Weekender duffle bag

Weekend · US terms



Finished size

About 18¾ in (47.5 cm) long and 10¼ in (26 cm) across at the ends, with handles 20 in (51 cm) long from seam to seam and a shoulder strap about 42¾ in (108.5 cm) long without its clips

Skill

Easy

Every part is plain rows or a flat circle; the zipper and the straps are sewn in and the ends are crocheted on.

Yarn

Bulky (5), 2 colors

Hook

6.5 mm (US K-10½)

Gauge

12 stitches and 9 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In half double crochet worked in the back loop only.

You will need

Yarn A: olive, the body and the ends	**about 750 yd (686 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: tan, the straps, the tabs and the edges of the ends	**about 225 yd (206 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 6.5 mm (US K-10½), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: two D-rings 1½ in (4 cm) wide and two swivel clips that take a strap 1½ in (4 cm) wide, in brass, six stitch markers, sewing thread in olive, a sewing needle and pins, a yarn needle, scissors and a chunky zipper 18 in (45.5 cm) long, in tan or olive.

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
Weekend (this file)	**18¾ in (47.5 cm) long, 10¼ in (26 cm) across**	**about 975 yd (892 m)**
Large	22¾ in (58 cm) long, 11½ in (29 cm) across	about 1,250 yd (1,143 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)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
BLO	back loop only
MR	magic ring
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

12 stitches and 9 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet worked in the back loop only.

The single crochet of the ends and the straps has 12 stitches and 13 rows or rounds to 4 in (10 cm). Count the rows of the body on the ridges: there is one ridge for every two rows on each side.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Lay it flat and count the stitches and rows over 4 in (10 cm) in its middle. There should be 12 stitches and 9 rows. If you count more stitches than that, change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, change to a smaller hook. The swatch can be pulled out and its yarn used again.
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> | **Swatch foundation** | Ch 20. | |
> | **Swatch row 1 (RS)** | Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across | **(18 hdc)** |
> | **Swatch rows 2 to 14** | Ch 2, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across | **(18 hdc)** |

Before you start

- The chain of 2 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch. That is the body.
- The chain of 1 at the start of a row of the straps and tabs does not count as a stitch.
- Where the pattern says BLO, put the hook under the back loop only. The piece is turned at every row, so the front loops left free make ridges on both sides of it.
- 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.
- Row 1 of the body and of every strap has the right side facing you, and so have all the odd rows.
- A crocheted strap gives a little under a load. The straps are worked the long way, which keeps that small; work them firmly.

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Instructions

Chosen: Weekend. 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 row is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet and hdc is half treble.

Body

Yarn A, olive.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 58.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(56 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 72**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across	**(56 hdc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 72: 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	☐ 67	☐ 68	☐ 69	☐ 70	☐ 71	☐ 72																

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

End: make 2

Yarn A, olive.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(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)**
☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 4 sts	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 5 sts	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**Sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 6 sts	**(78 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**Sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 7 sts	**(90 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**Sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(96 sc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 16. The end should measure about 10¼ in (26 cm) across.

☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). Leave a marker in the last stitch of the round: it is the top of the end.	

Handle strap

Yarn B, tan.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 249.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(248 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(248 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 5: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30.5 cm) for joining the two short ends.	

Ring tab: make 2

Yarn B, tan.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(5 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 9: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 24 in (61 cm) for sewing the tab on.	

Shoulder strap

Yarn B, tan.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 141.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(140 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(140 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 5: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 26 in (66 cm) to sew one end. To sew the other end, cut a new length of the same yarn, also 26 in (66 cm).	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the tails on the wrong side, except the long tails of the handle strap, of the two ring tabs and of the shoulder strap.

