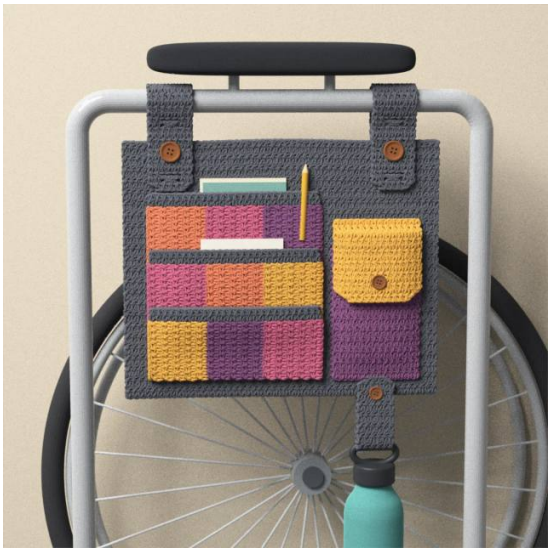
Wheelchair side bag

US terms



Finished size

About 13¼ in (33.5 cm) wide and 10¾ in (27.5 cm) tall without the straps and the bottle loop, for an arm bar up to 6 in (15 cm) round

Skill

Easy

It is flat pieces in single crochet, sewn on one panel.

Yarn

Medium (4), 5 colors

Hook

5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge

15 stitches and 17 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: charcoal, the panel, the straps and the edges	**about 250 yd (229 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: marigold, patches and the flap	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: coral, patches	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: rose, patches	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: plum, the phone pocket and patches	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 220 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Fiber: acrylic

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: two buttons, 7/8 in (22 mm) across, for the straps, two buttons, 5/8 in (16 mm) across, for the flap and the bottle loop, sewing thread in the color of the buttons and a sewing needle, pins, 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.

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Gauge

15 stitches and 17 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

> **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 15 stitches and 17 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 23.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(22 sc)
Swatch rows 2 to 26	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(22 sc)

Notes

- The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Whip stitch: bring the needle up through the edge of the piece and down through the panel just beside the edge, one stitch for each stitch, and draw the yarn snug.
- To change color, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before. Here that is the last stitch of the row before. Cut the old yarn at each change, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- Measure round the arm bar, where the straps will go, with a tape, and check that there is room above the seat for the bag: hold a paper of its size in place first. It should hang inside the arm, flat, clear of the wheel, the brake and everything that moves. Put only light things in it.
- For a thicker bar work 4 rows more in each strap before row 24 for every 1 in (2.5 cm) that it measures more round, at most 12 rows. Each 4 rows of both straps take about 4 yd (4 m) of A. The numbers of the rows after them are as much higher.
- Colors of the tall pocket, row by row. Rows 1 to 10: E. Rows 11 to 20: D. Rows 21 to 30: C.
- Middle pocket, colors: Rows 1 to 10: B. Rows 11 to 20: C. Rows 21 to 30: D.
- Low pocket, colors: Rows 1 to 10: D. Rows 11 to 20: E. Rows 21 to 30: B.
- The phone pocket is E with two rows of A at its top, the flap is B, and all the rest is A.
- The three buttonholes of a strap are for a bar about 3¾ in (9.5 cm), 4¾ in (12 cm) and 6 in (15 cm) round, with the pad if the strap goes round it too.

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Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **st** stitch, **sp** space.
sc2tog 2 sc made into one, **sk** skip, **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
ch-2 sp: the gap under two chains; the hook goes in the gap.
(50 sc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Panel

Yarn A, charcoal.

The foundation chain is the lower edge. The right side is the side that shows.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 51.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(50 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 46**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(50 sc)

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

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

Tall pocket

Yarns in order of use: E, plum; D, rose; C, coral.

