Sunflower drawstring backpack

Child · US terms



Finished size

About 10¼ in (26 cm) wide laid flat and 11¾ in (30 cm) tall, with a sunflower about 8 in (20.5 cm) across from tip to tip of the back petals

Skill

Easy

The bag is plain rounds from a round base; the petals are worked along short chains.

Yarn

Medium (4), 5 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 300 yd (274 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: sunflower yellow, the front petals	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: amber, the back petals	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: chestnut brown, the middle of the flower, the cords and the loops	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: leaf green, the leaves	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a stitch marker, scraps of yarn in a pale color, to mark the side folds, pins, a yarn needle and scissors.

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	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Child (this file)	**10¼ in (26 cm) wide, 11¾ in (30 cm) tall**	**about 415 yd (379 m)**
Adult	13¾ in (35 cm) wide, 15½ in (39.5 cm) tall	about 620 yd (567 m)

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

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)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together (UK dc2tog)
sc3tog	single crochet 3 stitches together (UK dc3tog)
MR	magic ring
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
RS	right side

Special stitches

bo (Bobble): [yo, insert hook in the place named, yo, pull up a loop, yo, pull through 2 loops] 5 times, yo, pull through all 6 loops on hook. Push it out to the right side. Close it firmly before the next stitch. It leaves 1 bo for the next row or round.

fp (Front petal): Work in the front loops only. Slip stitch in the next stitch, chain 8. Going back along the chain: single crochet in the 2nd chain from the hook, half double crochet (UK half treble) in the next chain, double crochet (UK treble) in each of the next 3 chains, half double crochet in the next chain, single crochet in the last chain. Slip stitch in the next stitch of the round. The petal stands over these two stitches. It leaves 1 fp for the next row or round.

bp (Back petal): Slip stitch in the next stitch, chain 10. Going back along the chain: single crochet in the 2nd chain from the hook, half double crochet (UK half treble) in the next chain, double crochet (UK treble) in each of the next 5 chains, half double crochet in the next chain, single crochet in the last chain. Slip stitch in the next stitch of the round. The petal stands over these two stitches. It leaves 1 bp for the next row or round.

Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

The sunflower, the leaves and the loops are worked at the same gauge: the sunflower, to the end of round 6 and without its petals, is then between 2¾ in (7 cm) and 3¼ in (8 cm) across, and each back petal, 9 stitches along its chain, stands out about 2½ in (6.5 cm) from it. The cords are slip stitches, which draw the chain in, so a cord is shorter than the same number of stitches at this gauge.

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 12 the base should measure about 6½ in (16.5 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, 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.

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

- For the sunflower change to B at the end of round 6: draw B through as the last yarn over of the last stitch, and cut D, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- The bag is for light things. For longer straps begin each cord with more chains: 10 chains, with the slip stitches worked along them, are about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) of cord, and each cord is doubled, so that is half as much at each side. 10 chains more in both cords take about 1 yd (0.9 m) of D more.

Instructions

Chosen: Child. 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, sc2tog is dc2tog, sc3tog is dc3tog, yo is yarn round hook and sk is miss.

Bag

Yarn A, denim.

☐ **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)**
☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 5 sts	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**Sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(72 sc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 12. The base should measure about 6½ in (16.5 cm) across.

Sides

☐ **Rnds 13 to 50**	Sc in each st around	**(72 sc)**

A box for each round, 13 to 50: tick them off as you go.

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 38 39 40 41
42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50

Top

☐ **Rnd 51**	Sc in next 2 sts, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 11 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next 3 sts	**(60 sc, 12 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 52**	Sc in next 2 sts, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next 5 sts**] 11 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next 3 sts	**(72 sc)**

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

☐ **Rnds 53 to 56**	Sc in each st around	**(72 sc)**

A box for each round, 53 to 56: tick them off as you go.

53 54 55 56

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

Sunflower

Yarns in order of use: D, chestnut brown; B, sunflower yellow.

In rounds 5 and 6 the stitches are worked through both loops as always. Round 7 goes into the front loops of round 6 only: with the right side toward you, the front loop of a stitch is the one nearer to you.

☐ **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**	**[**Bo in next st, sc in next st**] 12 times**	**(12 bo, 12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	With B, **[**fp over next 2 sts**] 15 times**	**(15 fp)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the first front loop of round 6 that was worked into. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Back petals

Yarn C, amber.

