

CROCHET MINI CROSSBODY BAG

Step-by-Step Tutorial



MATERIALS

- Worsted Weight (4) Yarn in 5 colors (approx. 50g each)
- 4.0 mm (G) crochet hook
- 1 button (2–2.5 cm)
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Stitch markers (optional)

FINISHED SIZE

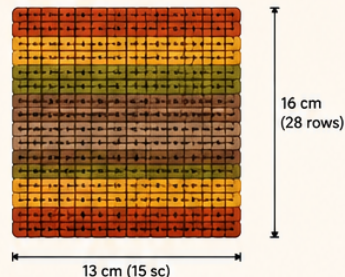
Width: 13 cm (5 in)
Height: 16 cm (6¼ in)
Depth: 3 cm (1¼ in)
Strap length: 110 cm (43 in) (adjustable)

1. BAG BODY (Make 2 panels)

Ch 16.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and across. (15 sc)

Rows 2–28: Ch 1, turn, sc across. Change color every 2–4 rows to create stripes.



Make a second panel the same.

2. ASSEMBLE THE SIDES & BOTTOM

Place panels wrong sides together. Sc around the sides and bottom.



Leave top open

Work 1 sc in each row end. At the corners, work 3 sc in the same stitch for a rounded edge.

3. SHAPE THE FLAP

With flap side facing you, attach yarn at one top corner.

Row 1: Sc across the top edge (15 sc)

Row 2: Ch 1, turn, sc across.

Row 3: Ch 1, turn, sc dec, sc across to last 2 sts, sc dec. (13 sc)

Row 4: Sc dec, sc across to last 2 sts, sc dec. (11 sc)

Row 5: Sc dec, sc across to last 2 sts, sc dec. (9 sc)

Row 6: Sc dec, sc across to last 2 sts, sc dec. (7 sc)

Row 7: Sc dec, sc across to last 2 sts, sc dec. (5 sc)

Fasten off.



Border: Reattach yarn and work 1 sc around the flap edge. Fasten off.

4. ATTACH THE FLAP

Center the flap on the back side of the bag.

Sc across the top edge to secure.



5. BUTTON & LOOP

Sew button on the front of the bag, centered.

Make a button loop at the inside top back.

Button Loop:

Ch 10.

Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and across.

Sl st the loop to the inside back top.

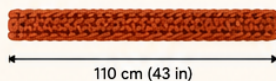


6. CROCHET THE STRAP

Ch 3.

Row 1: Dc in 4th ch from hook and across.

Rows 2–110: Ch 3, turn, dc in each st across. Fasten off.



7. ATTACH THE STRAP

Attach each end of the strap to the inside top sides of the bag.



8. FINISHED!

Weave in all ends. Your mini crossbody bag is ready!



STITCH LEGEND (US TERMS)

ch chain

● slip stitch (sl st)

+ single crochet (sc)

⌈ double crochet (dc)

^ single crochet decrease (sc dec)

() work in same stitch

BASIC STITCHES (US TERMS)

CHAIN (ch)



SINGLE CROCHET (sc)



SINGLE CROCHET DECREASE (sc dec)



DOUBLE CROCHET (dc)



TIPS

- Use a yarn needle to weave in all loose ends neatly.
- Block lightly for a cleaner shape.
- Adjust strap length by adding or removing rows.

COLOR CHANGE TIP

To change color, work the last stitch of the row with the new color.



