Two-color tote bag

Medium · US terms



Finished size
About 13½ in (34.5 cm) wide laid flat and 10¾ in (27.5 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
It is worked in rounds, with increases in the base and chains over skipped stitches.

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 14 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: natural, main color — **about 275 yd (251 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cobalt, contrast color — **about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Fiber: cotton
Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). 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
Small	10½ in (26.5 cm) wide, 8¾ in (22 cm) tall	about 215 yd (197 m)
Medium (this file)	**13½ in (34.5 cm) wide, 10¾ in (27.5 cm) tall**	**about 340 yd (310 m)**
Large	16¼ in (41.5 cm) wide, 12¾ in (32.5 cm) tall	about 480 yd (439 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)
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

13 stitches and 14 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 7 the base should measure about 11½ in (29 cm) long, laid flat and not stretched.

Before you start

- Round 1 is worked along both sides of the foundation chain: along one side, 3 stitches in the last chain, then back along the other side. From round 2 on, the increases stand at the two ends only; along the two straight sides work one stitch in each stitch.
- The rounds are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- The handle round makes two handles: each is a chain that passes over skipped stitches, and the next round works one stitch into the chain space for every chain.
- 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).
- About 13½ in (34.5 cm) wide laid flat and 10¾ in (27.5 cm) tall, on a base about 11½ in (29 cm) long and 4 in (10 cm) wide. Each handle is about 16 in (40.5 cm) long.
- Colors, round by round. Rounds 1 to 39: A. Rounds 40 to 45: B.

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.

Yarns in order of use: A, natural; B, cobalt.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 26.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 23 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 23 chs, 2 sc in last ch	**(52 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 23 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 23 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	**(58 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next st, sc in next 23 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 23 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(64 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 23 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 23 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(70 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sc in next 23 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 23 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(76 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 23 sts, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 23 sts, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(82 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, sc in next 23 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 23 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	**(88 sc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 7. After round 7 the base should measure about 11½ in (29 cm) long and 4 in (10 cm) wide.

Sides

☐ **Rnds 8 to 39**	Sc in each st around	**(88 sc)**

A box for each round, 8 to 39: tick them off as you go.

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

Top

☐ **Rnd 40**	With B, sc in each st around	**(88 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 41**	Sc in each st around	**(88 sc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 41. Before round 42, check where the round starts. Unjoined rounds lean a little, so the marker moves away from the place where the base began. Lay the bag flat with the base folded along its middle, so that each end of the base is at a side fold. The handles are in the middle of the front and the back when the marker stands 4 stitches past a side fold, in the direction you work. If it does not, work one single crochet in each stitch on to that place and move the marker there; round 42 starts from it.

☐ **Rnd 42**	Sc in next 10 sts, ch 52, sk next 16 sts, sc in next 28 sts, ch 52, sk next 16 sts, sc in next 18 sts	**(56 sc, 2 ch-52 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 43**	Sc in next 10 sts, 52 sc in next ch-52 sp, sc in next 28 sts, 52 sc in next ch-52 sp, sc in next 18 sts	**(160 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 44 to 45**	Sc in each st around	**(160 sc)**

A box for each round, 44 to 45: tick them off as you go.

44 45

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

Finishing

- Weave every tail in on the inside.

In all: 45 rounds; 4,018 stitches; 4 ends to weave in.

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