Straw bucket bag

City · US terms



Finished size
About 7 in (18 cm) across the base and 9¾ in (25 cm) tall, with 38½ in (98 cm) of free strap

Skill
Intermediate
The base and the rim are plain rounds; the walls repeat three rounds, one of them with an inverted V.

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
15 stitches and 16 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: natural straw, the bag and the strap **about 275 yd (251 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: black, the rim and the cord **about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Fiber: raffia
Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: pins, sewing thread in beige and a sewing needle, a pencil, a yarn needle, scissors, an iron, to steam the bag and thin cotton cloth in beige for the lining, about 24 by 19 in (61 by 49 cm).

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
City (this file)	**7 in (18 cm) across, 9¾ in (25 cm) tall**	**about 315 yd (288 m)**
Market	8 in (20.5 cm) across, 11 in (28 cm) tall	about 395 yd (361 m)

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)
BLO back loop only
MR magic ring

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yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
RS	right side

Special stitches

inv (Inverted V stitch): Yo, insert hook in the first of the next 3 sts, yo and pull up a loop, yo and pull through 2 loops; skip the middle one of the 3 sts; yo, insert hook in the last one, yo and pull up a loop, yo and pull through 2 loops; yo and pull through all 3 loops on hook. Its two legs stand apart and meet at the top. It leaves 1 inv for the next row or round.

Gauge

15 stitches and 16 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

15 stitches and 8 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet, worked in the round. One band of crosses, its three rounds together, is about 1¼ in (3 cm) tall. The strap, in rows, has the gauge of the single crochet.

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 14 the base should measure about 7 in (18 cm) across, 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

- 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 is joined with a slip stitch in its first stitch. The chain 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 chain of 2 or 1 at the start of a round is such a chain and is not counted. In the round of inverted Vs the first one begins in the stitch the round before was joined in; in the next round the first two double crochet (UK treble), with 1 chain between them, go into the point of the first inverted V; in the round after that the first single crochet (UK double crochet) goes into the first double crochet.
- Where the pattern says BLO, put the hook under the back loop only; the front loop stays on the outside as a ridge.
- Cane weave: the 2 chains after each inverted V pass behind, and nothing is worked into them. The V of the next round stands on the point of the inverted V, so that the two together are a cross.
- In the rows of the strap the chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- The right side, the outside of the bag, faces you in every round. In the strap the odd rows are the right side.
- 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, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- Raffia does not stretch: keep the chains and the loops loose enough for the hook to go in.
- Colors, round by round. Rounds 1 to 35: A. Rounds 36 to 41: B. The strap is A, the drawcord is B.
- Each round of crosses has 28 of them.

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Instructions

Chosen: City. Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. 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, dc is treble, yo is yarn round hook and sk is miss.

Bag

Yarns in order of use: A, natural straw; B, black.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in MR, sl st in first sc to join	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 2 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 3 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 4 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 5 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 1, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 6 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(78 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(84 sc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 14.** The base should measure about 7 in (18 cm) across.

Foot

☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(84 sc)**

Cane weave walls

☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 2, **[**inv over next 3 sts, ch 2**] 28 times**, sl st in first inv to join	**(28 inv, 28 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Ch 2, **[**(dc, ch 1, dc) in next st, sk next ch-2 sp**] 28 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(56 dc, 28 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st**] 28 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	Ch 2, **[**inv over next 3 sts, ch 2**] 28 times**, sl st in first inv to join	**(28 inv, 28 ch-2 sps)**

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☐ **Rnd 21**	Ch 2, **[**(dc, ch 1, dc) in next st, sk next ch-2 sp**] 28 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(56 dc, 28 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st**] 28 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	Ch 2, **[**inv over next 3 sts, ch 2**] 28 times**, sl st in first inv to join	**(28 inv, 28 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	Ch 2, **[**(dc, ch 1, dc) in next st, sk next ch-2 sp**] 28 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(56 dc, 28 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st**] 28 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	Ch 2, **[**inv over next 3 sts, ch 2**] 28 times**, sl st in first inv to join	**(28 inv, 28 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	Ch 2, **[**(dc, ch 1, dc) in next st, sk next ch-2 sp**] 28 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(56 dc, 28 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 28**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st**] 28 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 29**	Ch 2, **[**inv over next 3 sts, ch 2**] 28 times**, sl st in first inv to join	**(28 inv, 28 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 30**	Ch 2, **[**(dc, ch 1, dc) in next st, sk next ch-2 sp**] 28 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(56 dc, 28 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 31**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st**] 28 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 32**	Ch 2, **[**inv over next 3 sts, ch 2**] 28 times**, sl st in first inv to join	**(28 inv, 28 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 33**	Ch 2, **[**(dc, ch 1, dc) in next st, sk next ch-2 sp**] 28 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(56 dc, 28 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 34**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st**] 28 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 35**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(84 sc)**

