Monster holder for plastic bags

US terms



Finished size

About 17¼ in (44 cm) around the body and 8¾ in (22 cm) tall, for used plastic bags, the fur, the eyes, the legs and the hanging loop not counted

Skill

Intermediate

The fur is loop stitch, the mouth is an opening in the wall, and the eyes, the teeth and the legs are sewn on.

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 (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: berry pink, the fur and the stripes	**about 200 yd (183 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: turquoise, the rim, the stalks, the legs and the loop	**about 95 yd (87 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: plum, the lips and the pupils	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: cream, the eyes, the teeth and the claws	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 180 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Fiber: acrylic or cotton

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: toy stuffing, about 1 oz (30 g), 5 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.

Gauge

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

The rounds of loop stitch are counted at the same height as single crochet rounds.

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 10 the bottom should measure about 5½ in (14 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.

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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.
- No round of any part is joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round. The teeth and the hanging loop are worked in rows.
- The body is worked with its wrong side, the inside, facing you in every round, because the loops come out at the back. Let the tube stand so that its outside is the side with the loops; do not turn it. The eyes and the legs are worked with the right side, the outside, facing you.
- The mouth: in round 18 the 20 chains pass over 20 stitches, and in the next round 20 single crochet (UK double crochet) are worked over those chains: the hook goes into the opening under them, so that the stitches wrap round the whole chain. They stand next to each other along it.
- Where the pattern says BLO, put the hook under the back loop only.
- sc2tog: draw up a loop in each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops on the hook.
- The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- To change color, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch 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.
- Colors. Body. Rounds 1 to 38: A. Rounds 39 to 43: B. Leg. Rounds 1 to 9: B. Rounds 10 to 11: A. Rounds 12 to 13: B. Rounds 14 to 15: A. Rounds 16 to 17: B. Rounds 18 to 19: A. Eyes. Rounds 1 to 9: D. Round 10 and on: B. The lips are C, the teeth D and the hanging loop B.

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **MR** magic ring, **st** stitch, **sp** space, **rnd** round.
sc2tog 2 sc made into one. **BLO**: only the loop away from you. **yo** yarn over the hook, **sk** skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows, **WS** wrong side, the back.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 3 sts**: one in each. **ch-20 sp**: the gap under 20 chains; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 6 times: work what is inside 6 times in all.
(6 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

loop-st (Loop stitch): Insert hook in the place named. Lift a forefinger behind the work so that the yarn lies over it in a loop about ¾ in (2 cm) long, catch both strands of that loop with the hook, the one in front of the finger and the one behind it, and draw both through the stitch, so that 3 loops are on the hook; then yo, pull through all 3 loops, and slip the long loop off the finger. It stands at the back of the work.

Body

Yarns in order of use: A, berry pink; B, turquoise.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Bottom

☐ **Rnd 1 (WS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)

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☐ **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 bottom should measure about 5½ in (14 cm) across. Anything from 5¼ in (13.5 cm) to 5½ in (14 cm) is near enough.

Fur below the mouth

☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in each st around	(60 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Loop-st in each st around	(60 loop-sts)
☐ **Rnds 13 to 16**	Repeat rnds 11 and 12 in turn: every even-numbered rnd is worked as rnd 12, every odd-numbered rnd as rnd 11.	

13 14 15 16

Mouth

☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in each st around	(60 sc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in next 20 sts, ch 20, sk next 20 sts, sc in next 20 sts	(40 sc, 1 ch-20 sp)
☐ **Rnd 19**	Sc in next 20 sts, 20 sc in next ch-20 sp, sc in next 20 sts	(60 sc)
☐ **Rnds 20 to 22**	Sc in each st around	(60 sc)

20 21 22

Fur above the mouth

☐ **Rnd 23**	Loop-st in each st around	(60 loop-sts)
☐ **Rnd 24**	Sc in each st around	(60 sc)
☐ **Rnd 25**	Loop-st in each st around	(60 loop-sts)
☐ **Rnd 26**	Sc in each st around	(60 sc)
☐ **Rnd 27**	Loop-st in each st around	(60 loop-sts)
☐ **Rnd 28**	Sc in each st around	(60 sc)
☐ **Rnd 29**	Loop-st in each st around	(60 loop-sts)

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☐ **Rnd 30**	Sc in each st around	(60 sc)
☐ **Rnd 31**	Loop-st in each st around	(60 loop-sts)
☐ **Rnd 32**	Sc in each st around	(60 sc)
☐ **Rnd 33**	Loop-st in each st around	(60 loop-sts)
☐ **Rnd 34**	Sc in each st around	(60 sc)
☐ **Rnd 35**	Loop-st in each st around	(60 loop-sts)
☐ **Rnd 36**	**[**Sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(54 sc)
☐ **Rnd 37**	Loop-st in each st around	(54 loop-sts)
☐ **Rnd 38**	Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, **[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog**] 5 times**, sc in next 4 sts	(48 sc)

Rim

☐ **Rnd 39**	With B, sc in each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnds 40 to 43** 40 41 42 43	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Lips

Yarn C, plum.

Turn the body so that its furry outside faces you, the rim up. The lower edge of the mouth is the 20 skipped stitches of round 17, the upper edge the 20 chains of round 18. Join C with a slip stitch in the skipped stitch at the right-hand end of the lower edge. (The body was worked with its inside toward you, so this is the last one of the 20 as they were worked.) Round 1: work the first single crochet (UK double crochet) in that same stitch and go to the left, one in each of the other 19; one in the side of the single crochet of round 18 that stands at the left corner; then turn the body upside down and go back along the upper edge, where the 20 single crochet of round 19 wrap the chains: one for each of these 20, worked round the chains. For each put the hook from the front to the back between that single crochet and the next one, close beside the chains, draw up a loop and finish the single crochet over the edge, so that the chains lie inside it; and last one in the side of the single crochet of round 18 that stands at the other corner: 42 in all. Then work round 2.

