Slouchy hobo bag

Medium · US terms



Finished size
About 12¾ in (32.5 cm) wide laid flat and 10¼ in (26 cm) tall, with a strap about 24 in (61 cm) long

Skill
Easy
It is worked in rounds, with increases in the base.

Yarn
Medium (4)

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

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

You will need

Yarn: marled tobacco brown, medium (4) **about 350 yd (320 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). 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)	**12¾ in (32.5 cm) wide, 10¼ in (26 cm) tall**	**about 350 yd (320 m)**
Large	15½ in (39.5 cm) wide, 12¼ in (31 cm) tall	about 500 yd (457 m)

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
rnd round
RS right side

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Gauge

14 stitches and 15 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 6 the base should measure about 11¼ in (28.5 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.
- The rounds are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- 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.

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.

Bag

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 30.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 27 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 27 chs, 2 sc in last ch	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 27 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 27 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next st, sc in next 27 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 27 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 27 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 27 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(78 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sc in next 27 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 27 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 27 sts, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 27 sts, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(90 sc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 6.** After round 6 the base should measure about 11¼ in (28.5 cm) long and 3¼ in (8.5 cm) wide.

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Sides

☐ **Rnds 7 to 40**	Sc in each st around	**(90 sc)**

A box for each round, 7 to 40: tick them off as you go.

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

Top

☐ **Rnds 41 to 44**	Sc in each st around	**(90 sc)**

A box for each round, 41 to 44: tick them off as you go.

41 42 43 44

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

Strap

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 85.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(84 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 8: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 24 in (61 cm) to sew one end. To sew the other end, cut a new length of the same yarn, also 24 in (61 cm).	

Putting it together

The strap is about 24 in (61 cm) long. Sew its ends to the inside of the bag at the two ends of the oval, over the top 4 rounds.

Finishing

- Weave every tail in on the inside.

In all: 2 pieces; 4,542 stitches (3,870 in the bag, 672 in the strap); 4 ends to weave in.

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