Fold the front petals toward the middle while you work. The joining slip stitch is not one of the petal; the first slip stitch of the first petal goes into the same back loop. Each back petal then begins at the second stitch of a front petal, so it shows between two of them.

☐ **Foundation**	The back loops of round 6 of the sunflower, left free behind the front petals, RS facing; 30 stitches; join C with a slip stitch in the back loop of the 2nd stitch of round 6.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	**[**Bp over next 2 sts**] 15 times**	**(15 bp)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the first back loop that was worked into. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 40 in (102 cm) to sew with.	

Leaf: make 2

Yarn E, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 2.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook	**(1 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; 3 sc in next st	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(5 sc)**

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Rows 6 to 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(7 sc)**

A box for each row, 6 to 7: tick them off as you go.

6 7

☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc3tog	**(1 sc)**
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st	**(1 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 24 in (61 cm) to sew with.	

Base loop: make 2

Yarn D, chestnut brown.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 15.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(14 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 18 in (45 cm) to sew with.	

Assembly

1. Flatten the bag so that the end of the last round is in the middle of the back. The middle of the front is then straight across from it, and there is a side fold at each side. With a scrap of yarn mark each side fold at the top and at the base, four marks in all.

2. Pin the middle of the sunflower to the middle of the front, on round 31. With the long tail of the back petals sew the sunflower to the bag right round the middle, through the back of round 6 under the petals and through the bag, one stitch for each stitch of round 6. Fasten off on the inside. The petals are still free.

3. Slip the beginning of each leaf, about its first 7 rows, under the back petals, so that the leaf points outward and down, one to the lower left and one to the lower right of the sunflower. The tip of the leaf, its last row, lies on round 14, 12 stitches to the side of the middle of the front, and the leaf points straight away from the middle of the sunflower. Pin both leaves. Sew each leaf down all round its edge with its tail, going up under the petals as far as the needle reaches. Fasten off on the inside of the bag.

4. Cut a length of C about 40 in (101.5 cm) long and fasten one end of it on the inside of the bag, below the tip of a back petal. Hold the tip of each of the 15 back petals down with one small stitch, through the bag, or through the leaf and the bag where a leaf lies under the tip, taking the yarn from tip to tip on the inside of the bag. Fasten off on the inside. The front petals stay free.

5. Fold each base loop in half, wrong side inside, its two ends level. Lay it on the outside of the bag at a side fold, the middle of its width on the fold, the two ends at the bottom along the foot of round 13, the first round above the base, and the fold pointing up. With its tail sew both ends down together, through all layers, round the four edges of the part that lies on rounds 13 to 15. Above them the loop is free and open to the sides.

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

6. Make two cords. For each, with D, chain 280. Slip stitch in the 2nd chain from the hook and in each chain to the end, 279 slip stitches (UK slip stitch). Fasten off with a tail of 6 in (15 cm) at each end. Each cord is about 64 in (162.5 cm) long.

7. There are 12 chain-1 spaces, and each side fold lies between two of them. For the first cord begin beside the left side fold. Take one end in from the outside through the space just in front of the fold, out through the next space toward the middle of the front, in through the one after that, and so on across the front, round the other side and along the back. It comes out last through the space just behind the left side fold, so that both ends hang at the left side. For the second cord begin in the same way beside the right side fold: in through the space just behind the fold, out through the next space toward the middle of the back, and so on all round, out last through the space just in front of the right side fold. Both cords lie in the same spaces.

8. Close the bag by pulling the two ends at each side. The two ends at the left side belong to the left base loop. Take one of them through the loop, from the back to the front, and lay the other over the outside of the loop. Tie the two ends to each other twice, close against the loop, so that the loop is held fast inside the tie. Leave the two strands between the top of the bag and the loop long enough for a shoulder to go through, and leave at least 4 in (10 cm) of each cord below the tie. Do the same at the right side with the right base loop. Try the length on, and then pull both ties tight. Take the four scraps of yarn out.

9. Finish the four cord ends. In each of them tie a single knot about 1½ in (4 cm) below the tie and pull it tight. Cut the cord straight across about ½ in (1.5 cm) below that knot; the yarn tail goes with the piece that is cut off. A slip stitch cord can come undone from a cut end, but only as far as the first knot, so leave this knot in.

Finishing

- Weave all the tails that are left in on the inside of the bag and behind the sunflower.

In all: 6 pieces.

Found a mistake in this pattern? Tell us at flossfield.com, under Make a request.

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.