Pig plastic bag holder

US terms



Finished size

About 17¼ in (44 cm) around the body and 11 in (28 cm) tall with the head, for used plastic bags, the hanging loop not counted

Skill

Intermediate

It is single crochet in unjoined rounds; the head is stuffed, and the face, the ears, the trotters and the bow 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: rose pink, the body, the head, the trotters, the tail and the loop	**about 275 yd (251 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: raspberry, the collar, the bow and the hooves	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: deep rose, the snout, the cheeks, the ears and the knot of the bow	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: charcoal, the eyes, the nostrils and the mouth	**about 5 yd (5 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: round elastic about 1/8 in (0.3 cm) thick, 11 in (28 cm) of it, toy stuffing, about 2 oz (55 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.

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 4 the foot should measure about 6¾ in (17 cm) around, laid flat and not stretched, measured across and doubled. 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

- Join the foundation chain of the body into a ring with a slip stitch, and take care that it is not twisted. Chain 1, which does not count as a stitch, and work the first single crochet (UK double crochet) of round 1 into the first chain, the one that has the slip stitch in it, then one into each of the other chains.
- The head, the ears, the cheeks and the trotters 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 right side, the outside, faces you. The tail, the bow, its knot and the hanging loop are worked in rows.
- The snout begins with a chain and is an oval in its first 2 rounds. Its round 1 is worked along both sides of the chain: along one side, 3 stitches in the last chain, then back along the other side.
- Where the pattern says BLO, put the hook under the back loop only; the front loop stays on the outside as a ridge.
- 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 at each change, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- Colors. Body. Rounds 1 to 32: A. Rounds 33 to 35: B. Trotters. Rounds 1 to 5: B. Rounds 6 to 11: A. The head, the tail and the hanging loop are A, the bow B, the ears, the snout, the cheeks and the knot of the bow C. The eyes, the nostrils and the mouth are D.

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **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. **sk** skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 4 sts**: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 8 times: work what is inside 8 times in all.
(24 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Body

Yarns in order of use: A, rose pink; B, raspberry.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 24, sl st in first ch to form a ring.	

Foot

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in each ch around	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, ch 1, sk next st**] 8 times**	(16 sc, 8 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 8 times**	(24 sc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 4.** The foot should measure about 6¾ in (17 cm) around.

Barrel

☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(30 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 2 sts	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in each st around	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 3 sts	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(54 sc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in each st around	(54 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 4 sts	(60 sc)
☐ **Rnds 15 to 29**	Sc in each st around	(60 sc)

15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29

Shoulders

☐ **Rnd 30**	**[**Sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(54 sc)
☐ **Rnd 31**	Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, **[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog**] 5 times**, sc in next 4 sts	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 32**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(42 sc)

Collar

☐ **Rnd 33**	With B, sc in each st around	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnds 34 to 35**	Sc in each st around	(42 sc)

34 35

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

Head

Yarn A, rose pink.

Begin at the top of the head. Round 22 is the round that is sewn to the neck.

☐ **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)
☐ **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)

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☐ **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)
☐ **Rnds 11 to 19**	Sc in each st around	(60 sc)

11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19

☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**Sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(54 sc)
☐ **Rnd 21**	Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, **[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog**] 5 times**, sc in next 4 sts	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 23**	Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, **[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 5 times**, sc in next 3 sts	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 25**	Sc in next st, sc2tog, **[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 5 times**, sc in next 2 sts	(24 sc)

> **Stop here, after round 25.** Stuff the head firmly, so that it is round and as wide as it was worked. Add stuffing once more after round 26.

☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 27**	**[**Sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 28**	**[**Sc2tog**] 6 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm). Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the 6 stitches, draw it up to close the hole and bury its end in the head.	

Snout

Yarn C, deep rose.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 5.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 2 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 2 chs, 2 sc in last ch	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	(16 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 24 in (61 cm) for sewing.	