Rim

☐ **Rnd 36**	With B, ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 37**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 38**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts**] 14 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(56 sc, 14 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 39**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 2 sts**] 14 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 40 to 41**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(84 sc)**

A box for each round, 40 to 41: tick them off as you go.

40 41

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

Strap

Yarn A, natural straw.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 8.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(7 sc)**

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☐ **Rows 2 to 170** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(7 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 170: 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	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	121	122	123	124	125	126	127	128	129	130	131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138	139	140	141	142	143	144	145	146
147	148	149	150	151	152	153	154	155	156	157	158	159	160	161	162	163	164	165	166	167	168	169	170					

☐ **End** Fasten off, leaving a tail of 32 in (81 cm) to sew one end. To sew the other end, cut a new length of the same yarn, also 32 in (81 cm).

Assembly

1. Weave in all the tails of the bag on the inside and those of the strap on its wrong side, except the long tail of the strap.

2. Cord: with B chain 145, about 38¾ in (98.5 cm) long. Fasten off and knot both ends, hiding the short tails in the knots.

3. Lay the bag flat with the joins of the last round in the middle of the back, so that there is a fold at each side. From one side fold to the other there are 42 stitches, both across the front and across the back.

4. Strap: it is about 42½ in (108 cm) long and 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide. Lay the end that has the long tail upright on the outside of the bag at one side fold, right side out, the middle of its width on the fold and the rest of the strap pointing up. Its last eight rows lie over the bag, so that they reach from the top of round 37, just below the openings, about 2 in (5 cm) down. With that tail sew it down all round the part that lies on the bag, through the strap and the bag: bring the needle up through the strap one stitch in from its edge and down through the bag beside the edge, one stitch for each stitch or row, along the short end, up both long edges, and across the strap along the top of round 37. Fasten off on the inside and weave in the end there.

5. Bring the strap over to the other side fold without a twist, and sew its other end on there in the same way with the new length of A. Weave in both ends of that yarn on the inside.

6. Lining. From the cotton cut a circle 8¼ in (21 cm) across and a strip 23¾ in (60.5 cm) by 10 in (25.5 cm); a seam of ½ in (1.3 cm) is counted in. Lay the two short ends of the strip together with the right sides of the cloth inside and backstitch them with sewing thread ½ in (1.3 cm) from the edge. Backstitch: bring the needle up one stitch length ahead, go down where the last stitch ended, and so on. Pin one open edge of this tube round the circle, right sides together, with small snips ¼ in (0.5 cm) deep in the edge of the tube so that it lies round the curve, and backstitch it in the same way. Fold ¾ in (2 cm) of the top edge to the wrong side. Put the lining into the bag, its wrong side against the bag, and its circle on the base. Pin its folded edge along round 37, the last round below the openings for the cord, and sew it there with small stitches of sewing thread, through the fold and the inside of the stitches only, so that nothing shows outside. The stitches and the ends of the sewn strap lie behind the lining. Fasten off inside the fold.

7. Drawcord: round 38 has 14 openings. Two of them lie beside each other at the middle of the front, with four stitches between them. Take one end of the cord in from the outside through one of these two, out through the next opening on the side away from the other, in through the one after that, and so on all round the bag, passing behind the strap at each side. The end comes out last through the other of the two. Make both ends equally long, draw the bag up a little and tie the ends in a bow.

Finishing

- Fill the bag with a towel and steam it lightly with an iron held above it, not on it, until the walls stand straight. Let it dry before you take the towel out. Use only as much warmth as the label of the yarn allows.

In all: 2 pieces.

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