2. Handle strap. Lay it flat with its right side up. Bring its two short ends together without a twist and whip stitch them edge to edge with the long tail, one stitch for each of the 5 rows; fasten off on the wrong side. Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug. This seam lies in the middle of the first part that is sewn down. From the seam count 32 stitches along the ring and put a marker, then 60

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stitches and a marker, then 64 stitches and a marker, then 60 stitches and a marker; 32 stitches are left to the seam. The two lengths of 60 stitches are the handles, the two of 64 stitches are sewn down.

3. Lay the body flat with its right side up and its foundation edge toward you. Lay the strap on it, right side up, so that the two lengths of 64 stitches run straight across the rows, from the top of row 12 to the top of row 60, each with the middle of its width on the 14th stitch in from its side edge of the body. The 64 stitches of the strap lie along 48 rows. One handle then reaches out past the foundation edge, the other past row 72, and no part of the ring is twisted. Pin both lengths down.

4. Cut four lengths of B, each about 78 in (198 cm) long. With one, beginning at a marker with a tail of 4 in (10 cm), sew one long edge of one length down, through the strap and the body, with backstitch half a stitch in from the edge of the strap, one stitch for each stitch of the strap. Backstitch: bring the needle up one stitch length ahead, go down where the last stitch ended, and so on. At the far marker turn and backstitch across the strap to its other edge. Fasten off on the wrong side and weave in both ends there. Sew the other long edge in the same way, beginning at the far marker, and cross the strap at the first one. Sew the second length down with the other two lengths of B. Take the markers out.

5. Ring tabs. Pass a tab through a D-ring and fold it in half across with its wrong side inside, so that the ring lies in the fold, along row 5, and the edge of row 9 lies on the foundation edge. Lay it on the right side of an end in line with the marker, with the fold and the ring toward the marker and the two edges along the top of round 10; the tab covers rounds 11 to 14. With the long tail whip stitch it down, through both its layers and the end: along the two edges, up one side to 1 row from the fold, across the tab there with backstitch, and down the other side. Fasten off on the wrong side. Do the same with the second end.

6. Zipper. Open it and lay it beside the body: it is 18 in (45.5 cm) long, a little shorter than the body. Fold the tape beyond each end under. With the right side of the body up, pin one tape under the foundation edge, in the middle of its length, so that the edge lies beside the teeth and the pull is on the outside. Backstitch through row 1 and the tape with sewing thread, ¼ in (0.5 cm) from the edge. Bring row 72 round to the other tape, so that the body becomes a tube with its right side outside, and sew it on in the same way. The handles stand up at both sides of the zipper. Leave the zipper half open.

7. Ends. Each edge of the tube has 72 rows, and each end has 96 stitches, so 4 stitches of an end go to 3 rows. Put markers in both to keep them even: in the end after every 32 stitches from the top marker, in the edge of the tube after every 24 rows from the zipper. Hold an end against one edge of the tube with the wrong sides together, the body facing you and the top of the end at the zipper, with the ring pointing up to it.

8. With B, begin at the zipper and work to the left, putting the hook first through the edge of the body, then under both loops of a stitch of the end, the first time the stitch next to the marked one: [one single crochet (UK double crochet) in the end of each of the next 2 rows, 2 single crochet in the end of the next row] 24 times, each of them in the next stitch of the end. That is 96 single crochet. Slip stitch in the first one, fasten off and weave in both tails on the inside. The stitches stand out as a ridge on the outside. At the zipper work over the folded end of its tape. Join the second end in the same way; left-handed, work to the right.

9. Shoulder strap. Pass one short end through the bar of a swivel clip and fold 6 stitches over to the wrong side. With the long tail whip stitch the edge down through both layers: along one side, across the end and along the other side. Fasten off and draw the end in between the layers. Sew the other end over the second clip with the new length of B. Clip the strap to the two D-rings.

Finishing

- Push the ends out from inside, fill the bag with a pillow and leave it so for a day; then it keeps its round shape.

In all: 7 pieces; 7,694 stitches (4,032 in the body, 816 in each end, 1,240 in the handle strap, 45 in each ring tab, 700 in the shoulder strap).

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