Spider web trick or treat bag

US terms



Finished size

About 10 in (25.5 cm) wide, 10¾ in (27.5 cm) tall and 2 in (5 cm) deep, with handles about 13¾ in (35 cm) long before they are sewn on

Skill

Intermediate

It is single crochet in rows; the web is surface crochet on counted places, and the panels are joined with single crochet.

Yarn

Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook

5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge

14 stitches and 16 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: black, the panels and the gusset	**about 300 yd (274 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, the webs, the thread and the eyes	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: orange, the seams, the rim and the handles	**about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: violet, the spider	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 210 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). Also: 40 pins with heads, for marking the web, 2 stitch markers, a handful of toy stuffing, a yarn needle, scissors and a tape measure.

Gauge

14 stitches and 16 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 40.

> **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 14 stitches and 16 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.

Swatch foundation	Ch 22.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(21 sc)
Swatch rows 2 to 24	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(21 sc)

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Instructions

US terms.

sc single crochet (UK dc), **ch** chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc2tog** 2 sc made into one, **st** stitch.
2 sc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Sc in next 39 sts: one in each.
The ch 1 is not a stitch. Work in the **very first stitch**.
(35 sc): the row now has 35; a check, not a step. **How to read a pattern**
Also: RS right side.
Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Panel: make 2

Yarn A, black.

The front and the back are the same. The right side of row 1 is the outside, and the foundation chain is the bottom. The order of work: when both panels are done, work steps 1 to 6 of Assembly, which make the webs, on the flat panels. Then come back here and go on with the gusset, the seams and the rim.

☐ **Start**	Ch 36.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(35 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 40**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(35 sc)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

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**																	

Stop and measure now, after row 40. The panel should be about 10 in (25.5 cm) wide and 4 in (10 cm) tall. Larger? Begin again with a smaller hook. Smaller? A larger hook.

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

Gusset

Yarn A, black.

☐ **Start**	Ch 8.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(7 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 120**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(7 sc)

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	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85
86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113
114	115	116	117	118	119	120																					

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

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Seam: make 2

Yarn C, orange.

Work every single crochet through both layers. Begin at the top of the side edge at your left, go down this side, along the bottom and up the other side. The gusset has 120 rows: its first 40 rows go with the 40 rows of the first side of the panel, one to one; its next 40 rows go with the 35 stitches of the bottom; its last 40 rows go with the second side. Along the bottom work one single crochet in each stitch of the panel and pass over every eighth row of the gusset, so that 7 stitches of the panel go with 8 rows of the gusset.

For the first seam the first row of the gusset is at the side where you begin. For the second seam lay the other panel against the other long edge of the gusset, its bottom at the same part of the gusset, and work in the same way. Now you begin at the last row of the gusset, and its rows come in the opposite order. Both ridges stand on the outside of the bag.

☐ **Start**	The edge of one panel and the edge of the gusset, held together, the wrong sides together and the panel toward you: 115 places, 40 at the first side, 35 along the bottom and 40 at the second side.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Join C with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 39 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 33 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 40 sts	(117 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Rim

Yarn C, orange.

Begin at the middle of the top of one gusset end. The places are: the 7 stitches of each end of the gusset, the 35 stitches of each panel, and 1 in the end of each of the 4 seam ridges. Begin in the fourth stitch of the gusset end and work round to the left.

☐ **Start**	The top edge of the bag, RS facing; 88 places.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	Join C with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(88 sc)
☐ **Rounds 2 to 3** 2 3	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(88 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Handle: make 2

Yarn C, orange.

☐ **Start**	Ch 49.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(48 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 4** 2 3 4	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(48 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 16 in (41 cm) to sew one end. To sew the other end, cut a new length of the same yarn, also 16 in (41 cm).	

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Spider

Yarn D, violet.

Begin at the front, where the eyes are. Stuff it before the last round.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	(15 sc)
☐ **Rounds 4 to 6** 4 5 6	Sc in each st around	(15 sc)
☐ **Round 7**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 8**	**[**Sc2tog**] 6 times**	(6 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25.5 cm). Run the tail through the 6 stitches of the last round, under both loops of each, draw the hole shut and fasten off inside.	

Spider leg: make 8

Yarn D, violet.

☐ **Start**	Ch 7.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(6 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Steps 1 to 6 are worked as soon as the two panels are done, before the seams. Weave in the tails of the panels on the wrong side.

2. Marking. Lay a panel flat with its right side up and its foundation chain toward you. The middle of the web is the point between rows 20 and 21, through the middle of the 18th stitch. Mark it with a pin. The web has eight spokes, and on each spoke four places, one for each ring. Every place is counted from the middle of the web. Half a stitch is from the middle of a stitch to its edge, and half a row is the middle of the height of a row. Straight up and straight down: 4, 8, 12 and 16 rows. Straight to the left and to the right: 3½, 7, 10½ and 14 stitches. On each of the four slanting spokes: 2½ stitches to the side and 3 rows up or down, then 5 stitches and 5½ rows, then 7½ stitches and 8½ rows, then 10 stitches and 11½ rows. Put a pin in each of the 32 places, upright, so that only its point is in the fabric.

