Three striped footbags

US terms



Finished size
Each about 2 in (5 cm) across

Skill
Intermediate
Eight pieces worked in rounds and rows and sewn together.

Yarn
Super fine (1), 4 colors

Hook
1.75 mm (US steel, between 6 and 7)

Gauge
34 stitches and 37 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet, in a spiral.

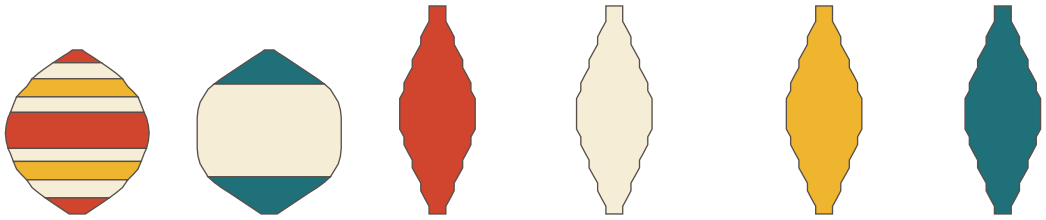
What you need

Yarn A: tomato red, bullseye ball, red panel and the details	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, bullseye ball, zigzag ball, cream panel and the details	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: sunflower, bullseye ball, sunflower panel and the details	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: deep teal, zigzag ball, teal panel and the details	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 35 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 400 yd (366 m).

Hook: 1.75 mm (US steel, between 6 and 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: for each footbag about 3 tablespoons (45 ml) of plastic pellets or dried rice, the toe of a thin nylon stocking, about 6 in (15 cm) long, for the pouch; a paper funnel, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins and scissors.

The pieces



Bullseye ball **Zigzag ball** **Red panel** **Cream panel x 3** **Sunflower panel** **Teal panel**

Gauge

34 stitches and 37 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, in a spiral.

34 sc and 37 rounds = 4 in (10 cm), worked in a spiral, and 34 sc and 37 rows in rows: much tighter than for a garment, so that no pellet can come through. To check it, work a flat circle: 6 sc in a magic ring, then 6 more sc in each round (12, 18, 24, 30, 36). After round 6 it should measure about 1 5/16 in (3.5 cm) across.

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Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Instructions

US terms.

sc single crochet (UK dc), **ch** chain, **sc2tog** 2 sc made into one, **st** stitch.
2 sc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Sc in next 2 sts: one in each.
Rounds run in a **spiral**: mark the first stitch and move the marker up each round. **Working in the round**
[ ] 6 times: 6 times in all. (18 sc): the round now has 18; a check, not a step. **How to read a pattern**
Also: RS right side, yo yarn over.
Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Bullseye ball

Begin with yarn A, tomato red.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring. *Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work round 1 into the loop and pull the tail to close it. Or chain 2 and work round 1 into the first chain.*	
☐ **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 st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	With B, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 7**	With C, sc in each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 8**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Round 9**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Rounds 10 to 11** 10 11	With B, sc in each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **Round 12**	With A, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	(54 sc)
☐ **Rounds 13 to 16** 13 14 15 16	Sc in each st around	(54 sc)
☐ **Round 17**	With B, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Round 18**	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **Round 19**	With C, sc in each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **Round 20**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Round 21**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 22**	With B, sc in each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 23**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 24**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(24 sc)

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Put in the pouch and fill it now (see the notes), then go on.

☐ **Round 25**	With A, **[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 26**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 27**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	(6 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 6 stitches, pull it tight to close the hole and bury the end inside.	

Zigzag ball

Begin with yarn D, deep teal.

☐ **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 st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Round 8**	With B, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Round 9**	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **Round 10**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	(54 sc)

Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 27 and 28 of round 10. It faces the front, round 1 at the bottom.

☐ **Rounds 11 to 18**	Sc in each st around	(54 sc)

11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

☐ **Round 19**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Round 20**	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **Round 21**	With D, **[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Round 22**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 23**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 24**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(24 sc)

Work the zigzag lines now (see Finishing). Then put in the pouch and fill it (see the notes), and go on.

☐ **Round 25**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 26**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 27**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	(6 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 6 stitches, pull it tight to close the hole and bury the end inside.	

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Red panel

Yarn A, tomato red.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 2 stitches wide at the start. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Start**	With A, ch 3.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st	(9 sc)
☐ **Rows 13 to 16** 13 14 15 16	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(9 sc)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, sc2tog	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(2 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing.	

