Striped drawstring backpack

Adult · US terms



Finished size
About 13¼ in (33.5 cm) wide laid flat and 13½ in (34.5 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
It is worked in rounds, with increases in the base and a round of spaces for a cord.

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: denim, the bag	**about 350 yd (320 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, the middle of the band and the cord	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: mustard, the edges of the band and the straps	**about 100 yd (91 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
Child	10¼ in (26 cm) wide, 11 in (28 cm) tall	about 320 yd (293 m)
Adult (this file)	**13¼ in (33.5 cm) wide, 13½ in (34.5 cm) tall**	**about 470 yd (429 m)**

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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

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 5 the base should measure about 11¾ in (30 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.
- 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 37: A. Rounds 38 to 39: C. Rounds 40 to 41: B. Rounds 42 to 43: C. Rounds 44 to 56: A.

Instructions

Chosen: Adult. 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.

Bag

Yarns in order of use: A, denim; C, mustard; B, cream.

☐ **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)**

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☐ **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)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 5.** After round 5 the base should measure about 11¾ in (30 cm) long and 2¾ in (7 cm) wide.

Sides

☐ **Rnds 6 to 37**	Sc in each st around	**(92 sc)**

A box for each round, 6 to 37: tick them off as you go.

☐ 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

☐ **Rnd 38**	With C, sc in each st around	**(92 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 39**	Sc in each st around	**(92 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 40**	With B, sc in each st around	**(92 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 41**	Sc in each st around	**(92 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 42**	With C, sc in each st around	**(92 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 43**	Sc in each st around	**(92 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 44**	With A, sc in each st around	**(92 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 45 to 49**	Sc in each st around	**(92 sc)**

A box for each round, 45 to 49: tick them off as you go.

☐ 45 ☐ 46 ☐ 47 ☐ 48 ☐ 49

Top

☐ **Rnds 50 to 51**	Sc in each st around	**(92 sc)**

A box for each round, 50 to 51: tick them off as you go.

☐ 50 ☐ 51

☐ **Rnd 52**	**[**Sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 46 times**	**(46 sc, 46 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 53**	**[**Sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 46 times**	**(92 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 54 to 56**	Sc in each st around	**(92 sc)**

A box for each round, 54 to 56: tick them off as you go.

☐ 54 ☐ 55 ☐ 56

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

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Shoulder strap: make 2

Yarn C, mustard.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 81.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(80 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(80 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 5: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5

☐ **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).

Assembly

1. For the cord, with B, ch 150, about 34¼ in (87 cm) long, and fasten off with a tail of 6 in (15 cm) at each end.

2. Thread the cord in and out through the 46 chain-1 spaces, beginning and ending at the middle of the front. Knot each end and trim its tail to about ½ in (1.5 cm). Leave the bag open, its top flat and not drawn up, until the straps are on.

3. Each shoulder strap is about 22¾ in (58 cm) long. Lay the upper ends side by side on the outside of the back, in the middle of it, over four rounds just below the round of spaces, their ends pointing up to the cord and the straps hanging down, and sew these ends down. Lay the lower ends sideways along the outside of the back, just above the base, so that each strap leaves the back at the side edge nearest to it and its end points to the middle of the back. The last 2 in (5 cm) of each strap lies on the back, and the two ends are about 9¼ in (23.5 cm) apart. Sew down those 2 in (5 cm) of each. Then draw the cord up to close the bag, and tie it in a bow.

Finishing

- Weave all the other tails in on the inside.

In all: 3 pieces; 5,846 stitches (5,046 in the bag, 400 in each shoulder strap); 14 ends to weave in.

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