Striped door draft stopper

Standard · US terms



Finished size

About 36¼ × 3¾ in (92 × 10 cm)

About 36¼ in (92 cm) long and 3¾ in (9.5 cm) thick, without the loop. To fit a door or a window 34 in (86.5 cm) to 38 in (96.5 cm) wide

Skill

Easy

It is single crochet and double crochet by turns in joined rounds, with no shaping but in the two flat ends.

Yarn

Bulky (5), 3 colors

Hook

6.5 mm (US K-10½)

Gauge

12 stitches and 13 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: barn red, the ends and the wide stripes	**about 165 yd (151 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, the narrow stripes	**about 125 yd (114 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: gray, the wide stripes between the red ones, and the loop	**about 130 yd (119 m), an estimate**

Fiber: wool blend or acrylic

Hook: 6.5 mm (US K-10½), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: closely woven cotton fabric for the inner bag, 13 in (33 cm) wide; its length is given with the size, sewing thread and a sewing needle, or a sewing machine, toy stuffing; how much is given with the size, dry rice, to make it heavy; how much is given with the size, a stitch marker, pins, a yarn needle, scissors and for this size: fabric 13 in (33 cm) wide and 39 in (99 cm) long, about 12 oz (340 g) of toy stuffing, and about 6 cups of dry rice, which is about 2½ lb (1.1 kg).

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	Fits	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Short	a door or a window 25 in (63.5 cm) to 30 in (76 cm) wide	27½ × 3¾ in (70 × 10 cm)	about 330 yd (302 m)
Medium	a door or a window 30 in (76 cm) to 34 in (86.5 cm) wide	32 × 3¾ in (81 × 10 cm)	about 375 yd (343 m)
Standard (this file)	**a door or a window 34 in (86.5 cm) to 38 in (96.5 cm) wide**	**36¼ × 3¾ in (92 × 10 cm)**	**about 420 yd (384 m)**

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Long	a door or a window 38 in (96.5 cm) to 43 in (109 cm) wide	40¾ × 3¾ in (104 × 10 cm)	about 470 yd (430 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
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

12 stitches and 13 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

12 stitches and 11 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in griddle stitch. Single crochet is the stitch of the ends; griddle stitch is the stitch of the sides.

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 end should measure about 3¾ in (9.5 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 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. Put the marker in the first stitch of each round.
- The tube and the second end are worked with the right side, the outside, facing you all the way.
- Griddle stitch: a single crochet stands over each double crochet of the round before, and a double crochet over each single crochet. So one round begins with a single crochet and the next with a double crochet. From round 8 on every round is griddle stitch; in round 8 itself both stitches stand on single crochet.
- Where the pattern says BLO, put the hook under the back loop only. In round 7 that makes a sharp edge round the flat end.
- 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).
- 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 another length work more or fewer repeats of 12 rounds, in their colors, before the last 4 rounds: 4 of red, 2 of cream, 4 of gray, 2 of cream. One repeat is about 4¼ in (11 cm) long and takes about 14 yd (13 m) of red, 14 yd (13 m) of cream and 14 yd (13 m) of gray. The last round is then 12 later or earlier for each repeat, and the inner bag is as much longer or shorter.

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- Measure the door across its foot, and take the size that is named for that width: the draft stopper is then no more than about 2¾ in (7 cm) shorter or longer than the door. Where it is longer, it lies in front of the door frame too. Lay it on the side toward which the door does not open, or move it aside before you open the door.
- Colors. Rounds 1 to 10: A. Rounds 11 to 12: B. Rounds 13 to 16: C. Rounds 17 to 18: B. Rounds 19 to 22: A. Rounds 23 to 24: B. Rounds 25 to 28: C. Rounds 29 to 30: B. Rounds 31 to 34: A. Rounds 35 to 36: B. Rounds 37 to 40: C. Rounds 41 to 42: B. Rounds 43 to 46: A. Rounds 47 to 48: B. Rounds 49 to 52: C. Rounds 53 to 54: B. Rounds 55 to 58: A. Rounds 59 to 60: B. Rounds 61 to 64: C. Rounds 65 to 66: B. Rounds 67 to 70: A. Rounds 71 to 72: B. Rounds 73 to 76: C. Rounds 77 to 78: B. Rounds 79 to 82: A. Rounds 83 to 84: B. Rounds 85 to 88: C. Rounds 89 to 90: B. Rounds 91 to 94: A. Rounds 95 to 96: B. Rounds 97 to 100: C. Rounds 101 to 102: B. Rounds 103 to 106: A. The second end is A and the loop C.