☐ **Foundation**	The edge of the mouth, the furry outside of the body facing you; 42 stitches.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in each st around	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(42 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Middle eye

Yarns in order of use: D, cream; B, turquoise.

Begin at the top of the eye. Stuff the eye firmly after round 9, and the stalk, from round 10 on, as you work it; leave its last 3 rounds empty.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)

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☐ **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)
☐ **Rnds 5 to 7** 5 6 7	Sc in each st around	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**Sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	With B, sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnds 11 to 18** 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 26 in (66 cm) for sewing.	

Side eye: make 2

Yarns in order of use: D, cream; B, turquoise.

Begin at the top of the eye. Stuff the eye firmly after round 9, and the stalk, from round 10 on, as you work it; leave its last 3 rounds empty.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(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)
☐ **Rnds 5 to 7** 5 6 7	Sc in each st around	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**Sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	With B, sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnds 11 to 15** 11 12 13 14 15	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 26 in (66 cm) for sewing.	

Tooth: make 2

Yarn D, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 5.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(4 sc)

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☐ **Rows 2 to 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(4 sc)
2 3 4		
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 14 in (35.5 cm) for sewing.	

Leg: make 2

Yarns in order of use: B, turquoise; A, berry pink.

Begin at the foot. Stuff the foot firmly after round 9 and the leg softly, all but its last 3 rounds.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(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)
☐ **Rnds 5 to 7**	Sc in each st around	(24 sc)
5 6 7		
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**Sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	With A, sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	With B, sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnds 14 to 19**	Repeat rnds 10 to 13 in order, over and over. The last rnd, rnd 19, is worked as rnd 11. (12 sc)	
14 15 16 17 18 19		
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

Hanging loop

Yarn B, turquoise.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 5.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(4 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 46**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(4 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		
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 18 in (45.5 cm) to sew one end. To sew the other end, cut a new length of the same yarn, also 18 in (45.5 cm).	

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Assembly

1. The body was worked with its inside toward you, and the loops are on the outside. Weave in its tails on the inside, the tail of the magic ring round the middle of the bottom, and those of the lips too. Weave in the starting tails of the teeth and the loop on their wrong sides; those of the eyes and the legs stay inside them. The long tails stay.

2. The places. The middle of the mouth is the middle of the front. Put a marker in the stitch of the rim that is straight above it, and one in the rim straight across, at the middle of the back, 24 stitches from the first.

3. The teeth. The last row of each tooth, where its long tail hangs, is its upper edge, and the foundation edge is its free lower edge. Lay row 4 of each against the inside of the upper lip, the right side of the tooth to the front, the tooth hanging down in the mouth. The inner edges of the two teeth are 2 stitches apart, each one stitch from the middle of the lip. With its long tail, beginning where it hangs, sew row 4 of each tooth to the inside of the lip, through the back of the stitches of round 1 of the lips, 4 stitches, and go back over them once. Fasten off on the inside.

4. The eyes. Press the last 3 rounds of each stalk flat, the two layers together: the open end is then two layers of 6 stitches. With its long tail whip stitch it shut, 6 stitches. Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch, and draw the yarn snug. The stalks stand inside the front of the rim. Lay the flat 3 rounds of each against the inside of the last 3 rounds of the rim, its shut end level on the line between rounds 40 and 41, so that the stuffed part of the stalk begins at the edge of the rim and stands up. The middle eye is at the marker, the side eyes 7 stitches to each side of it, measured to the middle of the stalk. With the rest of the tail sew the stalk to the inside of the rim: 6 stitches along its shut end and 3 up each side, one for each round, 12 in all, and go back over them once. Fasten off on the inside.

5. The pupils. Straight stitch: bring the needle up at one end of the line and down at the other. Each pupil is 8 upright straight stitches in C into the same two holes, ½ in (1.5 cm) apart, one above the other, so that they lie next to each other in an oval. It is on the front of the eye, its middle between rounds 5 and 6. Use a length of 24 in (61 cm) for each eye. Then, with a length of D 8 in (20.5 cm) long for each eye, make one stitch ¼ in (0.5 cm) long over the upper half of the pupil, at your right on all three. Bury all the ends in the eyes.

6. The legs. Press the open end of each flat. With its long tail whip stitch it shut, 6 stitches. Lay the shut end level on the outside of the body, along the line between the bottom and the fur, round 10, its middle 8 stitches from the point straight below the middle of the mouth, one at each side, the foot hanging down. With the same tail sew the shut end down, 6 stitches, and go back over them once. Fasten off on the inside.

7. The claws. With a length of D 16 in (40.5 cm) long for each foot make three straight stitches on the tip of the foot, on the part that faces front, one stitch apart: each is ½ in (1.5 cm) long and begins at round 2 of the foot and ends at round 4. Bury the ends in the foot.

8. The hanging loop. Both its ends are sewn to the inside of the back of the rim, next to each other, one at each side of the marker at the back, over the 5 rounds of the rim, the loop standing up. The right side of the loop is toward you on both ends as you look into the body. With the long tail sew the end that has it down along its short edge and up both its sides: bring the needle through the loop one stitch in from its edge and through the rim, one stitch for each stitch and row. Sew the other end in the same way with the new length. Fasten off on the inside and take out the markers.

9. Weave in all the tails that are left on the inside. Draw the loops of the fur out on the outside; do not cut them.

Finishing

- Draw the loops downward with your fingers round the mouth, so that the lips are seen.

In all: 9 pieces.

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