T-shirt yarn containers, set of three

US terms



Finished size

About 4¼ in (11 cm) across and 6¼ in (16 cm) tall without its lid for the tall one, 5 in (12.5 cm) across and 4 in (10 cm) tall for the middle one, and 6¾ in (17 cm) across and 2¾ in (7 cm) tall for the low one

Skill

Easy

It is single crochet in unjoined rounds; the walls are worked through the back loop.

Yarn

Super bulky (6), 3 colors

Hook

9 mm (US M/N-13)

Gauge

9 stitches and 9 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: clay, the tall container, its lid and the rim of the middle one	**about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: blush, the middle container and the rim of the low one	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: charcoal, the low container, the rim of the tall one, the edge of the lid and the knob	**about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**

Fiber: T-shirt

Hook: 9 mm (US M/N-13), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a stitch marker, a yarn needle with an eye wide enough for the yarn 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.

Gauge

9 stitches and 9 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Rounds through the back loop are counted at the same height as plain rounds.

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 5 the base should measure about 4¼ in (11 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.

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Notes

- 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 right side, the outside, faces you in every round.
- Where the pattern says BLO, put the hook under the back loop only; the front loop stays on the outside as a ridge.
- To change color, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before. Cut the old yarn at each change, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- sc2tog: draw up a loop in each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops on the hook.
- T-shirt yarn is smooth and heavy. Work firmly, so that the walls stand by themselves.
- Colors. Tall container. Rounds 1 to 15: A. Rounds 16 to 19: C. Middle container. Rounds 1 to 13: B. Rounds 14 to 15: A. Low container. Rounds 1 to 12: C. Rounds 13 to 14: B. Lid. Rounds 1 to 7: A. Rounds 8 to 9: C. The knob is C.

Instructions

US terms.

sc single crochet (UK double crochet), **MR** magic ring, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
sc2tog 2 sc made into one. **BLO**: only the loop away from you. **RS** right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 3 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 6 times: work what is inside 6 times in all.
(6 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Tall container

Yarns in order of use: A, clay; C, charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Base

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(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)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 5.** The base should measure about 4¼ in (11 cm) across.

Wall

☐ **Rnds 6 to 15**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(30 sc)

6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

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Rim

☐ **Rnd 16**	With C, sc in each st around	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnds 17 to 19** 17 18 19	Sc in each st around	(30 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Middle container

Yarns in order of use: B, blush; A, clay.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Base

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(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.** The base should measure about 5¼ in (13.5 cm) across.

Wall

☐ **Rnds 7 to 13** 7 8 9 10 11 12 13	Sc in BLO of each st around	(36 sc)

Rim

☐ **Rnd 14**	With A, sc in each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc in each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Low container

Yarns in order of use: C, charcoal; B, blush.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Base

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(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)

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☐ **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)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 8.** The base should measure about 7 in (18 cm) across.

Wall

☐ **Rnds 9 to 12**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(48 sc)

9 10 11 12

Rim

☐ **Rnd 13**	With B, sc in each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Lid

Yarns in order of use: A, clay; C, charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(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.** The lid should measure about 5¼ in (13.5 cm) across.

Edge of the lid

☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	With C, sc in each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in each st around	(36 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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Knob

Yarn C, charcoal.

Before round 5 push the starting tail and about 24 in (61 cm) of leftover yarn, wound into a ball, into the knob, so that it is round and firm.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnds 3 to 4** 3 4	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc2tog**] 6 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 24 in (61 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Weave in the tails of the three containers and of the lid on the inside, the tail of each magic ring round the middle of its base. The tail of the rim of each container goes into the rim, on its inside.

2. The knob. Set its last round, the 6 stitches, down on the middle of the top of the lid, on its right side, over the 6 stitches of round 1. Thread the long tail of the knob on the needle. Take the needle under a stitch of round 1 of the lid and up through the stitch of the knob beside it, 6 times, once for each stitch, drawing the yarn snug. Go round a second time in the same way. Take the tail through to the inside of the lid, weave it in there and cut it off.

3. The lid goes over the rim of the tall container from above, like a cap, and its edge comes down over the 3 uppermost rounds.

Finishing

- Stand each container on the table, press its base flat with the hand inside, and pull the wall straight up all round.

In all: 5 pieces; 1,746 stitches (510 in the tall container, 450 in the middle container, 504 in the low container, 234 in the lid, 48 in the knob).

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