Instructions

Chosen: Standard. 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 and dc is treble.

Tube

Yarns in order of use: A, barn red; B, cream; C, gray.

☐ **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)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 6.** The end should measure about 3¾ in (9.5 cm) across.

Sides

☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	With B, ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	With C, ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	With B, ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 18**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	With A, ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	With B, ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	With C, ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 28**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 29**	With B, ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 30**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 31**	With A, ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 32**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 33**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 34**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 35**	With B, ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 36**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 37**	With C, ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 38**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 39**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 40**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 41**	With B, ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 42**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 43**	With A, ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 44**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 45**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 46**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 47**	With B, ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 48**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 49**	With C, ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 50**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**

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☐ **Rnd 51**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 52**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 53**	With B, ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 54**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 55**	With A, ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 56**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 57**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 58**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 59**	With B, ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 60**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 61**	With C, ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 62**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 63**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 64**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 65**	With B, ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 66**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 67**	With A, ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 68**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 69**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 70**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 71**	With B, ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 72**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 73**	With C, ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 74**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 75**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 76**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 77**	With B, ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 78**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 79**	With A, ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 80**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 81**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 82**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 83**	With B, ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 84**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 85**	With C, ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 86**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 87**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 88**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 89**	With B, ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 90**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 91**	With A, ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 92**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 93**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 94**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 95**	With B, ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 96**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 97**	With C, ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 98**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 99**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 100**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 101**	With B, ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 102**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 103**	With A, ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 104**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 105**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(18 dc, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 106**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc, 18 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 60 in (152.5 cm) for sewing.	

Second end

Yarn A, barn red.

☐ **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)**

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

Hanging loop

Yarn C, gray.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 21.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(20 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 24 in (61 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. The tails of the color changes. Knot the two tails of each change together on the inside, close to the fabric, and cut them 1 in (2.5 cm) long; they stay in the tube. Draw the tail of each magic ring tight and weave it in on the wrong side. Weave in the short tail of the second end and the starting tail of the loop. The long tails of the tube and of the loop are left for sewing.

2. The loop. Lay the tube with the joins of the rounds underneath. The middle of the top is then 18 stitches from the joins; mark it with a pin in the last round. Lay the two short ends of the loop on the top of the tube, right side up, over the last 2 rounds, their short edges on the round before those, one on each side of the pin with two stitches of the tube between them. The loop is not twisted; its middle stands out beyond the edge of the opening. Sew down the end with the long tail: 2 stitches on its short edge and 2 on each long edge as far as it lies on the tube, each up through the loop close to its edge and down through the tube beside the edge. Do not sew into the edge of the opening, where the second end goes. Go round once more. Then take the needle across on the inside of the tube to the other end of the loop and sew it down in the same way. Fasten off on the inside.

3. The inner bag. Fold the fabric in half along its length, right side inside, so that it is 6½ in (16.5 cm) wide and 39 in (99 cm) long. With the thread sew across one short end and along the open long side, ½ in (1.5 cm) from the edge. Backstitch: bring the needle up one stitch ahead, put it down at the end of the stitch before, and so on. Turn the bag right side out. Stand it up and fill it a little at a time: put in stuffing, pressed firmly down, for about 6 in (15 cm) of the length of the bag, about 2 oz (55 g), then pour one cup of rice on it and shake it down, and so on, 6 times, until the bag is full. So the rice lies all along the bag. Turn the open end in by ½ in (1.5 cm) and sew it shut.

4. Push the inner bag into the tube until it fills the first end, the right side of the tube out.

5. The second end. Lay it on the opening, right side out. With the long tail of the tube whip stitch it to the last round, 36 stitches to 36 stitches, each through both loops of both edges. Fasten off and draw the end inside. To wash the cover, take this seam out again; the loop is sewn to the tube alone and can stay. The loop now hangs down in front of the second end.

Finishing

- Roll it on the floor with both hands to make it even. Lay it close against the foot of the door, with the joins of the rounds underneath.

In all: 3 pieces; 3,872 stitches (3,726 in the tube, 126 in the second end, 20 in the hanging loop).

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