Moon phase bucket bag

US terms



Finished size
About 12 in (30.5 cm) wide laid flat and 8 in (20.5 cm) tall, with a strap about 35¾ in (91 cm) long

Skill
Intermediate
The moons and the stars are followed from stitch to stitch; two colors are used in those rounds and one is carried.

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.

You will need

Yarn A: night navy, the sky	**about 375 yd (343 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: moon cream, the moons	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: star gold, the stars and the cord	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: 2 stitch markers, 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.

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

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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 21 the base should measure about 7¾ in (19.5 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.

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 rounds are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- 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 rounds of one color nothing is carried. The stitches of rounds that are never turned lie a little to the right of those below them (to the left if you are left handed), so the pattern leans slightly as it rises. The moons lean with it, so the middle of the front is taken from the full moon itself when the strap is sewn on.
- From round 25 to round 57 keep the second marker in the 64th stitch of the round, where the repeat begins again, and move it up with the first. Each face is the same on both sides of its full moon, so the bag is the same for a left-handed maker.
- To change color in the bag, at the start of a round or inside it, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before. In the rounds of two colors cut nothing at a change: the color you leave is carried. After the last round of the moons, and of each band of stars, cut the yarn of the moons or stars, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm), and begin it anew where it is next used. At the change to C for the last round of the bag cut A in the same way. The color changes of the strap are told at the strap.
- For a longer strap begin with more chains: for every 4 in (10 cm) you want to add, as many more chains as the gauge has stitches in 4 in (10 cm). Every row then has as many more stitches.
- Colors, round by round. Rounds 1 to 24: A. Rounds 25 to 31: A and C. Rounds 32 to 34: A. Rounds 35 to 47: A and B. Rounds 48 to 50: A. Rounds 51 to 57: A and C. Rounds 58 to 64: A. Round 65: C.
- The moons are rounds 35 to 47. The repeat is 63 stitches wide and is worked twice, once for each face of the bag. In the order it is worked it holds a crescent, a half moon, the full moon, a half moon and a crescent, with two plain stitches or more between one and the next. The straight edges of the half moons and the horns of the crescents are turned away from the full moon. The rounds begin at a side of the bag, half way between two crescents.
- The stars are in rounds 25 to 31 and 51 to 57, in a repeat of the same 63 stitches. Each large star is seven rounds tall; the small ones are single stitches.

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 sc is double crochet and sk is miss.

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Bag

Yarns in order of use: A, night navy; C, star gold; B, moon cream.

☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 6 sts	**(78 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**Sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 7 sts	**(90 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**Sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(96 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 8 sts	**(102 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**Sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(108 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 17 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 9 sts	**(114 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**Sc in next 18 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(120 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	Sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 19 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 10 sts	**(126 sc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 21.** The base should measure about 7¾ in (19.5 cm) across.

Sides

☐ **Rnds 22 to 24**	Sc in each st around	**(126 sc)**

A box for each round, 22 to 24: tick them off as you go.

22 23 24

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☐ **Rnd 25**

[With A, sc in next 5 sts, with C, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 14 sts, with C, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 21 sts, with C, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 14 sts, with C, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times** **(126 sc)**

☐ **Rnd 26**

[With A, sc in next 5 sts, with C, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 8 sts, with C, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 5 sts, with C, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 10 sts, with C, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 10 sts, with C, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 5 sts, with C, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 8 sts, with C, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times** **(126 sc)**

☐ **Rnd 27**

[With A, sc in next 4 sts, with C, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 12 sts, with C, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 19 sts, with C, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 12 sts, with C, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times** **(126 sc)**

☐ **Rnd 28**

[With A, sc in next 2 sts, with C, sc in next 7 sts, with A, sc in next 8 sts, with C, sc in next 7 sts, with A, sc in next 15 sts, with C, sc in next 7 sts, with A, sc in next 8 sts, with C, sc in next 7 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times** **(126 sc)**

☐ **Rnd 29**

[With A, sc in next 4 sts, with C, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 12 sts, with C, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 5 sts, with C, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 7 sts, with C, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 5 sts, with C, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 12 sts, with C, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times** **(126 sc)**

☐ **Rnd 30**

[With A, sc in next 5 sts, with C, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 5 sts, with C, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 8 sts, with C, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 21 sts, with C, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 8 sts, with C, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 5 sts, with C, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times** **(126 sc)**

☐ **Rnd 31**

[With A, sc in next 5 sts, with C, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 14 sts, with C, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 21 sts, with C, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 14 sts, with C, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times** **(126 sc)**

☐ **Rnds 32 to 34** Sc in each st around **(126 sc)**

A box for each round, 32 to 34: tick them off as you go.

☐ 32 ☐ 33 ☐ 34

☐ **Rnd 35**

[With A, sc in next 7 sts, with B, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next 8 sts, with B, sc in next 7 sts, with A, sc in next 8 sts, with B, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times** **(126 sc)**

☐ **Rnd 36**

[With A, sc in next 8 sts, with B, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next 4 sts, with B, sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 9 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next 4 sts, with B, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times** **(126 sc)**

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☐ **Rnds 37 to 38** **[**With A, sc in next 9 sts, with B, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next 6 sts, with A, sc in next 4 sts, with B, sc in next 11 sts, with A, sc in next 4 sts, with B, sc in next 6 sts, with A, sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next 9 sts**] 2 times** **(126 sc)**

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

37 38

☐ **Rnds 39 to 43** **[**With A, sc in next 10 sts, with B, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 7 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 13 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 7 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next 10 sts**] 2 times** **(126 sc)**

A box for each round, 39 to 43: tick them off as you go.