Cream panel: make 3

Yarn B, cream.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 2 stitches wide at the start. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Start**	With B, ch 3.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(2 sc)

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☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st	(9 sc)
☐ **Rows 13 to 16** 13 14 15 16	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(9 sc)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, sc2tog	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(2 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing.	

Sunflower panel

Yarn C, sunflower.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 2 stitches wide at the start. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Start**	With C, ch 3.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	(5 sc)

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☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st	(9 sc)
☐ **Rows 13 to 16** 13 14 15 16	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(9 sc)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, sc2tog	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(2 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing.	

Teal panel

Yarn D, deep teal.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 2 stitches wide at the start. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Start**	With D, ch 3.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(8 sc)

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☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st	(9 sc)
☐ **Rows 13 to 16** 13 14 15 16	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(9 sc)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, sc2tog	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(2 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing.	

Assembly

1. The bullseye ball and the zigzag ball are finished when their pouches are in and their last rounds are closed. Roll each between your palms until it is round.

2. The beach ball is made of six panels: the one red panel, the three cream panels, the one sunflower panel and the one teal panel. The right side of a panel is the side that faces you as you work row 1 and every odd row. Lay them side by side with their right sides up and row 1 at the bottom, from left to right: red, cream, sunflower, cream, teal, cream.

3. The tail of each panel hangs at its upper left corner, at the end of row 27. With it, right sides out, sew that panel to the one on its left in whip stitch, from row 27 down to row 1, through the ends of the same row of both, 27 rows. The tail of the red panel sews the sixth seam, to the last cream panel: sew only its first 9 rows (27 down to 19) for now. Let the rest of each tail hang at row 1.

4. At the row 27 end six edges of 2 stitches meet. Run a length of B through all 12 stitches, draw it up until the hole is closed and fasten off. Put the pouch in through the open seam and fill it (see the notes), then sew the rest of the seam. Last, close the row 1 end in the same way, through its 12 chains.

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Finishing

- Embroider with one strand of yarn and the yarn needle when the pieces round the place are sewn on, unless a line gives another time; begin and end each strand on the wrong side of a flat piece, inside a stuffed one. Backstitch is a line of short stitches end to end: bring the needle up one stitch ahead, put it down at the end of the stitch before, and repeat.
- First zigzag (like the other two, worked before the ball is filled): with C (sunflower), in backstitch, a zigzag all the way round between round 11 and round 14 (54 sts each). Begin on the center line on round 11. Go to round 14, 3 stitches farther to the right, then back to round 11, 3 stitches farther still, and so on, by turns, until you are back at the beginning: 18 slanting lines. Work three backstitches to each slanting line.
- Second zigzag: with A (tomato red), the same, between round 13 and round 16, beginning on the center line on round 13 and going to round 16 first.
- Third zigzag: with D (deep teal), the same, between round 15 and round 18, beginning on the center line on round 15 and going to round 18 first.
- Weave every tail through the fabric and trim it. Check the seams from time to time.

In all: 8 pieces; 2,910 stitches (966 in the bullseye ball, 1,014 in the zigzag ball, 155 in the red panel, 155 in each cream panel, 155 in the sunflower panel, 155 in the teal panel).

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

- Every piece that has rounds is worked in a continuous spiral with the right side facing you: do not join and do not turn. Put the marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up. Square brackets hold a repeat; work it as many times as the line says. The number in parentheses is the count at the end of the round.
- Whip stitch: hold the two edges together, take the needle through both, bring the yarn over the edges and go in again from the same side, one stitch along.
- The pouch: push the toe of the stocking through the opening, its open end outside. With the funnel, fill it through the open end with about 3 tablespoons (45 ml) of pellets or rice, so loosely that the ball, when it is closed, can still be squeezed. Knot the stocking close to the filling, cut it off ½ in (13 mm) above the knot and tuck the knot in. A bag with rice cannot be washed; one with plastic pellets can be washed by hand.
- Color change: where a line begins "With B," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in B. Cut the old yarn and knot the ends on the wrong side.
- Center line: places on a piece are given by round and by stitches from a center line. It is half way round from where the rounds begin. Mark it with a pin or a scrap of yarn as listed here, run it straight from round 1 to the last round by eye, and count out from it along the round, in stitches and half stitches.
- Zigzag ball: the center line runs between stitches 27 and 28 of round 10 (54 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the bottom.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the footbag. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- To work sc2tog, put the hook under the front loop only of each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over, pull through both loops, yarn over, pull through 2 loops.
- One size, at the gauge above: each about 2 in (5 cm) across. A thinner or a thicker yarn with a hook to suit makes it smaller or larger; every length then changes with it.

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