Watermelon slice bag

US terms



Finished size
About 9¼ in (23.5 cm) wide and 4½ in (11.5 cm) tall, with a strap about 18¾ in (47.5 cm) long before sewing

Skill
Easy
It is one flat circle folded in half.

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: melon red, the middle	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: pale green, the line inside the rind	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: rind green, the rind and the strap	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: black, the seeds	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). Also: 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.

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)
MR	magic ring
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

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Gauge

14 stitches and 7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in double 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 8 the circle should measure about 9¼ in (23.5 cm) across, laid flat and not stretched.

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.
- Each round is joined with a slip stitch in its first double crochet (UK treble). The chain of 2 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch; work the first stitch into the stitch the round before was joined in.
- The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- 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 a longer strap begin with more chains: for every 4 in (10 cm) you want to add, as many more chains as the gauge has stitches in 4 in (10 cm). Every row then has as many more stitches.
- 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 5: A. Round 6: B. Rounds 7 to 8: C.

Instructions

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 sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and dc is treble.

Circle

Yarns in order of use: A, melon red; B, pale green; C, rind green.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, 12 dc in MR, sl st in first dc to join	**(12 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, 2 dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	**(24 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(36 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(48 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 2, dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, **[**dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 11 times**, dc in next 2 sts, sl st in first dc to join	**(60 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	With B, ch 2, **[**dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(72 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	With C, ch 2, dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, **[**dc in next 5 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 11 times**, dc in next 3 sts, sl st in first dc to join	**(84 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next 6 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(96 dc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 8.** After round 8 the circle should measure about 9¼ in (23.5 cm) across.

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☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (50 cm) for sewing.	

Strap

Yarn C, rind green.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 67.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(66 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 12 in (30 cm) to sew one end. To sew the other end, cut a new length of the same yarn, also 12 in (30 cm).	

Assembly

1. Fold the circle in half with the wrong side inside and one end of the fold at the long tail, where round 8 ends.

2. With the tail, beginning at that end of the fold, whip stitch the two layers of the curved edge together for 12 stitches. With a new length of C, 20 in (50 cm) long, do the same from the other end of the fold. The 24 stitches of each layer between the two seams are the opening.

3. The strap is about 18¾ in (47.5 cm) long. Lay 1 in (2.5 cm) of one of its ends inside the bag at one end of the opening, with the end of the seam at the middle of its width, and sew it down to both layers. Sew the other end at the other end of the opening in the same way.

4. With D, sew seeds here and there on the red of each side: two short straight stitches in the same place for each, about fourteen on a side.

Finishing

- Weave every tail in on the wrong side.

In all: 2 pieces; 696 stitches (432 in the circle, 264 in the strap); 8 ends to weave in.

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