Striped beach tote

Medium · US terms



Finished size
About 14 in (35.5 cm) wide laid flat and 11¼ in (28.5 cm) tall, with handles about 16 in (40.5 cm) long

Skill
Easy
It is worked in rounds, with increases in the base and chains over skipped stitches for the handles.

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 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: marine blue, main color	**about 175 yd (160 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, contrast color	**about 140 yd (128 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: coral, contrast color	**about 65 yd (59 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)	**14 in (35.5 cm) wide, 11¼ in (28.5 cm) tall**	**about 380 yd (347 m)**
Large	17¼ in (44 cm) wide, 13½ in (34.5 cm) tall	about 575 yd (525 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
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
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 12¼ in (31 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. From round 2 on, the increases stand at the two ends only.
- The rounds are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- The handle round makes two handles: each is a chain that passes over skipped stitches, and the next round works one stitch into the chain space for every chain.
- To change color, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). Where only one or two rounds are worked before the old yarn is used again, do not cut it: carry it loosely up the inside.
- Colors, round by round. Rounds 1 to 9: A. Rounds 10 to 12: B. Rounds 13 to 15: A. Rounds 16 to 18: B. Rounds 19 to 21: A. Rounds 22 to 24: B. Rounds 25 to 27: A. Rounds 28 to 30: B. Rounds 31 to 33: A. Rounds 34 to 36: B. Rounds 37 to 39: A. Rounds 40 to 42: B. Rounds 43 to 48: C.

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 and sk is miss.

Yarns in order of use: A, marine blue; B, white; C, coral.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 34.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 31 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 31 chs, 2 sc in last ch	**(68 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 31 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 31 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	**(74 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next st, sc in next 31 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 31 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(80 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 31 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 31 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(86 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sc in next 31 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 31 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(92 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 31 sts, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 31 sts, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(98 sc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 6.** After round 6 the base should measure about 12¼ in (31 cm) long and 3¼ in (8 cm) wide.

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Sides

☐ **Rnds 7 to 9** Sc in each st around **(98 sc)**

A box for each round, 7 to 9: tick them off as you go.

7 8 9

☐ **Rnd 10** With B, sc in each st around **(98 sc)**

☐ **Rnds 11 to 12** Sc in each st around **(98 sc)**

A box for each round, 11 to 12: tick them off as you go.

11 12

☐ **Rnd 13** With A, sc in each st around **(98 sc)**

☐ **Rnds 14 to 15** Sc in each st around **(98 sc)**

A box for each round, 14 to 15: tick them off as you go.

14 15

☐ **Rnd 16** With B, sc in each st around **(98 sc)**

☐ **Rnds 17 to 18** Sc in each st around **(98 sc)**

A box for each round, 17 to 18: tick them off as you go.

17 18

☐ **Rnd 19** With A, sc in each st around **(98 sc)**

☐ **Rnds 20 to 21** Sc in each st around **(98 sc)**

A box for each round, 20 to 21: tick them off as you go.

20 21

☐ **Rnd 22** With B, sc in each st around **(98 sc)**

☐ **Rnds 23 to 24** Sc in each st around **(98 sc)**

A box for each round, 23 to 24: tick them off as you go.

23 24

☐ **Rnd 25** With A, sc in each st around **(98 sc)**

☐ **Rnds 26 to 27** Sc in each st around **(98 sc)**

A box for each round, 26 to 27: tick them off as you go.

26 27

☐ **Rnd 28** With B, sc in each st around **(98 sc)**

☐ **Rnds 29 to 30** Sc in each st around **(98 sc)**

A box for each round, 29 to 30: tick them off as you go.

29 30

☐ **Rnd 31** With A, sc in each st around **(98 sc)**

☐ **Rnds 32 to 33** Sc in each st around **(98 sc)**

A box for each round, 32 to 33: tick them off as you go.

32 33

☐ **Rnd 34** With B, sc in each st around **(98 sc)**

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☐	**Rnds 35 to 36**	Sc in each st around	**(98 sc)**

A box for each round, 35 to 36: tick them off as you go.

35 36

☐	**Rnd 37**	With A, sc in each st around	**(98 sc)**
☐	**Rnds 38 to 39**	Sc in each st around	**(98 sc)**

A box for each round, 38 to 39: tick them off as you go.

38 39

☐	**Rnd 40**	With B, sc in each st around	**(98 sc)**
☐	**Rnds 41 to 42**	Sc in each st around	**(98 sc)**

A box for each round, 41 to 42: tick them off as you go.

41 42

Top and handles

☐	**Rnd 43**	With C, sc in each st around	**(98 sc)**
☐	**Rnd 44**	Sc in each st around	**(98 sc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 44.** Before round 45, check where the round starts. Unjoined rounds lean a little, so the marker moves away from the place where the base began. Lay the bag flat with the base folded along its middle, so that each end of the base is at a side fold. The handles are in the middle of the front and the back when the marker stands 3 stitches past a side fold, in the direction you work. If it does not, work one single crochet in each stitch on to that place and move the marker there; round 45 starts from it.

☐	**Rnd 45**	Sc in next 13 sts, ch 56, sk next 17 sts, sc in next 32 sts, ch 56, sk next 17 sts, sc in next 19 sts	**(64 sc, 2 ch-56 sps)**
☐	**Rnd 46**	Sc in next 13 sts, 56 sc in next ch-56 sp, sc in next 32 sts, 56 sc in next ch-56 sp, sc in next 19 sts	**(176 sc)**
☐	**Rnds 47 to 48**	Sc in each st around	**(176 sc)**

A box for each round, 47 to 48: tick them off as you go.

47 48

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

Finishing

- Weave every tail in on the inside.

In all: 48 rounds; 4,814 stitches; 26 ends to weave in.

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