ABBREVIATIONS

ch = chain
sc = single crochet
dc = double crochet
sl st = slip stitch
st(s) = stitch(es)
sc dec = single crochet decrease

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Crochet Crossbody Pouch Bag

PATTERN & STITCH GUIDE



FINISHED SIZE

Approx. 14 cm (5.5 in) wide
x 16 cm (6.5 in) tall
(not including strap)

MATERIALS

- Worsted weight cotton yarn
(4 colors as shown)
- 3.5 mm (E) crochet hook
- 1 wooden button (2–2.5 cm / ¾–1 in)
- Yarn needle
- Scissors

ABBREVIATIONS (US TERMS)

ch = chain
sl st = slip stitch
sc = single crochet
hdc = half double crochet
dc = double crochet
st(s) = stitch(es)

STITCH KEY

○ = chain (ch)
● = slip stitch (sl st)
+ = single crochet (sc)
T = half double crochet (hdc)
T = double crochet (dc)

BAG BODY (Make 2 panels – Front & Back)

Work in continuous rounds.

ROUND	STITCH	INSTRUCTIONS	STITCH COUNT
1	ch 21	Chain 21.	
2	hdc	1 hdc in 2nd ch from hook, 1 hdc in each ch across. Ch 1, turn.	20
3–28	hdc	1 hdc in each st across, ch 1, turn.	20
29	(Base)	1 hdc in each st across. Do not turn.	20
30	sc	Work sc evenly around the entire rectangle: - 1 sc in each end of rows, - 1 sc in each st along the sides, - 1 sc in each st across the base. Join with sl st to first sc.	80 (approx.)

Fasten off and weave in ends.
Make the second panel the same way.

STRIPE SEQUENCE (Repeat as shown)

- Rust (2 rows)
 - Mustard Yellow (2 rows)
 - Olive Green (2 rows)
 - Taupe Brown (2 rows)
- Repeat until you reach Round 28.

ASSEMBLY

1. Place the front and back panels together (right sides facing).
2. Single crochet around the sides and bottom edges:
- Work 1 sc through both layers all around.
3. Fasten off and weave in ends.
4. Turn the bag right side out.

FLAP

Work in rows.

ROW	STITCH	INSTRUCTIONS	STITCH COUNT
1	ch 15	Chain 15.	
2	hdc	1 hdc in 2nd ch from hook, 1 hdc in each ch across. Ch 1, turn.	14
3–10	hdc	1 hdc in each st across, ch 1, turn.	14
11	dec row	hdc2tog across.	7
12	sc	1 sc in each st across.	7
13	sc dec	sc2tog across.	4
14	sc	1 sc in each st across.	4

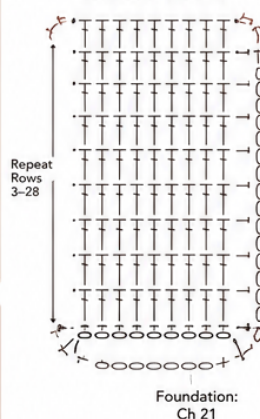
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Sew the flap to the back top edge of the front panel.
Add button to the front as shown.

STRAP (Make 1)

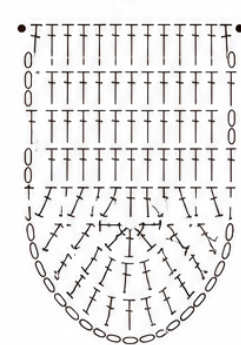
Chain 120 (or desired length).
Slip stitch in each chain across.
Fasten off and weave in ends.
Attach each end of the strap
to the top sides of the bag.



BAG BODY (PANEL)



FLAP



HOW TO USE

Use this chart as a guide and adjust the size by changing the starting chain (multiple of 2 + 1). Have fun making your handmade bag! ❤️

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Crochet Mini Crossbody Bag – Complete Step-by-Step Tutorial

This Crochet Mini Crossbody Bag is a colorful, practical project made from two rectangular panels, a shaped flap, a button closure, and a long crocheted strap. The striped design is created by changing yarn colors every two to four rows, making the bag an excellent project for using small amounts of leftover worsted-weight yarn.

The instructions below use standard US crochet terminology and follow the measurements, stitch counts, and construction shown in the original tutorial chart. The finished bag measures approximately 5 inches wide, 6¼ inches high, and 1¼ inches deep, with an adjustable strap length of approximately 43 inches.

