Mod flower tote

Medium · US terms



Finished size
About 12 in (30.5 cm) wide laid flat and 11¾ in (30 cm) tall, with handles about 14¾ in (37.5 cm) long

Skill
Intermediate
Two or three colors are used in the flower rounds, and those not in use are carried inside the stitches.

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: cobalt, main color	**about 250 yd (229 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: pink, contrast color	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: yellow, contrast color	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: white, contrast color	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). 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	10¼ in (26 cm) wide, 8¾ in (22 cm) tall	about 245 yd (223 m)
Medium (this file)	**12 in (30.5 cm) wide, 11¾ in (30 cm) tall**	**about 375 yd (343 m)**
Large	15½ in (39.5 cm) wide, 14¾ in (37.5 cm) tall	about 585 yd (536 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
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

14 stitches and 15 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 5 the base should measure about 10½ in (26.5 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.
- The rounds are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- 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.
- 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.
- To change color, at the start of a round or inside it, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before. Where two or more 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).
- Colors, round by round. Rounds 1 to 9: A. Round 10: A and B. Rounds 11 to 12: B and A. Round 13: A and B and C. Round 14: A and C. Round 15: A and B and C. Rounds 16 to 17: B and A. Round 18: A and B. Rounds 19 to 20: A. Rounds 21 to 23: D and A. Round 24: D and A and C. Round 25: A and C. Round 26: D and A and C. Rounds 27 to 29: D and A. Rounds 30 to 31: A. Round 32: A and B. Rounds 33 to 34: B and A. Round 35: A and B and C. Round 36: A and C. Round 37: A and B and C. Rounds 38 to 39: B and A. Round 40: A and B. Rounds 41 to 49: A.

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 sc is double crochet and sk is miss.

Yarns in order of use: A, cobalt; D, white; C, yellow.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 30.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 27 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 27 chs, 2 sc in last ch	**(60 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 27 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 27 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next st, sc in next 27 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 27 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 27 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 27 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(78 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sc in next 27 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 27 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(84 sc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 5. After round 5 the base should measure about 10½ in (26.5 cm) long and 2¾ in (7 cm) wide.

Sides

☐ **Rnds 6 to 9**	Sc in each st around	**(84 sc)**

A box for each round, 6 to 9: tick them off as you go.

6 7 8 9

☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**With A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 4 sts**] 7 times**	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 11 to 12**	**[**With B, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**	**(84 sc)**

A box for each round, 11 to 12: tick them off as you go.

11 12

☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**With A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with C, sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 4 sts**] 7 times**	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**With A, sc in next 3 sts, with C, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts**] 7 times**	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**With A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with C, sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 4 sts**] 7 times**	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 16 to 17**	**[**With B, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**	**(84 sc)**

A box for each round, 16 to 17: tick them off as you go.

16 17

☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**With A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 4 sts**] 7 times**	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 19 to 20**	Sc in each st around	**(84 sc)**

A box for each round, 19 to 20: tick them off as you go.

19 20

☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**With D, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 5 sts, with D, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next st, with D, sc in next st**] 7 times**	**(84 sc)**

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☐ **Rnds 22 to 23**	**[**With D, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 3 sts, with D, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next st, with D, sc in next st**] 7 times**	**(84 sc)**

A box for each round, 22 to 23: tick them off as you go.

22 23

☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**With D, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 5 sts, with D, sc in next 2 sts, with C, sc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	**[**With A, sc in next 9 sts, with C, sc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**With D, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 5 sts, with D, sc in next 2 sts, with C, sc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 27 to 28**	**[**With D, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 3 sts, with D, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next st, with D, sc in next st**] 7 times**	**(84 sc)**

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

27 28

☐ **Rnd 29**	**[**With D, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 5 sts, with D, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next st, with D, sc in next st**] 7 times**	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 30**	With A, sc in each st around	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 31**	Sc in each st around	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 32**	**[**With A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 4 sts**] 7 times**	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 33 to 34**	**[**With B, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**	**(84 sc)**

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

33 34

☐ **Rnd 35**	**[**With A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with C, sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 4 sts**] 7 times**	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 36**	**[**With A, sc in next 3 sts, with C, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts**] 7 times**	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 37**	**[**With A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with C, sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 4 sts**] 7 times**	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 38 to 39**	**[**With B, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**	**(84 sc)**

A box for each round, 38 to 39: tick them off as you go.

38 39

☐ **Rnd 40**	**[**With A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 4 sts**] 7 times**	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 41 to 43**	Sc in each st around	**(84 sc)**

A box for each round, 41 to 43: tick them off as you go.

41 42 43

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Top and handles

☐ **Rnds 44 to 45**	Sc in each st around	**(84 sc)**

A box for each round, 44 to 45: tick them off as you go.

44 45

☐ **Rnd 46**	Sc in next 12 sts, ch 52, sk next 14 sts, sc in next 28 sts, ch 52, sk next 14 sts, sc in next 16 sts	**(56 sc, 2 ch-52 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 47**	Sc in next 12 sts, 52 sc in next ch-52 sp, sc in next 28 sts, 52 sc in next ch-52 sp, sc in next 16 sts	**(160 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 48 to 49**	Sc in each st around	**(160 sc)**

A box for each round, 48 to 49: tick them off as you go.

48 49

☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Finishing

- Weave every tail in on the inside.

In all: 49 rounds; 4,256 stitches; 10 ends to weave in.

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