The three pockets are worked sideways, so their rows stand upright on the bag: the stitches of a row are the height of the pocket and the three blocks of color its patches.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 29.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(28 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(28 sc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

☐ **Row 11**	With D, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(28 sc)
☐ **Rows 12 to 20**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(28 sc)

12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

☐ **Row 21**	With C, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(28 sc)
☐ **Rows 22 to 30**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(28 sc)

22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

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

Middle pocket

Yarns in order of use: B, marigold; C, coral; D, rose.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 20.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(19 sc)

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☐ **Rows 2 to 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(19 sc)
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10		
☐ **Row 11**	With C, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(19 sc)
☐ **Rows 12 to 20**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(19 sc)
12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20		
☐ **Row 21**	With D, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(19 sc)
☐ **Rows 22 to 30**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(19 sc)
22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30		
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Low pocket

Yarns in order of use: D, rose; E, plum; B, marigold.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 11.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(10 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(10 sc)
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10		
☐ **Row 11**	With E, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(10 sc)
☐ **Rows 12 to 20**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(10 sc)
12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20		
☐ **Row 21**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(10 sc)
☐ **Rows 22 to 30**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(10 sc)
22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30		
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Top edge of a pocket: make 3

Yarn A, charcoal.

Work one on each of the three pockets. Hold the pocket with its right side facing you and row 1 at the right, so that the edge along the top is made of row ends, the ends where the odd rows begin. (In the tall pocket it is the shorter edge of the two, in the others the longer.) Join A with a slip stitch in the end of row 1; the first single crochet goes into that same place. Go along the edge to the left, 1 single crochet in the end of each row, but pass over the ends of rows 10, 20 and 30.

☐ **Foundation**	The edge of row ends of a pocket, RS facing, 27 places: 30 row ends, every 10th one passed over.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in next 27 sts	(27 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(27 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

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Phone pocket

Yarns in order of use: E, plum; A, charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 15.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(14 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 24**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(14 sc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	
☐ **Row 25**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(14 sc)
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(14 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Flap

Yarn B, marigold.

The space in row 11 is the buttonhole. The foundation edge is sewn to the panel.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 15.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(14 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(14 sc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	
☐ **Row 11 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, sc in next 6 sts	(12 sc, 1 ch-2 sp)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 6 sts	(14 sc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog	(12 sc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog	(10 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Strap: make 2

Yarn A, charcoal.

The spaces in rows 24, 29 and 34 are the buttonholes.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 8.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(7 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 23**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(7 sc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, ch 3, sk next 3 sts, sc in next 2 sts	(4 sc, 1 ch-3 sp)
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, 3 sc in next ch-3 sp, sc in next 2 sts	(7 sc)
☐ **Rows 26 to 28**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(7 sc)
	26 27 28	
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, ch 3, sk next 3 sts, sc in next 2 sts	(4 sc, 1 ch-3 sp)

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☐ **Row 30**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, 3 sc in next ch-3 sp, sc in next 2 sts	(7 sc)
☐ **Rows 31 to 33**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(7 sc)
31 32 33		
☐ **Row 34**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, ch 3, sk next 3 sts, sc in next 2 sts	(4 sc, 1 ch-3 sp)
☐ **Row 35**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, 3 sc in next ch-3 sp, sc in next 2 sts	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 36**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog	(5 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Bottle loop

Yarn A, charcoal.

The space in row 27 is the buttonhole.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 7.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(6 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 26**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(6 sc)
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		
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts	(4 sc, 1 ch-2 sp)
☐ **Row 28**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 2 sts	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog	(4 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Assembly

1. Weave in the tails of all the pieces on their wrong sides. The right side of every piece shows.

2. Lay the panel flat with its right side up and the foundation edge toward you. Pin the tall pocket on it, right side up and its edge of A away from you: 4 stitches of the panel free at its left, its lower edge along the line between rows 3 and 4. Lay the middle pocket on it and the low pocket on that, in the same way, so that the lower edges and the sides of all three are level. Each stands out above the one in front of it. Pin them.