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Ear: make 2

Yarn C, deep rose.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnds 6 to 9** 6 7 8 9	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

Cheek: make 2

Yarn C, deep rose.

☐ **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)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

Trotter: make 4

Yarns in order of use: B, raspberry; A, rose pink.

Begin at the hoof. Stuff the first 8 rounds softly and leave the 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**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnds 4 to 5** 4 5	Sc in each st around	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	With A, sc in each st around	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnds 7 to 11** 7 8 9 10 11	Sc in each st around	(16 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

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Tail

Yarn A, rose pink.

The three stitches in each chain make the strip twist into a corkscrew. Turn it with your fingers if it does not.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 17.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	3 sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(48 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30.5 cm) for sewing.	

Bow

Yarn B, raspberry.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 13.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(12 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(12 sc)
	2 3 4 5 6	
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Knot of the bow

Yarn C, deep rose.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(3 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(3 sc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8	
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

Hanging loop

Yarn A, rose pink.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 5.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(4 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 52**	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 47 48 49 50 51 52	
☐ **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).	

Assembly

1. Weave in the tails of the body on the inside. Weave in the starting tails of the snout, the bow, the knot, the tail and the loop on their wrong sides; those of the head, the ears, the cheeks and the trotters stay behind or inside them. The long tails stay.

2. The elastic. Cut 11 in (28 cm) of round elastic and thread it on the yarn needle. Begin at any chain-1 space of

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round 3: take the needle in through that space to the inside and out through the next, in and out through all 8 spaces, so that the end of the elastic comes out of the last space beside the one where you began. Both ends are now on the outside, in two spaces that are neighbors. Draw them up until the opening is about 1 in (2.5 cm) across, tie the ends in a firm double knot, cut them off ½ in (1.5 cm) from the knot and push the knot and the ends in through the nearest space to the inside.

3. The front of the head. Round 12 has 60 stitches. Put a marker between stitches 30 and 31 of it, counted from the first stitch of the round: this is the middle of the front, and from it the middle runs straight up to round 1 and straight down. The places on the face are counted from this line to both sides. All pieces of the face are sewn with their right sides out. Sew down: bring the needle up through the piece under the top of a stitch of its last round and down through the head close beside the edge, one stitch for each stitch of that round.

4. The snout is a shallow cup, right side out: the oval, rounds 1 and 2, is its front, and rounds 3 and 4 are its side, which stands out from the head all round, about ½ in (1.5 cm) deep. Set the open edge of the cup, the edge of round 4, on the front of the head, the long way across, its middle on round 15 and on the middle line, and pin it. Only this edge touches the head. With its long tail sew the edge down all round as in step 3, 16 stitches, one for each stitch of round 4; push stuffing in before the last 4 stitches, so that the side stands and the front is a little rounded. Fasten off and bury the end.

5. The cheeks. They lie flat, right side out. The middle of each cheek is on round 16 of the head, on the 8th stitch from the middle line. Sew down each with its own tail, 12 stitches, and bury the end.

6. The eyes. Straight stitch: bring the needle up at one end of the line and down at the other. Each eye is 6 upright straight stitches in D into the same two holes, ½ in (1.5 cm) apart, one above the other, so that the stitches lie next to each other in a small upright oval. The middle of each eye is on round 12 of the head, on the 5th stitch from the middle line. Begin with a length of 30 in (76 cm) and go from eye to eye through the head. With A and a length of 10 in (25.5 cm) make one stitch 1/8 in (0.3 cm) long over the upper half of each eye, at your right on both. Bury all the ends in the head.

7. The nostrils and the mouth. With D and a length of 24 in (61 cm) make two nostrils on the oval of the snout: each is 3 upright straight stitches into the same two holes, ¼ in (0.5 cm) apart. The two nostrils are ¾ in (2 cm) apart, each as far from the middle line as the other. Then the mouth, below the snout: two straight stitches ¾ in (2 cm) long that meet on the middle line, 2 rounds below the edge of the snout, each rising outward by one round. Bury the ends in the head.

