Sunflower square shoulder bag

US terms



Finished size
About 12 in (30.5 cm) wide laid flat and 13 in (33 cm) tall to the peaks of the edging, 10 in (25.5 cm) to the low places between them, each square about 4¼ in (11 cm), with straps about 15½ in (39.5 cm) long

Skill
Easy
It is thirteen squares sewn edge to edge, with an edging and two straps.

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
15 stitches and 8 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: dark brown, the centers	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: sunflower yellow, the petals	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: forest green, the squares, the edging and the straps	**about 225 yd (206 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: cream, the edges of the squares, the seams and the edging	**about 100 yd (91 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a stitch marker, a yarn needle, scissors and pins.

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.

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together (UK dc2tog)
MR	magic ring
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)
st	stitch
sp	space

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rnd	round
RS	right side

Special stitches

puff: [yo, insert hook in the place named, yo, pull up a loop as tall as a dc] 3 times, yo, pull through all 7 loops on hook. It leaves 1 puff for the next row or round.

Gauge

15 stitches and 8 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

15 stitches and 17 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, worked in the round.

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 square should measure about 4¼ in (11 cm) long, 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 and draw up a loop. Work round 1 into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed.
- Squares: the chain of 1 at the start of rounds 1 and 6 and the chain of 2 at the start of rounds 2 and 3 do not count as a stitch. In rounds 2 and 3 the first stitch goes into the stitch the round before was joined in. In rounds 4 and 5 the chain of 3 counts as the first double crochet (UK treble); in round 5 it stands on the chain of 3 of round 4, and the next dc goes into the dc after it. In round 6 the first single crochet goes into the top of the chain of 3 of round 5.
- To change color where a joined round begins, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the slip stitch that ends the round before. This is for the squares; before round 4 of them fasten off B and join C as the line says. Cut the old yarn at each change, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch. This is for the straps, which are worked in rows.
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.
- For longer straps work more rows, the same number in both: 17 rows for every 4 in (10 cm). Ten rows more in both straps take about 5½ yd (5 m) of C.
- Colors of a square, round by round. Rounds 1 to 2: A. Round 3: B. Rounds 4 to 5: C. Round 6: D.

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Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. 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 sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble, dc is treble, sc2tog is dc2tog and yo is yarn round hook.

Square: make 13

Yarns in order of use: A, dark brown; B, sunflower yellow; C, forest green; D, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 sc in MR, sl st in first sc to join	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, 2 hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(16 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	With B, ch 2, **[**puff in next st, ch 1**] 16 times**, sl st in first puff to join	**(16 puffs, 16 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join C with sl st in any ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, 2 hdc in next ch-1 sp, 2 sc in next ch-1 sp, 2 hdc in next ch-1 sp, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-1 sp, 2 hdc in next ch-1 sp, 2 sc in next ch-1 sp, 2 hdc in next ch-1 sp**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(16 dc, 16 hdc, 8 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next st, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**dc in next 10 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**, dc in next 8 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(56 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	With D, ch 1, sc in next 4 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**sc in next 14 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**, sc in next 10 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(64 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 6.** The square should measure about 4¼ in (11 cm) long and the same wide, from edge to edge.

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Top edging

Yarns in order of use: D, cream; C, forest green.

Work the edging after step 5 of Assembly. The corner spaces at the 4 low places, where two squares meet, are passed over and do not count. Begin at any low place: join D with a slip stitch in the first of the 16 sc that go up from it, chain 1, which does not count as a stitch, and work the first sc2tog of round 1 over this stitch and the next one. At a peak the 3 sc go into the corner space in round 1, and into the middle one of the 3 sc below in rounds 2 and 3. The rounds are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round. To change to C for round 2, draw C through as the last yarn over of the last sc2tog of round 1, and cut D, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

☐ **Foundation**	The zigzag top edge of the bag, RS facing; 132 places: on each of the 8 free edges the 16 sc between two corner spaces, and at each of the 4 peaks its corner space.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	**[**Sc2tog, sc in next 14 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts, sc2tog**] 4 times**	**(132 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	With C, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 14 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts, sc2tog**] 4 times**	**(132 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc2tog, sc in next 14 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts, sc2tog**] 4 times**	**(132 sc)**
☐ **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: make 2

Yarn C, forest green.

Work the straps after the edging, one for the front and one for the back. Join C with a slip stitch in the first of these 5 stitches, on the right-hand peak of the front (on the left-hand one if you work left-handed). Work the first single crochet of row 1 into that same stitch. The second strap begins in the same way on the back.

☐ **Foundation**	The 5 stitches at the tip of a peak, RS facing: of round 3 of the edging, the 3 sc worked in one stitch and one sc on each side of them; 5 stitches.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in each st across	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 66**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(5 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 66: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 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 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59
60 61 62 63 64 65 66

☐ **End** Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30.5 cm) for sewing.

Assembly

1. All seams are whip stitched with D, with a new length about 24 in (61 cm) long for each edge, or for two edges that follow one another a length twice as long. Lay the two edges together with their wrong sides facing and sew from corner space to corner space: through both corner spaces, then stitch to stitch under both loops, 16 stitches, then through the two corner spaces at the other end.

2. The base. Lay one square, the base, right side up. With D, sew one edge of another square to each of its four edges, as in step 1. You have a cross of five squares; the four outer squares are the first ring.

3. Between two neighboring squares of the first ring there is a corner, four corners in all. At two corners that lie opposite each other, with D, sew the two edges that meet there to each other, from the corner of the base outward. These two seams are the sides of the bag. Leave the other two corners open: they are the middle of the front and of the back.

4. The second ring. The free edge is now a zigzag of eight edges, with four low places: the two open corners, and the two places where the side seams end. Set one square into each low place, right side out, with one corner of the square down in it: sew the two edges of the square that meet at that corner to the two free edges that rise from the low place, one after the other.

5. The third ring. There are four low places again, each at the upper corner of a square of the first ring. Set a square into each of them in the same way. The free edge is again a zigzag of eight edges, with four peaks and four low places. Weave in all the tails on the wrong side, and turn the bag right side out.

6. Work the top edging as written. Lay the bag flat with the base square folded across the middle, so that a side seam begins at each end of the fold. Two peaks are then on the front and two on the back; the squares of the second ring at the sides are folded in half.

7. Work a strap from one peak of the front as written. It is about 15½ in (39.5 cm) long. Take care that it is not twisted, and whip stitch its last row with its tail to the 5 stitches at the tip of the other peak of the front, stitch to stitch, edges meeting. Work and sew the second strap on the back in the same way.

Finishing

- Weave in the tails of the edging and the straps on the wrong side. Pin the squares out flat, damp them and let them dry, if their edges curl.

In all: 13 pieces.

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