inside.

3. Bring the strap over to the other side fold without a twist, and sew its other end on there in the same way with the new length of A, beginning at one corner of the short end and leaving 4 in (10 cm) at its start on the inside. Fasten off on the inside and weave in both its ends. From the middle of one end of the strap to the middle of the other there are 32 stitches of round 43, both across the front and across the back.

4. For the cord, with C, chain 185. Slip stitch in the 2nd chain from the hook and in each chain to the end, 184 slip stitches (UK slip stitch). Fasten off with a tail of 6 in (15 cm) at each end. The cord is about 28¼ in (71.5 cm) long.

5. Look straight up from the middle of the cross in the middle of the front to round 44, which has 16 chain-1 spaces. The space nearest to straight above it and the next one after it in the direction you worked are the two middle spaces; the ends of the cord then hang about one stitch to the side of the middle of the cross. Take one end of the cord in from the outside through one of the two, out through the next space on the side away from the other, in through the one after that, and so on all round the bag, passing behind the strap at each side. It comes out last through the other of the two, so that both ends hang at the middle of the front. Make both ends equally long.

6. Knot each end of the cord once and trim its tail to ½ in (1.5 cm).

7. Make two tassels. For each, wind B 24 times round the card, slip a 14 in (35 cm) length of B under the loops at one edge of the card and knot it tight in its middle. Take the loops off the card and cut them at the other edge. Wind a 12 in (30 cm) length of A six times round the strands about ½ in (1.5 cm) below the knot, knot its two ends together and hide them among the strands. Trim the strands level.

8. With the two ends of its tie sew one tassel to each end of the cord, over the knot there. Fasten off and hide the ends of the tie in the tassel.

9. Draw the cord up to close the bag and tie its two ends once, in a single knot, at the middle of the front.

Finishing

- Pat the bag into shape over your fist and let the strap hang straight.

In all: 2 pieces; 4,144 stitches (2,776 in the bag, 1,368 in the strap).

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