Plarn beach bag

Medium · US terms



Finished size
About 13¼ in (33.5 cm) wide laid flat and 10¼ in (26 cm) tall, with handles about 14½ in (37 cm) long

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

Yarn
Bulky (5), 3 colors

Hook
6.5 mm (US K-10 1/2)

Gauge
10 stitches and 11 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: white, main color	**about 110 yd (101 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: turquoise, contrast color	**about 105 yd (96 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: yellow, contrast color	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**

Fiber: plarn (strips of plastic bag)

Hook: 6.5 mm (US K-10 1/2). 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
Medium (this file)	**13¼ in (33.5 cm) wide, 10¼ in (26 cm) tall**	**about 245 yd (224 m)**
Large	16 in (40.5 cm) wide, 12¼ in (31 cm) tall	about 350 yd (320 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)
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

10 stitches and 11 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 4 the base should measure about 11½ in (29 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.
- To make the plarn, lay a plastic shopping bag flat and smooth. Cut off the handles and the bottom seam, and cut the tube that is left across into strips about 1½ in (4 cm) wide: each strip is a closed loop. To link two loops, put one end of the second loop up through the end of the first, then pass the other end of the second loop through the end that came up, and pull until the knot is small. Link the next loop to the free end in the same way. Wind the chain of loops into a ball. Each loop is now two layers of plastic side by side: work with the two together as one strand.
- A bag about 12 in (30 cm) wide and 18 in (45 cm) tall gives about ten loops, which is about 2½ yd (2.3 m) of plarn. Bags differ, so measure the plarn from your first bag.
- To change color, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). Where only one or two rounds are worked before the old yarn is used again, do not cut it: carry it loosely up the inside.
- Colors, round by round. Rounds 1 to 6: A. Rounds 7 to 8: B. Rounds 9 to 10: A. Rounds 11 to 12: C. Rounds 13 to 14: A. Rounds 15 to 16: B. Rounds 17 to 18: A. Rounds 19 to 20: C. Rounds 21 to 22: A. Rounds 23 to 24: B. Rounds 25 to 26: A. Rounds 27 to 32: B.
- Bags to collect, at about 2½ yd (2.3 m) of plarn from each: A (white) about 44, B (turquoise) about 42, C (yellow) about 12.

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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, white; B, turquoise; C, yellow.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 24.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 21 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 21 chs, 2 sc in last ch	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 21 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 21 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next st, sc in next 21 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 21 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 21 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 21 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(66 sc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 4.** After round 4 the base should measure about 11½ in (29 cm) long and 3 in (7.5 cm) wide.

Sides

☐ **Rnds 5 to 6**	Sc in each st around	**(66 sc)**

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

☐ 5 ☐ 6

☐ **Rnd 7**	With B, sc in each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	With A, sc in each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	With C, sc in each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	With A, sc in each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	With B, sc in each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sc in each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	With A, sc in each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	With C, sc in each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	Sc in each st around	**(66 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 21**	With A, sc in each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	Sc in each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	With B, sc in each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	Sc in each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	With A, sc in each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	Sc in each st around	**(66 sc)**

Top and handles

☐ **Rnd 27**	With B, sc in each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 28**	Sc in each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 29**	Sc in next 9 sts, ch 36, sk next 11 sts, sc in next 22 sts, ch 36, sk next 11 sts, sc in next 13 sts	**(44 sc, 2 ch-36 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 30**	Sc in next 9 sts, 36 sc in next ch-36 sp, sc in next 22 sts, 36 sc in next ch-36 sp, sc in next 13 sts	**(116 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 31 to 32**	Sc in each st around	**(116 sc)**

A box for each round, 31 to 32: tick them off as you go.

☐ 31 ☐ 32

☐ **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: 32 rounds; 2,204 stitches; 24 ends to weave in.

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