3. Surface crochet: hold the yarn behind the fabric. Put the hook through the fabric from the right side to the wrong side, catch the yarn and draw a loop up to the right side. Then put the hook through the fabric again one stitch length further along the line, catch the yarn, and draw a loop through the fabric and through the loop on the hook. Go on so in a straight line; the chain lies on the right side. Keep the loops loose enough that the fabric stays flat. A stitch is about ¼ in (0.5 cm) long. At the end of a line cut the yarn, draw the end through the last loop to the right side, take it over that loop and down to the wrong side.

4. The spokes. With B, work four straight lines of surface crochet, each from the outermost pin of one spoke through the middle of the web to the outermost pin of the spoke opposite: first from top to bottom, then from left to right, then the two that slant. They all cross in the one middle point. Take out the pin in the middle just before the first line reaches it: from then on the first line marks the middle. Leave all the other pins in for the rings, and lay the line of loops close beside each of them, always on the same side.

5. The rings. With B, work each ring as eight straight lines of surface crochet, one after the other without a break. For the first ring begin at the innermost pin of the spoke that goes straight up; go in a straight line to the innermost pin of

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the next spoke to the right, and so on from spoke to spoke round to the place where you began. Work 3 stitches from spoke to spoke in the first ring, 6 in the second, 9 in the third and 12 in the outermost. Take each pin out when a ring comes to it: put the hook down where the pin stood. Weave in the ends on the wrong side.

6. Make the web on the other panel in the same way. Now work the gusset, the two seams and the rim, as they are written above, and weave in all their tails on the inside. Then go on with the next step.

7. The handles are about 13¾ in (35 cm) long. Each is sewn to the inside of one panel, with its right side toward the bag. Count 9 stitches in from each of the two side edges of the panel and put a marker in the rim straight above the 9th stitch from each. Lay an end of the handle upright on the inside, its short end along the lower edge of the rim, its outer long edge straight below the marker, the rest of the handle pointing up. With the long tail sew it down through both layers along its short end, up its two long edges to the top of the rim and across it there, one stitch for each stitch or row. Fasten off on the inside. Bring the handle over to the other marker of the same panel without a twist and sew its other end on in the same way with the new length of yarn. Take the markers out. Sew the second handle to the other panel.

8. The legs of the spider. Weave the starting tail of each leg along it. With its long tail sew one end of each leg to the side of the body, three stitches in the same place, and draw the end inside: four legs at each side of the body, all on round 4, which has 15 stitches. Put a marker in any stitch of round 4: it is the middle of the top. Hold the spider with round 1 toward you and this stitch up. Count from the marked stitch, which is not counted: at each side stitch 1 stays free, and one leg goes on each of the stitches 2, 3, 4 and 5. So 3 stitches are free at the top, the marked one among them, and 4 at the bottom. Spread the legs of each side like a fan and bend the end of each leg down. For the eyes, with B, about 12 in (30.5 cm), work two French knots on round 1 of the body, one at each side of the magic ring, level with each other. French knot: bring the needle up, wind the yarn twice round it close to the fabric, hold the yarn taut and put the needle down one thread beside the place where it came up. Draw the ends inside the body.

9. The thread. With B, leave a tail of 10 in (25.5 cm), ch 6, about 1¼ in (3 cm) long, and fasten off with a tail of 10 in (25.5 cm). With one tail sew the end of the chain to the upper side of the spider, on round 5, straight behind the marked stitch, with three stitches and draw the end inside. With the other sew the other end to the lower edge of the rim of the front, on the outside, above the 30th stitch of the panel counted from your left, with three stitches. Fasten off on the inside. Take the marker out.

Finishing

- Weave in all the tails that are left on the inside.

In all: 14 pieces; 4,666 stitches (1,400 in each panel, 840 in the gusset, 117 in each seam, 264 in the rim, 192 in each handle, 96 in the spider, 6 in each spider leg).

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.

Notes

- The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch. The first stitch of a row goes into the last stitch of the row before.
- Begin with a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring, draw up a loop and chain 1 to hold it, which does not count as a stitch. Work round 1 into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed. Only the spider begins so.
- The rounds of the spider are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round. The rounds of the rim are joined with a slip stitch in the first stitch; the chain of 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch, and the first stitch of a round goes into the stitch the round before was joined in.
- sc2tog: draw up a loop in each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops on the hook.
- The bag has small parts: it is for a child of three or older.
- Colors. The panels and the gusset are A, the webs and the thread B, the seams, the rim and the handles C, the spider and its legs D.

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