Ripple stripe tote bag

Medium · US terms



Finished size

About 12 in (30.5 cm) wide across the waves and 12¾ in (32.5 cm) tall, measured straight up from a peak, on a base about 10¼ in (26 cm) by 3¼ in (8 cm), with about 15 in (38 cm) of each handle above the rim

Skill

Easy

It is worked in rounds; the waves are the same round over and over in changing colors.

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.

You will need

Yarn A: navy, the base, the top, the handles and stripes	**about 225 yd (206 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: sky, stripes	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: coral, stripes	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: sand, stripes	**about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: two stitch markers, 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.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Medium (this file)	**12 in (30.5 cm) wide, 12¾ in (32.5 cm) tall**	**about 400 yd (366 m)**
Large	15 in (38 cm) wide, 14¼ in (36 cm) tall	about 540 yd (494 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
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together (UK dc2tog)
dc2tog	double crochet 2 stitches together (UK tr2tog)
BLO	back loop only
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

14 stitches and 8 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet, worked in the round. In the waves, 8 rounds measure about 4 in (10 cm) along a line straight up from a peak, where every one of their stitches is a double crochet, and one wave, from peak to peak, is about 3 in (7.5 cm) wide. The waves draw the fabric in a little, so there are more stitches in them than in the base and the band.

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 6 the base should measure about 10¼ in (26 cm) long, 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

- 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 of the base are not joined: work them in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- Where the pattern says BLO, put the hook under the back loop only; the front loop stays on the outside as a ridge, which makes the sides turn up from the base.
- From the first round of the sides on, each round is joined with a slip stitch in its first stitch, and the work is never turned. The chain of 1 or 2 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch; work the first stitch of the round into the stitch the round before was joined in.
- The waves: each repeat begins and ends at a peak and has a valley in its middle. At each peak there are 2 dc in each of two stitches side by side, one at the end of one repeat and one at the start of the next; in each valley there are two dc2tog side by side. The number of stitches stays the same from one wave round to the next. The rounds that lead into the waves and out of them have their tall and short stitches in the same repeats. Every round is joined at a peak, so the color changes all lie in one line.
- dc2tog joins two stitches into one: work a double crochet (UK treble) in each of the next 2 stitches, stopping each before its last step, so that 3 loops are on the hook; yarn over and draw through all 3. sc2tog is the same with single crochet (UK double crochet).

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- Linen stitch: each single crochet goes into a chain-1 space of the round or row before, and each chain 1 passes over a single crochet. In a round of the band, the slip stitch at the start takes you into the chain-1 space beside the join, and the chain of 1 after it only lifts the hook. The round before the last plain one puts one single crochet in every single crochet and one in every chain-1 space; its first one goes into the stitch the round before was joined in.
- The chain of 1 at the start of a row of a handle does not count as a stitch.
- To change color where a joined round begins, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the slip stitch that ends the round before. Cut the old yarn at each change of color, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- 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 handle begin with more chains, in twos: for every 4 in (10 cm) you want to add, 14 more. Every row then has as many more stitches and chains, and the brackets are worked once more for every 2. Two more wave rounds make the bag about 1 in (2.5 cm) taller.
- Colors of the bag, round by round. Rounds 1 to 10: A. Round 11: D. Rounds 12 to 13: B. Round 14: D. Rounds 15 to 16: C. Round 17: D. Rounds 18 to 19: A. Round 20: D. Rounds 21 to 22: B. Round 23: D. Rounds 24 to 25: C. Round 26: D. Rounds 27 to 38: A.
- The handles are all in A.

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 sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble, dc is treble, tr is double treble, sc2tog is dc2tog, dc2tog is tr2tog and sk is miss.

Bag

Yarns in order of use: A, navy; D, sand; B, sky; C, coral.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 27.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 24 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 24 chs, 2 sc in last ch	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 24 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 24 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next st, sc in next 24 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 24 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 24 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 24 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sc in next 24 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 24 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(78 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 24 sts, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 24 sts, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(84 sc)**

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> **Stop and measure now, after round 6.** The base should measure about 10¼ in (26 cm) long and 3¼ in (8 cm) wide. Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Every round after it is joined. Work the first stitch of round 7 into the stitch you slip stitched in, so that every one of the 84 stitches of round 6 is used once.

