Moss stitch crossbody bag

US terms



Finished size
About 9¼ in (23.5 cm) wide and 9½ in (24 cm) tall, with a strap about 47¼ in (120 cm) long before sewing

Skill
Easy
It is worked in rounds from a chain, and the flap in rows.

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 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: camel, the bag and the flap **about 185 yd (169 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: dark chocolate, the strap **about 70 yd (64 m), an estimate**
Fiber: cotton
Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). Also: a stitch marker, a yarn needle, scissors and a button about 1¼ in (3 cm) across, with sewing thread and a sewing needle.

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.

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

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Gauge

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

There should be 14 stitches; rows worked back and forth are not quite as tall as rounds, so go by the stitches. 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.

The swatch. A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Work a swatch before you begin: ch 22; row 1, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across (21 sc); rows 2 to 22, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across (21 sc). Lay it flat and count the stitches over 4 in (10 cm) in its middle.

Swatch foundation	Ch 22.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(21 sc)**
Swatch rows 2 to 22	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**

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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Moss stitch: in its first round each chain 1 passes over a stitch. In every round after that, each single crochet goes into a chain-1 space of the round before, and each chain 1 passes over a single crochet. The first single crochet of a round goes into the first chain-1 space of the round before, past the first single crochet there, so the start of the round moves on one stitch in every round: move the marker with it. The last chain 1 of a round passes over the first single crochet of that same round, with two exceptions. In the first moss stitch round it passes over two stitches, the last stitch of the plain round and that first single crochet. In the last moss stitch round it passes over nothing, because the next round, of single crochet, begins in that first single crochet.

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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.

Bag

Yarn A, camel.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 32.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 29 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 29 chs, 2 sc in last ch	**(64 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around	**(64 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 32 times**	**(32 sc, 32 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnds 4 to 33**	**[**Sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 32 times**	**(32 sc, 32 ch-1 sps)**

A box for each round, 4 to 33: tick them off as you go.

☐ 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

☐ **Rnd 34**	**[**Sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 32 times**	**(64 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 35 to 36**	Sc in each st around	**(64 sc)**

A box for each round, 35 to 36: tick them off as you go.

☐ 35 ☐ 36

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

Flap

Yarn A, camel.

Lay the bag flat with the foundation chain as its bottom edge, so that 32 stitches of the last round lie on each side and each side fold falls between two stitches. The flap is worked into the back, the outside facing you, and 1 stitch is left free at each end. Join A with a slip stitch in the second stitch from the fold on your right (on your left if you work left-handed). Work the first single crochet of row 1 into that same stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	The top edge of the back, RS facing; 30 stitches.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in each st across	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 22**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(30 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 22: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22

☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 13 sts, ch 4, sk next 4 sts, sc in next 13 sts	**(26 sc, 1 ch-4 sp)**
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 13 sts, 4 sc in next ch-4 sp, sc in next 13 sts	**(30 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

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Strap

Yarn B, dark chocolate.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 166.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(165 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(165 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 5: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 18 in (46 cm) to sew one end. To sew the other end, cut a new length of the same yarn, also 18 in (46 cm).

Assembly

1. The strap is about 47¼ in (120 cm) long. Lay one of its ends inside the bag at a side fold, the fold at the middle of its width, so that 1 in (2.5 cm) of it lies over the top four rounds, and sew it down round all its edges. Sew the other end at the other side fold in the same way.

2. Fold the flap over the front and sew the button to the front under the buttonhole with sewing thread.

Finishing

- Weave every tail in on the inside.

In all: 3 pieces; 2,853 stitches (1,312 in the bag, 716 in the flap, 825 in the strap); 6 ends to weave in.

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