8. The ears. Press each ear flat with its increases at its two edges: the open edge is then two layers of 6 stitches. With its long tail whip stitch the open edge shut. Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch, and draw the yarn snug. Lay the shut edge on the head along round 6, its inner end on the 4th stitch from the middle line and the rest going away from the line, backward, along the round. Turn the ear so that the needle is at the inner end, and with the same tail sew the edge down to the head, 6 stitches. Fold the ear forward over this seam, so that its tip hangs down and outward at the side of the face. Hold the fold with one stitch that goes through the layer of the ear next to the head, 2 rounds of the ear from the seam, and through the head. Fasten off and bury the end.

9. The neck. The last stitch of the collar is at the middle of the back of the body. The last round has 42 stitches. Put a marker in its last stitch and one in its 21st: this second one is at the middle of the front. Turn the head with its front the same way and set it on the neck, round 22 on the edge of the collar. Round 22 of the head has 42 stitches too. Find the stitch of round 22 that is straight down the back of the head, opposite the middle line of the front, and lay it against the marked stitch at the back. With a new length of A 36 in (91.5 cm) long sew the collar to the head along the back: 21 stitches, the marked one and 10 to each side of it. Each sewn stitch goes under both loops of a stitch of the collar and under the stitch of round 22 that lies against it, and they follow one after the other. Begin at one end of the 21, go along to the other end and then back again. Fasten off on the inside of the body. The front half of the neck, under the chin, stays open: there the bags go in.

10. The hanging loop. Both its ends are sewn to the outside of the back of the body, next to each other, one at each

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side of the marker at the back, over the 3 rounds of the collar and the 2 below them, the loop standing up behind the head. On both ends the right side of the loop faces out, away from the body, and the wrong side lies against the body; farther up each half makes a quarter turn of its own, so that the top of the loop lies over a peg. With the long tail sew the end that has it down along its short edge and up both its sides as far as the top of the collar: bring the needle through the loop one stitch in from its edge and through the body, one stitch for each stitch and row. Sew the other end in the same way with the new length. With what is left of the two lengths sew each half of the loop to the back of the head with 3 stitches where it crosses round 14 of the head, so that the head sits straight. Fasten off and bury the ends.

11. The bow. Lay the knot, wrong side up, under the middle of the bow, its short way along the bow, and gather the bow in the middle with your fingers into 2 folds. Wrap the knot round it with its right side out and with its long tail whip stitch its two short edges together at the back, 3 stitches. Do not cut the yarn. Lay the bow on the middle of the front of the collar, on the marker, its upper edge one round above the edge of the collar, and sew the knot to the collar with 6 stitches through the back of the knot only. Fasten off inside. The ends of the bow stay free.

12. The trotters. Press the open end of each flat and with its long tail whip stitch it shut, 8 stitches. Straight down from the marker at the middle of the front is the middle of the belly. The shut end of each arm lies level, along round 30 of the body, its middle 12 stitches from the middle of the belly, one at each side, the hoof hanging down. The shut end of each leg lies level along round 18, its middle 7 stitches from the middle of the belly, the hoof hanging down too. Sew each shut end down with the same tail, 8 stitches, and go back over them once. Fasten off inside.

13. The tail. Sew one end of the corkscrew to the body on round 20, which has 60 stitches, at your right as the pig faces you: the end of the strip is on the 19th stitch from the middle of the belly, 4 stitches behind the side of the body, so that the curl stands clear behind the hoof of the arm and is seen beside the body. Work 4 stitches with its long tail through the end of the strip that has that tail. The rest of the tail is free and points outward, to the side. Fasten off inside. Take out all the markers and weave in all the tails that are left.

Finishing

- Shape the ears and the bow with your fingers.

In all: 15 pieces; 4,118 stitches.

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