Sides

☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(96 sc)**

Into the waves

☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next 2 sts**] 8 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(32 dc, 16 hdc, 48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 2, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sc2tog, sc2tog, sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in next st, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(48 dc, 16 hdc, 32 sc)**

Waves

☐ **Rnd 11**	With D, ch 2, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog, dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(96 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	With B, ch 2, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog, dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(96 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 2, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog, dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(96 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	With D, ch 2, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog, dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(96 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	With C, ch 2, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog, dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(96 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 2, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog, dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(96 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	With D, ch 2, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog, dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(96 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	With A, ch 2, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog, dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(96 dc)**

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☐ **Rnd 19** Ch 2,
[2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog, dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**,
sl st in first dc to join **(96 dc)**

☐ **Rnd 20** With D, ch 2,
[2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog, dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**,
sl st in first dc to join **(96 dc)**

☐ **Rnd 21** With B, ch 2,
[2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog, dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**,
sl st in first dc to join **(96 dc)**

☐ **Rnd 22** Ch 2,
[2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog, dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**,
sl st in first dc to join **(96 dc)**

☐ **Rnd 23** With D, ch 2,
[2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog, dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**,
sl st in first dc to join **(96 dc)**

☐ **Rnd 24** With C, ch 2,
[2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog, dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**,
sl st in first dc to join **(96 dc)**

☐ **Rnd 25** Ch 2,
[2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog, dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**,
sl st in first dc to join **(96 dc)**

☐ **Rnd 26** With D, ch 2,
[2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog, dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**,
sl st in first dc to join **(96 dc)**

Out of the waves

☐ **Rnd 27** With A, ch 1,
[sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, tr in next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts,
hdc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 8 times**,
sl st in first sc to join **(32 sc, 16 hdc, 32 dc, 16 tr)**

☐ **Rnd 28** Ch 1,
[sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog, hdc in next st,
sc in next 2 sts**] 8 times**,
sl st in first sc to join **(32 sc, 16 hdc, 32 dc)**

Linen stitch band

☐ **Rnd 29** Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join **(80 sc)**

☐ **Rnd 30** Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 40 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(40 sc, 40 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Rnds 31 to 36** Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 1, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 39 times**,
sl st in first sc to join **(40 sc, 40 ch-1 sps)**

A box for each round, 31 to 36: tick them off as you go.

31 32 33 34 35 36

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☐ **Rnd 37**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 40 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(80 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 38**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(80 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Handle: make 2

Yarn A, navy.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 72.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(71 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 35 times**, sc in next st	**(36 sc, 35 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 34 times**, sc in next st	**(37 sc, 34 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 34 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st	**(36 sc, 35 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st**] 35 times**	**(71 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 28 in (71 cm) to sew one end. To sew the other end, cut a new length of the same yarn, also 28 in (71 cm).	

Assembly

1. Weave in the tails of the stripes on the inside, and the tail of the starting chain of each handle into the back of its end.

2. Mark the sides. Lay the bag flat with the base folded along its middle, so that each end of the base is at a side fold. The two folds divide the 80 stitches of the last round into 40 at the front and 40 at the back. Put a marker in the first stitch of the front and in the first stitch of the back, counting in the direction you worked.

3. Each handle is about 20¼ in (51.5 cm) long and 1¼ in (3 cm) wide. Lay the two ends of one handle on the outside of the front, right side out, over the linen stitch band: the short edge of each end along round 29, the lowest round of the band, and the rest standing straight up past the rim. The first end covers stitches 9 to 13 of the last round, counting the marked stitch as 1, and the second end stitches 28 to 32; 14 stitches lie between them and 8 outside each. Take care that the handle is not twisted.

4. Whip stitch the end that has the long tail down with that tail, and the other end with the new length of A: round the three edges that lie on the band, and across the handle along the rim, through both layers. Sew the other handle to the back in the same way, counting from the other marker.

Finishing

- Draw every tail that is left to the inside and weave it in.

In all: 3 pieces; 3,520 stitches (3,018 in the bag, 251 in each handle).

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