Striped water bottle sling

Medium · US terms



Finished size
About 3¼ in (8.5 cm) across and 6¾ in (17 cm) tall, with about 16¼ in (41.5 cm) of strap between its sewn ends

Skill
Easy
It is worked in rounds, with increases in the base.

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: lagoon, main color	**about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: sand, contrast color	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: coral, 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)	**3¼ in (8.5 cm) across, 6¾ in (17 cm) tall**	**about 110 yd (101 m)**
Large	3¾ in (9.5 cm) across, 7¼ in (18.5 cm) tall	about 135 yd (124 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)
MR	magic ring
st	stitch
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 3¼ in (8.5 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 chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- The strap is a short one, to carry the bottle in the hand. For one to wear across the body begin with ch 161 and work every row to its end: the strap is then about 45¾ in (116 cm) long, and takes about 30 yd (27 m) more of A.
- Measure across the bottom of your bottle and choose the size that is the same or a little wider.
- 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.
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.
- Colors, round by round. Rounds 1 to 9: A. Rounds 10 to 11: B. Rounds 12 to 13: A. Rounds 14 to 15: C. Rounds 16 to 17: A. Rounds 18 to 19: B. Rounds 20 to 21: A. Rounds 22 to 23: C. Rounds 24 to 25: A. Rounds 26 to 27: B. Rounds 28 to 31: 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.

Holder

Yarns in order of use: A, lagoon; B, sand; C, coral.

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

Stop and measure now, after round 6. After round 6 the base should measure about 3¼ in (8.5 cm) across.

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Sides

☐ **Rnds 7 to 9**	Sc in each st around	**(36 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	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	With A, sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	With C, sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	With A, sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	With B, sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	With A, sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	With C, sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	With A, sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	With B, sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 28**	With A, sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 29 to 31**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**

A box for each round, 29 to 31: tick them off as you go.

29 30 31

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

Strap

Yarn A, lagoon.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 65.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(64 sc)**

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☐ **Rows 2 to 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(64 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 4: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4

☐ **End** Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30 cm) to sew one end. To sew the other end, cut a new length of the same yarn, also 12 in (30 cm).

Putting it together

The strap is about 18¼ in (46.5 cm) long. Lay one end of it flat on the outside of the holder, over the top four rounds, and whip stitch it down on every side that touches. Count 18 stitches round from the middle of it and sew the other end down there in the same way, so that the two are opposite each other.

Finishing

- Weave every tail in on the inside.

In all: 2 pieces; 1,282 stitches (1,026 in the holder, 256 in the strap); 24 ends to weave in.

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