Popcorn stitch ring handle purse

US terms



Finished size
About 10¼ in (26 cm) wide and 8¼ in (21 cm) tall, without the rings

Skill
Easy
It is two alike panels in rows of single crochet and popcorns, gathered over two wooden rings.

Yarn
Medium (4)

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
16 stitches and 18 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn: dusty blue, medium (4) **about 375 yd (343 m), an estimate**
Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: two round wooden ring handles, 6 in (15 cm) across outside, of a rod ½ in (1.3 cm) thick, a yarn needle, scissors and pins.

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.

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together (UK dc2tog)
st	stitch
RS	right side

Special stitches

pc (Popcorn): 5 double crochet (UK treble) in the stitch named, take the hook out of the loop, put it from front to back under the top of the first of these 5, pick up the dropped loop and draw it through. Pull it snug, so that the five stand out as one round knob on the side that faces you, the right side. It counts as 1 stitch, and in the next row one sc goes into its top, the loop just drawn through.

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Gauge

16 stitches and 18 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

In the panel count rows as you do on the swatch: a popcorn row is as tall as a plain one.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Lay it flat and count the stitches and rows over 4 in (10 cm) in its middle. There should be 16 stitches and 18 rows. 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.
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Swatch foundation	Ch 25.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(24 sc)**
Swatch rows 2 to 27	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(24 sc)**

Before you start

- The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Odd rows are right side rows, and all popcorns are worked in them, so each stands out on the side that faces you as you work it.
- The two panels are alike; neither is a mirror of the other.
- The casing has 8 rows, 1¾ in (4.5 cm), and a rod ½ in (1.3 cm) thick measures about 1½ in (4 cm) round, so the casing goes round it with about ¼ in (0.5 cm) to spare. For rings of a thicker or thinner rod, measure round it first and work the casing a row longer or shorter for each ¼ in (0.5 cm) that it is more or less; the amount of yarn given is enough for up to 4 rows more.
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.

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 row is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and sc2tog is dc2tog.

Panel: make 2

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 42.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(41 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(41 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, **[**pc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 9 times**, pc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	**(31 sc, 10 pc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(41 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 4 sts, **[**pc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 9 times**, sc in next st	**(32 sc, 9 pc)**
☐ **Rows 6 to 36**	Repeat rows 2 to 5 in order, over and over. The last row, row 36, is worked as row 4.	

A box for each row, 6 to 36: tick them off as you go.

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

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Gathered top

☐ **Row 37 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**sc2tog**] 20 times**	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rows 38 to 45**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**

A box for each row, 38 to 45: tick them off as you go.

38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 24 in (61 cm) to sew the casing down.

Base seam

☐ **Foundation**	The foundation edges of the two panels held together, wrong sides together, the right side of one panel facing you with its foundation edge at the top: 41 places, each a chain of one panel and the chain of the other behind it.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Join yarn with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in each st across	**(41 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Assembly

1. The casings. Work both panels first. Lay one panel wrong side up with its last row away from you, and lay a ring on it so that the edge of the ring nearest you lies on row 37, the gathered row. Rows 38 to 45 now lie under the rod and reach into the ring. Bring them up through the ring and fold them back toward you over the rod, down onto the wrong side of row 37. Pin the middle of row 45 and its two ends there, so that every stitch of row 45 comes to the stitch of row 37 straight below it. With the long tail, whip stitch row 45 to row 37 on the wrong side, one stitch for each of its 21 stitches, so that the rod lies inside and the ring can still turn. The two ends of the casing stay open. Sew the other panel over the other ring in the same way.

2. The base. Pin the two panels together along their foundation edges, wrong sides together, hold them with this edge at the top and the rings hanging below, and work the base seam through both. With the right side of one panel facing you, it begins in the corner on your right. Its stitches make a firm ridge along the outside of the base.

3. The sides. Put the row ends of the two panels together at one side, wrong sides still inside, row to row. Cut a length of yarn about 28 in (71 cm) long. Beginning at the base with a tail of 6 in (15 cm), whip stitch the two edges together, one stitch for each row, through rows 1 to 24; work 3 stitches in the same place at row 24 to hold the end of the slit, and go back down over the last 4 rows before you fasten off inside. Rows 25 to 36 stay open on both panels. Sew the other side in the same way.

Finishing

- Weave every tail in on the inside. Push each popcorn out from the wrong side with a finger, and draw the gathers even along both rings.

In all: 2 pieces.

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