Raffia round bag

US terms



Finished size
About 8 in (20.5 cm) across and 2¼ in (5.5 cm) deep, with a strap about 19½ in (49.5 cm) long before sewing

Skill
Easy
It is two flat circles joined by a plain band.

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: straw, the two sides	**about 95 yd (87 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: black, the band and the strap	**about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton or raffia

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). Also: four stitch markers, 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.

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)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
MR	magic ring
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

14 stitches and 7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

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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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 7 the side should measure about 8 in (20.5 cm) across, laid flat and not stretched.

Before you start

- Begin with a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and draw up a loop. Work round 1 into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed.
- Each round of a side is joined with a slip stitch in its first double crochet (UK treble). The chain of 2 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch; work the first stitch into the stitch the round before was joined in.
- The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.
- For a longer strap begin with more chains: for every 4 in (10 cm) you want to add, as many more chains as the gauge has stitches in 4 in (10 cm). Every row then has as many more stitches.
- Colors of a side, round by round. Rounds 1 to 7: A.

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 round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and dc is treble.

Side: make 2

Yarn A, straw.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, 12 dc in MR, sl st in first dc to join	**(12 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, 2 dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	**(24 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(36 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(48 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 2, dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, **[**dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 11 times**, dc in next 2 sts, sl st in first dc to join	**(60 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(72 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 2, dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, **[**dc in next 5 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 11 times**, dc in next 3 sts, sl st in first dc to join	**(84 dc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 7.** After round 7 the side should measure about 8 in (20.5 cm) across.

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Band

Yarn B, black.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 9.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(8 sc)**

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☐ **Rows 2 to 71**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(8 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 71: tick them off as you go.

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 53 54 55 56 57 58 59
60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Strap

Yarn B, black.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 69.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(68 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(68 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 4: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 18 in (46 cm) to sew one end. To sew the other end, cut a new length of the same yarn, also 18 in (46 cm).	

Assembly

1. On each side count 18 edge stitches of round 7 and put a marker in the first and in the last of them: the opening is between the markers. The right side of both sides and of the band is the outside of the bag.

2. Cut two lengths of B, each 66 in (168 cm), one for each side. Lay one long edge of the band along the edge of one side, all the way round from one marker to the other, leaving 18 stitches free at the top. With one length, whip stitch it to the other 66 stitches (71 rows to 66 stitches). Take one row of the band with each stitch of the side, but two rows with one stitch in the 7th, 20th, 33rd, 46th, and 59th of the 66 stitches.

3. Sew the other long edge of the band to the second side in the same way with the other length, so that the two openings lie opposite each other.

4. The strap is about 19½ in (49.5 cm) long. Lay 1 in (2.5 cm) of one of its ends on the outside of the band, at one end of the opening and in the middle of the width of the band, so that the rest of the strap stands up out of the opening. Sew that end down round its three outer edges and across at the edge of the opening. Sew the other end of the strap to the other end of the band in the same way.

Finishing

- Weave every tail in on the wrong side.

In all: 4 pieces; 1,512 stitches (336 in each side, 568 in the band, 272 in the strap); 8 ends to weave in.

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