Peppermint candy purse

Small · US terms



Finished size

About 6¾ in (17 cm) across without the fans and 11¼ in (28.5 cm) with them, 1¾ in (4.5 cm) deep at the side, with about 25¾ in (65.5 cm) of strap between its sewn ends

Skill

Intermediate

Two colors are used in each round of the swirl, and a zipper is sewn in by hand.

Yarn

Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook

4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge

15 stitches and 12 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In half double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: candy red, wedges, the edges and the strap	**about 115 yd (105 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, wedges, the fans and the middle of the strap	**about 120 yd (110 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: sewing thread in red, a sewing needle and pins, four stitch markers, a yarn needle, scissors and a zipper 8 in (20.5 cm) long in red or white.

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.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Small (this file)	**6¾ in (17 cm) across, 11¼ in (28.5 cm)**	**about 235 yd (215 m)**
Large	8¾ in (22 cm) across, 14 in (35.5 cm)	about 340 yd (311 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)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
MR	magic ring
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

15 stitches and 12 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet.

15 stitches and 17 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, worked in the round. The strap, the edge of the fans and the last round of each half are single crochet (UK double 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 8 the circle should measure about 5½ in (14 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. This is for the two halves; the fans and the strap are worked in rows.
- From round 3 on every wedge begins with its increase, 2 half double crochet in one stitch, worked into the first stitch of the wedge of the same color in the round below. So the wedges stay in step, and their edges curl to one side.
- 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. In the rounds with two colors cut nothing: the color you leave is carried. Cut B at the end of the last of these rounds. In the fans and the strap cut the old yarn at each change. Every cut end is a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- The chain of 2 or of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch: the first stitch goes into the last stitch of the row before.
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.
- Backstitch: bring the needle up one stitch length ahead, go down where the last stitch ended, and so on, with no space between the stitches.
- For a longer strap begin with 15 more chains for every 4 in (10 cm). Every row then has 15 more stitches, and it takes about 2 yd (2 m) more of A and 1 yd (1 m) more of B.
- Colors. The middle of each half, round 1, is B. From round 2 to round 12 each round has four wedges of A and four of B by turns. The last round is A. The fans are B with a last row of A. The strap has a row of A, a row of B and a row of A.

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Instructions

Chosen: Small. 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 hdc is half treble.

Front and back: make 2

Yarns in order of use: B, white; A, candy red.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	8 hdc in MR	**(8 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**With A, 2 hdc in next st, with B, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**	**(16 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**With A, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, with B, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st**] 4 times**	**(24 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**With A, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, with B, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts**] 4 times**	**(32 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**With A, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts, with B, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts**] 4 times**	**(40 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**With A, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts, with B, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts**] 4 times**	**(48 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**With A, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts, with B, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts**] 4 times**	**(56 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**With A, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts, with B, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts**] 4 times**	**(64 hdc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 8. The circle should measure about 5½ in (14 cm) across.

☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**With A, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts, with B, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts**] 4 times**	**(72 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**With A, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 8 sts, with B, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 8 sts**] 4 times**	**(80 hdc)**

Side of the candy

☐ **Rnds 11 to 12**	**[**With A, hdc in next 10 sts, with B, hdc in next 10 sts**] 4 times**	**(80 hdc)**

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

11 12

☐ **Rnd 13**	With A, sc in each st around	**(80 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Wrapper fan: make 2

Yarns in order of use: B, white; A, candy red.

Begin with a slip knot 24 in (60 cm) from the end of the yarn: this long tail gathers the fan and sews it on.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 8.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(6 hdc)**

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☐ **Row 2**	Ch 2, turn; 2 hdc in each st across	**(12 hdc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 2, turn; 2 hdc in each st across	**(24 hdc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 2, turn; **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 12 times**	**(36 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 5 to 6**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	**(36 hdc)**

A box for each row, 5 to 6: tick them off as you go.

5 6

☐ **Row 7**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(36 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Strap

Yarns in order of use: A, candy red; B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 105.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(104 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(104 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(104 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the tails on the wrong side but the long starting tail of each fan.

2. Mark the zipper place on each half. On the last round put one marker in the first stitch and one in the 30th stitch, so that 30 stitches lie from marker to marker, both counted: they stand over a red, a white and a red wedge.

3. The zipper is 8 in (20.5 cm) long. Fold the tape beyond each of its ends under and fasten each fold with two stitches of sewing thread. Shut the zipper. Both halves go on it with the right side out, the tape on the inside and the side with the pull on the outside. Lay the edge of one half, along its 30 marked stitches, on one tape beside the teeth, the pull at the marker in the first stitch. Pin it, bending the zipper round with the edge, and with sewing thread backstitch through the last round and the tape. Open the zipper all the way. Lay the edge of the other half on the other tape in the same way, with its 30th stitch across from the first stitch of the half that is sewn and its first stitch across from the 30th stitch, pin it and backstitch it on. Take the markers out.

4. Leave the zipper open. Each half has 50 stitches of the last round with no zipper. At each end of the zipper lay the last 1 in (2.5 cm) of one end of the strap on the wrong side of the same half, with the rest of the strap pointing away from the purse and the width of the strap along the 3 stitches of the edge next to the zipper. See that the strap is not twisted. For each end cut 12 in (30 cm) of A, whip stitch the two sides and the end of the strap down on the wrong side of the half, the needle taking up only the strands of the wrong side, and knot it off there.

5. Put the two halves together with the wrong sides inside: a red wedge of the one meets a red wedge of the other all round. Cut a length of A about 52 in (132 cm) long. Begin at one end of the zipper with a tail of 4 in (10 cm) and whip stitch the 50 stitches of the one edge to the 50 stitches of the other, stitch to stitch, under both loops of each. At the first 3 and at the last 3 stitches pass the needle through the strap as well, and go over them twice. Fasten off at the other end of the zipper, draw both tails to the inside and weave them in through the open zipper.

6. Gather each fan: thread its long starting tail on the needle, run it in and out along the 6 chains of the foundation, and draw it up until that edge is 1 in (2.5 cm) wide. Take two small stitches on the spot to hold it. Do not cut the tail.

7. Lay the purse down, right side out, with one face up and the zipper away from you. Count 3 stitches of the seam on

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from each end of the zipper, the ones that hold the strap among them. The gathered edge of a fan lies along the next 4 stitches of the seam, its red edge away from the purse. With the long tail whip stitch the gathered edge to the seam, two stitches into each of the 4 stitches, along the front side of the gathered edge and back along its other side. Fasten off and draw the end into the purse. Spread the red edge out into folds.

Finishing

- Pat both faces into an even curve. A clean cloth or paper folded inside keeps the candy round between outings.

In all: 5 pieces; 2,044 stitches (680 in each front and back, 186 in each wrapper fan, 312 in the strap).

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