V-stitch farmers market bag

Medium · US terms



Finished size
About 11¼ in (28.5 cm) wide laid flat and 11½ in (29 cm) tall, with two handles about 20 in (51 cm) long and 1½ in (4 cm) wide

Skill
Easy
It is worked in rounds, with increases in the base, one lace stitch, and chains over skipped stitches for the handles.

Yarn
Light (3), 2 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
18 stitches and 20 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: marigold, the body	**about 165 yd (151 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: raspberry, the base, the top and the handles	**about 175 yd (160 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. 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. 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
Medium (this file)	**11¼ in (28.5 cm) wide, 11½ in (29 cm) tall**	**about 340 yd (311 m)**
Large	13¼ in (33.5 cm) wide, 13½ in (34.5 cm) tall	about 475 yd (434 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
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
BLO	back loop only
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

18 stitches and 20 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

10 rounds of V stitch measure about 4 in (10 cm), and 6 of its V stitches measure the same across.

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 9¾ in (25 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

- 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.
- The rounds of the base are not joined: work them in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- Where the pattern says BLO, put the hook under the back loop only; the front loop stays on the outside as a ridge, which makes the sides turn up from the base.
- From the first round of the sides on, each round is joined with a slip stitch, and the work is never turned. A chain of 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch; work the first single crochet (UK double crochet) of the round into the stitch the round before was joined in.
- V stitch: each V is (dc, ch 1, dc), two double crochet (UK treble) with a chain between them, all in one place. The chain of 3 at the start of a V stitch round counts as the first double crochet of the first V, and the round is joined in the top of it, the third chain. In the first V stitch round the chain of 3 stands on the stitch the round before was joined in, and its chain 1 and second double crochet are worked into that same stitch. In every V stitch round after it, the slip stitch at the start takes you into the chain-1 space of the first V, the next place to your left (to your right if you work left-handed), and every V is worked into the chain-1 space of the V below it, round the chain and not into it.
- The first round of the top puts one single crochet in each double crochet and one in each chain-1 space. Its first one goes into the top of the chain of 3.
- 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.
- For a taller bag work more V stitch rounds, all alike; 5 more rounds make it about 2 in (5 cm) taller. The lace stretches when the bag is full, so it hangs lower than it measures.

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- 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. Cut the old yarn at each change, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- Colors, round by round. Rounds 1 to 9: B. Rounds 10 to 31: A. Rounds 32 to 42: B.

Instructions

Chosen: Medium. 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, dc is treble and sk is miss.

Yarns in order of use: B, raspberry; A, marigold.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 33.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 30 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 30 chs, 2 sc in last ch	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 30 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 30 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next st, sc in next 30 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 30 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(78 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 30 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 30 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sc in next 30 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 30 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(90 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 30 sts, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 30 sts, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(96 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, sc in next 30 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 30 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	**(102 sc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 7.** The base should measure about 9¾ in (25 cm) long and 2¾ in (7 cm) wide. Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Every round after it is joined. Work the first stitch of round 8 into the stitch you slip stitched in, so that every one of the 102 stitches of round 7 is used once.

Sides

☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(102 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(102 sc)**

V stitch body

☐ **Rnd 10**	With A, ch 3 (counts as dc), (ch 1, dc) in same st, sk next 2 sts, **[**(dc, ch 1, dc) in next st, sk next 2 sts**] 33 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(68 dc, 34 ch-1 sps)**

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☐ **Rnds 11 to 31** Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (ch 1, dc) in same sp, **[**(dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 33 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(68 dc, 34 ch-1 sps)**

A box for each round, 11 to 31: tick them off as you go.

11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

Top and handles

☐ **Rnd 32** With B, ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st**] 34 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(102 sc)**

☐ **Rnds 33 to 34** Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join **(102 sc)**

A box for each round, 33 to 34: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

33 **34**

> **Stop here, after round 34.** Before round 35, check where the round starts. Rounds that are never turned lean a little, so the join 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 first stitch of the round, the one the round before was joined in, is the 4th stitch past a side fold, in the direction you work. If it is not, slip stitch in each stitch on to the next place where it is; round 35 starts there, and its first single crochet goes into the same stitch as the last slip stitch.

☐ **Rnd 35** Ch 1, sc in next 12 sts, ch 90, sk next 20 sts, sc in next 31 sts, ch 90, sk next 20 sts, sc in next 19 sts, sl st in first sc to join **(62 sc, 2 ch-90 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 36** Ch 1, sc in next 12 sts, 90 sc in next ch-90 sp, sc in next 31 sts, 90 sc in next ch-90 sp, sc in next 19 sts, sl st in first sc to join **(242 sc)**

☐ **Rnds 37 to 42** Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join **(242 sc)**

A box for each round, 37 to 42: tick them off as you go.

37 38 39 40 41 42

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

Finishing

- Weave every tail in on the inside.

In all: 42 rounds; 4,350 stitches; 6 ends to weave in.

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