This project is suitable for confident beginners who know how to make chains, single crochet stitches, double crochet stitches, slip stitches, and simple decreases. Read through the entire tutorial before beginning so that you understand how the panels, flap, closure, and strap are assembled.

Materials and Supplies

You will need:

- Worsted-weight yarn, category 4
- Approximately 50 grams of each color
- Five coordinating yarn colors
- 4.0 mm crochet hook, US size G
- One button measuring approximately ¾–1 inch, or 2–2.5 cm

- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Stitch markers, optional
- Measuring tape

The sample bag uses warm autumn colors, including burnt orange, golden yellow, olive green, brown, and beige. You may follow the same color palette or choose any five colors that work well together.

For a similar rustic appearance, select yarns with slightly muted or earthy tones. Cotton, cotton-blend, or sturdy acrylic yarn works well because the finished fabric needs enough structure to hold the bag's shape.

Finished Measurements

When made according to the tutorial, the finished bag should measure approximately:

- Width: 13 cm or 5 inches
- Height: 16 cm or 6¼ inches
- Depth: 3 cm or 1¼ inches
- Strap length: 110 cm or 43 inches

The strap length can be adjusted by adding or removing rows. Before attaching the strap permanently, hold it against your body to check whether the length is comfortable.

The main body panels contain 15 single crochet stitches across and approximately 28 rows in height. Your exact measurements may vary slightly depending on your yarn, hook size, and crochet tension.

A gauge was not specified in the original chart. Measure the first panel as you work. If it becomes much wider than 5 inches, use a smaller crochet hook. If it is too narrow, use a larger hook.

US Crochet Abbreviations

The following abbreviations are used throughout the tutorial:

- ch: chain
- sc: single crochet
- dc: double crochet
- sl st: slip stitch
- st: stitch
- sts: stitches
- sc dec: single crochet decrease
- RS: right side
- WS: wrong side
- fasten off: cut the yarn and secure the final loop

Basic Crochet Techniques

To make a chain stitch, create a slip knot on your hook. Yarn over and pull the yarn through the loop on the hook. Repeat until you have the required number of chains.

To make a single crochet, insert the hook into the indicated stitch, yarn over, and pull up a loop. You should have two loops on the hook. Yarn over again and pull through both loops.

To make a double crochet, yarn over before inserting the hook into the stitch. Yarn over and pull up a loop. Yarn over and pull through two loops, then yarn over once more and pull through the final two loops.

To make a slip stitch, insert the hook into the indicated stitch, yarn over, and pull the yarn through the stitch and directly through the loop already on the hook.

To make a single crochet decrease, insert the hook into the next stitch, yarn over, and pull up a loop. Insert the hook into

the following stitch, yarn over, and pull up another loop. Yarn over and pull through all three loops on the hook.

Step 1: Crochet the First Bag Panel

Make a foundation chain of 16 chains.

Row 1

Insert the hook into the second chain from the hook.

Work one single crochet into that chain and one single crochet into every remaining chain across.

You should have 15 single crochet stitches.

Chain 1 and turn your work.

Rows 2–28

Work one single crochet into every stitch across.

You should continue to have 15 stitches at the end of every row.

Chain 1 and turn at the end of each row. The turning chain does not count as a stitch.

Continue until you have completed approximately 28 rows, or until the panel measures about 16 cm or 6¼ inches high.

Fasten off after completing the final row.

Your finished panel should measure approximately 13 cm or 5 inches wide and 16 cm or 6¼ inches high.

Changing Colors to Create the Stripes

Change yarn colors every two to four rows to create the striped appearance shown in the original bag.

The stripes do not need to be identical in width. Alternating narrow and wide stripes gives the bag a more interesting handmade appearance.

