Striped string market bag

Medium · US terms



Finished size
About 8½ in (21.5 cm) wide laid flat at the top and about 9¾ in (25 cm) deep from the base to the top edge, with a strap about 24 in (61 cm) long before sewing

Skill
Easy
It is worked in rounds; the net is chain loops.

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: tomato, main color	**about 110 yd (101 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: marigold, contrast color	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: white, contrast color	**about 15 yd (14 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)	**8½ in (21.5 cm) wide, 9¾ in (25 cm) deep**	**about 140 yd (129 m)**
Large	10¼ in (26 cm) wide, 12 in (30.5 cm) deep	about 180 yd (164 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)
MR	magic ring
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 10 the base should measure about 5½ in (14 cm) across, laid flat and not stretched.

Before you start

- Begin with a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring, draw up a loop and chain 1 to hold it, which does not count as a stitch. Work round 1 into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed.
- The rounds are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- The first round of the net is worked into stitches. In every net round after it, each single crochet (UK double crochet) is worked into a chain-5 space of the round below, round the chain and not into one chain of it. The net goes on in a spiral: the first single crochet of a round goes into the first chain-5 space of the round before, and the last chain 5 leads on to it. Net rounds stretch when the bag is full.
- The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.
- 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 13: A. Rounds 14 to 16: C. Rounds 17 to 19: B. Rounds 20 to 27: A.

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.

Bag

Yarns in order of use: A, tomato; C, white; B, marigold.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	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	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	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	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	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	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(60 sc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 10. After round 10 the base should measure about 5½ in (14 cm) across.

Net

☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**Sc in next st, ch 5, sk next 2 sts**] 20 times**	**(20 sc, 20 ch-5 sps)**
☐ **Rnds 12 to 13**	**[**Sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 5**] 20 times**	**(20 sc, 20 ch-5 sps)**

A box for each round, 12 to 13: tick them off as you go.

☐ 12 ☐ 13

☐ **Rnd 14**	With C, **[**sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 5**] 20 times**	**(20 sc, 20 ch-5 sps)**
☐ **Rnds 15 to 16**	**[**Sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 5**] 20 times**	**(20 sc, 20 ch-5 sps)**

A box for each round, 15 to 16: tick them off as you go.

☐ 15 ☐ 16

☐ **Rnd 17**	With B, **[**sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 5**] 20 times**	**(20 sc, 20 ch-5 sps)**
☐ **Rnds 18 to 19**	**[**Sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 5**] 20 times**	**(20 sc, 20 ch-5 sps)**

A box for each round, 18 to 19: tick them off as you go.

☐ 18 ☐ 19

☐ **Rnd 20**	With A, **[**sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 5**] 20 times**	**(20 sc, 20 ch-5 sps)**
☐ **Rnds 21 to 22**	**[**Sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 5**] 20 times**	**(20 sc, 20 ch-5 sps)**

A box for each round, 21 to 22: tick them off as you go.

☐ 21 ☐ 22

Top

☐ **Rnd 23**	3 sc in each of next 20 ch-5 sps	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 24 to 27**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**

A box for each round, 24 to 27: tick them off as you go.

☐ 24 ☐ 25 ☐ 26 ☐ 27

☐ **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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Strap

Yarn A, tomato.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 85.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(84 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 20 in (51 cm) to sew one end. To sew the other end, cut a new length of the same yarn, also 20 in (51 cm).	

Putting it together

The strap is about 24 in (61 cm) long. Lay its ends on the inside of the top band at opposite sides of the bag, over all five rounds of the band: from the middle of one end to the middle of the other are 30 stitches. Whip stitch each end down round all its edges.

Finishing

- Weave every tail in on the inside.

In all: 2 pieces; 1,290 stitches (870 in the bag, 420 in the strap); 10 ends to weave in.

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