3. Cut two lengths of A, each about 94 in (239 cm) long. The seam goes through up to four layers and takes much yarn, so it is sewn in two halves. The first half: beginning at the top left corner of the tall pocket with a tail of 6 in (15 cm), sew the pockets down along the left side and along the lower edge as far as its middle, 15 stitches from the left corner, with the needle up through the pockets one stitch in from their edge and down through the panel beside the edge, one stitch for each stitch or row. Take up every pocket that lies there: at first one, then two, then three. Fasten off. The second half: with the other length begin at the top right corner of the tall pocket in the same way, and sew down the right side and along the other half of the lower edge until you meet the first half. Fasten off. The upper edges stay open. Weave in the four tails on the wrong side of the panel.

4. Phone pocket: pin it on the panel, right side up, row 26 away from you, its lower edge along the same line between rows 3 and 4, with 2 stitches of the panel between it and the three pockets and 3 stitches free at its right. Cut a length of E about 76 in (193 cm) long and sew it down in the same way, beginning at its top left corner: down the left side, along the lower edge and up the right side. The upper edge stays open. Fasten off and weave in both tails on the wrong side.

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5. Flap: pin the flap over the phone pocket, right side up, its foundation edge on row 32 of the panel, 3 rows above the upper edge of the pocket, level with the pocket at both sides, and the rest of it hanging down over the pocket. Cut a length of B about 28 in (71 cm) long. Beginning at one end with a tail of 6 in (15 cm), whip stitch the foundation edge to row 32, 14 stitches. Fasten off and weave in both tails on the wrong side. With sewing thread sew a small button to the pocket under the buttonhole, through the pocket only.

6. Straps: turn the panel over, wrong side up, with its last row away from you. Lay the first 5 rows of each strap on it, the wrong side of the strap down, row 1 of the strap 5 rows below the upper edge, so that the rest stands up above it: one strap with 4 stitches of the panel free at its outer side at the left, the other in the same way at the right. For each cut a length of A about 38 in (96.5 cm) long. Beginning at the upper edge of the panel with a tail of 6 in (15 cm), sew the part that lies on the panel down along one long edge, 5 rows, along the short edge, 7 stitches, and along the other long edge, 5 rows, back to the upper edge of the panel, with the needle up through the strap one stitch in from its edge and down through the panel beside the edge. The strap goes on upward from there, so there is no edge to sew: go across it in backstitch, straight up and down through row 5 of the strap and the last row of the panel beneath it, 7 stitches. Backstitch: bring the needle up one stitch length ahead, put it down where the stitch before ended, and go on so in a line without gaps. Fasten off and weave in both tails.

7. Turn the right side up again. With sewing thread sew the two large buttons to the panel, each in front of the middle of its strap, on row 44, the third row from the top, through the panel and the strap behind it. To hang the bag, bring each strap up behind the bar, over it and down in front, and button it: with the first buttonhole round a thin bar, with the second or the third round a thicker one.

8. Bottle loop: turn the wrong side up once more. Lay the first 5 rows of the bottle loop on the panel at its lower edge, the wrong side of the loop down, row 1 of the loop 5 rows above the lower edge, so that the rest hangs down below it, in the middle below the phone pocket: 7 stitches of the panel are free at its outer side. Cut a length of A about 36 in (91.5 cm) long. Beginning at the lower edge of the panel with a tail of 6 in (15 cm), sew this part down like a strap: along one long edge, 5 rows, along the short edge, 6 stitches, and along the other long edge, 5 rows, back to the lower edge of the panel, and then across the loop in backstitch, straight up and down through row 5 of the loop and the first row of the panel beneath it, 6 stitches. Fasten off and weave in both tails. Turn the right side up, and with sewing thread sew the second small button to the panel in front of the middle of the loop, on row 2, through the panel and the loop. The loop comes up in front and is buttoned there; put it through the handle of a bottle first.

Finishing

- Hang the bag on the arm and check that nothing catches on it before the chair is moved.

In all: 9 pieces; 5,382 stitches.

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