39 40 41 42 43

☐ **Rnds 44 to 45** **[**With A, sc in next 9 sts, with B, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next 6 sts, with A, sc in next 4 sts, with B, sc in next 11 sts, with A, sc in next 4 sts, with B, sc in next 6 sts, with A, sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next 9 sts**] 2 times** **(126 sc)**

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

44 45

☐ **Rnd 46** **[**With A, sc in next 8 sts, with B, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next 4 sts, with B, sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 9 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next 4 sts, with B, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times** **(126 sc)**

☐ **Rnd 47** **[**With A, sc in next 7 sts, with B, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next 8 sts, with B, sc in next 7 sts, with A, sc in next 8 sts, with B, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times** **(126 sc)**

☐ **Rnds 48 to 50** Sc in each st around **(126 sc)**

A box for each round, 48 to 50: tick them off as you go.

48 49 50

☐ **Rnd 51** **[**With A, sc in next 13 sts, with C, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 35 sts, with C, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 13 sts**] 2 times** **(126 sc)**

☐ **Rnd 52** **[**With A, sc in next 4 sts, with C, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 8 sts, with C, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 4 sts, with C, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 12 sts, with C, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 12 sts, with C, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 4 sts, with C, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 8 sts, with C, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times** **(126 sc)**

☐ **Rnd 53** **[**With A, sc in next 12 sts, with C, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 33 sts, with C, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 12 sts**] 2 times** **(126 sc)**

☐ **Rnd 54** **[**With A, sc in next 10 sts, with C, sc in next 7 sts, with A, sc in next 7 sts, with C, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 13 sts, with C, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 7 sts, with C, sc in next 7 sts, with A, sc in next 10 sts**] 2 times** **(126 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 55**	**[**With A, sc in next 12 sts, with C, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 33 sts, with C, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 12 sts**] 2 times**	**(126 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 56**	**[**With A, sc in next 7 sts, with C, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 5 sts, with C, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 35 sts, with C, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 5 sts, with C, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	**(126 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 57**	**[**With A, sc in next 13 sts, with C, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 35 sts, with C, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 13 sts**] 2 times**	**(126 sc)**

Top

☐ **Rnds 58 to 60**	Sc in each st around	**(126 sc)**

A box for each round, 58 to 60: tick them off as you go.

58 59 60

☐ **Rnd 61**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, ch 1, sk next st**] 18 times**	**(108 sc, 18 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 62**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 18 times**	**(126 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 63 to 64**	Sc in each st around	**(126 sc)**

A box for each round, 63 to 64: tick them off as you go.

63 64

☐ **Rnd 65**	With C, sc in each st around	**(126 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, night navy; C, star gold.

Draw C through as the last yarn over of row 3 and cut A there; draw a new A through as the last yarn over of row 4 and cut C. Nothing is carried in the strap: leave a tail of 6 in (15 cm) wherever a yarn is cut and wherever a new one begins.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 189.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(188 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(188 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 3: tick them off as you go.

2 3

☐ **Row 4**	With C, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(188 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(188 sc)**
☐ **Rows 6 to 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(188 sc)**

A box for each row, 6 to 7: tick them off as you go.

6 7

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) to sew one end. To sew the other end, cut a new length of the same yarn, also 20 in (51 cm).	

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Assembly

1. The strap is about 35¾ in (91 cm) long and 1¼ in (3 cm) wide. Flatten the bag with the middle of one full moon in the middle of the front and the middle of the other in the middle of the back, 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, right side out, the middle of its width on the fold and the rest of the strap pointing up. Its end edge lies along the foot of round 55, and it covers rounds 55 to 60, the six rounds just below the round of spaces. With that tail sew it down round all four sides of the part that lies on the bag, the fourth across the strap just below the spaces.

2. Bring the strap over to the other side fold without a twist, and sew the other end on there in the same way with the new length of yarn. From the middle of one end to the middle of the other there are 63 stitches of the last round, both across the front and across the back.

3. For the cord, with C, chain 255. Slip stitch in the 2nd chain from the hook and in each chain to the end, 254 slip stitches (UK slip stitch). Fasten off with a tail of 6 in (15 cm) at each end. The cord is about 38¾ in (98.5 cm) long.

4. Find the two neighboring spaces that have the middle of the full moon straight below the gap between them, or nearly so, out of the 18 chain-1 spaces. 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. It comes out last through the other of the two, so that both ends hang side by side at the middle of the front.

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

6. Draw the cord up to close the bag and tie its two ends in a bow at the middle of the front.

Finishing

- Weave all the tails that are left in on the inside of the bag and on the wrong side of the strap.

In all: 2 pieces; 8,228 stitches (6,912 in the bag, 1,316 in the strap).

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