Drawstring project bag

Medium · US terms



Finished size
About 10¼ in (26 cm) wide laid flat and 9¾ in (25 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
It is worked in rounds, with increases in the base and a round of spaces for a cord.

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: heather rose, main color — **about 175 yd (160 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: charcoal, contrast color — **about 90 yd (82 m), an estimate**
Fiber: cotton
Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). 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
Medium (this file)	**10¼ in (26 cm) wide, 9¾ in (25 cm) tall**	**about 265 yd (242 m)**
Large	12 in (30.5 cm) wide, 12 in (30.5 cm) tall	about 385 yd (352 m)

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)
MR magic ring
st stitch
sp space
sk skip (UK miss)
rnd round
RS right side

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Gauge

14 stitches and 15 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 12 the base should measure about 6½ in (16.5 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, 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.
- The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- 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, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before. Cut the old yarn at each change, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- Colors, round by round. Rounds 1 to 17: B. Rounds 18 to 49: A.

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.

Bag

Yarns in order of use: B, charcoal; A, heather rose.

☐ **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)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 12.** After round 12 the base should measure about 6½ in (16.5 cm) across.

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Sides

☐ **Rnds 13 to 17**	Sc in each st around	**(72 sc)**

A box for each round, 13 to 17: tick them off as you go.

13 14 15 16 17

☐ **Rnd 18**	With A, sc in each st around	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 19 to 42**	Sc in each st around	**(72 sc)**

A box for each round, 19 to 42: tick them off as you go.

19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42

Top

☐ **Rnds 43 to 44**	Sc in each st around	**(72 sc)**

A box for each round, 43 to 44: tick them off as you go.

43 44

☐ **Rnd 45**	**[**Sc in next 5 sts, ch 1, sk next st**] 12 times**	**(60 sc, 12 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 46**	**[**Sc in next 5 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 12 times**	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 47 to 49**	Sc in each st around	**(72 sc)**

A box for each round, 47 to 49: tick them off as you go.

47 48 49

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

Strap

Yarn B, charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 53.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(52 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(52 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 18 in (45 cm) to sew the strap on.	

Assembly

1. For the cord, with B, ch 125, about 28½ in (72.5 cm) long, and fasten off with a tail of 6 in (15 cm) at each end.

2. Thread the cord in and out through the 12 chain-1 spaces, beginning and ending at the middle of the front. Knot each end and trim its tail to about ½ in (1.5 cm). Draw the cord up to close the bag, and tie it in a bow.

3. The strap is about 14¾ in (37.5 cm) long. Fold it in half to make a loop for the wrist, with its two ends level. Hold the loop against the outside of the bag at one side, the two ends at the top, just below the cord, and the fold hanging down. Over the four rounds below the cord sew both ends down together, through both layers, round their four edges.

Finishing

- Weave all the other tails in on the inside.

In all: 2 pieces; 3,380 stitches (3,120 in the bag, 260 in the strap); 6 ends to weave in.

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