Moss stitch market 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
Easy
It is worked in rounds, with increases in the base and chains over skipped stitches for the handles.

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: eucalyptus, the base and the sides **about 200 yd (183 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, the top band and the handles **about 60 yd (55 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	9½ in (24 cm) wide, 9½ in (24 cm) tall	about 170 yd (155 m)
Medium (this file)	**12 in (30.5 cm) wide, 11¾ in (30 cm) tall**	**about 260 yd (238 m)**
Large	14½ in (37 cm) wide, 13¾ in (35 cm) tall	about 370 yd (338 m)

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.

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 10¾ in (27.5 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.
- 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.
- To change color, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before. Cut the old yarn at each change, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- Colors, round by round. Rounds 1 to 43: A. Rounds 44 to 49: B.

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, eucalyptus; B, cream.

☐ **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)**
☐ **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 10¾ in (27.5 cm) long and 2¾ in (7 cm) wide.

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Sides

☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**Sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 42 times**	**(42 sc, 42 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnds 8 to 41**	**[**Sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 42 times**	**(42 sc, 42 ch-1 sps)**

A box for each round, 8 to 41: tick them off as you go.

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

☐ **Rnd 42**	**[**Sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 42 times**	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 43**	Sc in each st around	**(84 sc)**

Top and handles

☐ **Rnd 44**	With B, sc in each st around	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 45**	Sc in each st around	**(84 sc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 45.** Before round 46, check where the round starts. Unjoined rounds lean a little, so the marker moves away from the place where the base began. Lay the bag flat with the base folded along its middle, so that each end of the base is at a side fold. The handles are in the middle of the front and the back when the marker stands 2 stitches past a side fold, in the direction you work. If it does not, work one single crochet in each stitch on to that place and move the marker there; round 46 starts from it.

☐ **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; 2,786 stitches; 4 ends to weave in.

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