A possible stripe sequence is:

- 3 rows burnt orange
- 2 rows golden yellow
- 4 rows olive green
- 3 rows brown
- 2 rows beige
- 4 rows burnt orange
- 3 rows golden yellow
- 4 rows brown
- 3 rows burnt orange

This is only an example. The important point is to complete a total of approximately 28 rows while distributing the colors evenly throughout the panel.

To make a clean color change, begin the final single crochet of the row using the current color. Insert the hook, yarn over, and pull up a loop. Before completing the stitch, drop the current yarn and place the new color over the hook. Pull the new color through the final two loops.

Chain 1 with the new color and turn.

Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail long enough to weave in securely. Weave in the yarn ends as you work so that you do not have a large number of loose ends at the end of the project.

Step 2: Crochet the Second Bag Panel

Crochet a second panel exactly like the first.

Chain 16 and work 15 single crochet stitches across the first row.

Continue working one single crochet into every stitch for approximately 28 rows.

Use the same color sequence if you want the front and back of the bag to match. You may also change the stripe order slightly for a more playful design.

Check the second panel against the first panel regularly. Both pieces should have the same width, height, and number of rows.

Fasten off and weave in the yarn ends.

Before assembling the bag, lightly block both panels. Lay them flat, gently shape them into even rectangles, and allow them to dry completely.

Step 3: Assemble the Sides and Bottom

Place the two bag panels together with their wrong sides facing each other and their right sides facing outward.

Align the top, bottom, and side edges carefully. Use stitch markers to hold the panels together if necessary.

Attach your yarn at the upper corner of one side.

Work single crochet stitches evenly down the first side, across the bottom, and up the opposite side.

Leave the complete top edge open. This opening will become the top of the bag.

Work approximately one single crochet into the end of each row along the sides.

When you reach a bottom corner, work three single crochet stitches into the same corner space. This creates a slightly rounded corner and allows the bag to have a softer shape.

Continue working across the bottom edge. Place your stitches evenly so that the fabric does not gather or become wavy.

At the second bottom corner, work three single crochet stitches into the same space.

Continue up the remaining side and stop at the upper corner.

Fasten off and weave in the yarn ends securely.

The visible single crochet seam creates a decorative border around the sides and bottom of the bag. Because the wrong sides were placed together, the seam remains visible on the outside.

Step 4: Crochet the Shaped Flap

The flap begins as a straight section with 15 stitches. Decreases are then worked at both ends of alternating rows to create the rounded shape.

Hold the bag with the side that will become the back facing you.

Attach the yarn at one upper corner of the back panel.

Flap Row 1

Work one single crochet into each stitch across the top edge.

You should have 15 stitches.

Chain 1 and turn.

Flap Row 2

Work one single crochet into each stitch across.

You should still have 15 stitches.

Chain 1 and turn.

Flap Row 3

Work one single crochet decrease over the first two stitches.

Work one single crochet into each stitch until only two stitches remain.

Work one single crochet decrease over the final two stitches.

You should have 13 stitches.

Chain 1 and turn.

Flap Row 4

Work one single crochet into each stitch across.

You should have 13 stitches.

Chain 1 and turn.

Flap Row 5

Work one single crochet decrease over the first two stitches.

Single crochet across until two stitches remain.

Work one single crochet decrease over the final two stitches.

You should have 11 stitches.

Chain 1 and turn.

Flap Row 6

Work one single crochet into each stitch across.

You should have 11 stitches.

Chain 1 and turn.

Flap Row 7

Work one single crochet decrease over the first two stitches.

Single crochet across until two stitches remain.

Work one single crochet decrease over the final two stitches.

You should have 9 stitches.

Chain 1 and turn.

Flap Row 8

Work one single crochet into each stitch across.

You should have 9 stitches.

Chain 1 and turn.

Flap Row 9

Work one single crochet decrease over the first two stitches.

Single crochet across until two stitches remain.

Work one single crochet decrease over the last two stitches.

You should have 7 stitches.

Chain 1 and turn.

Flap Row 10

Work one single crochet into each stitch across.

You should have 7 stitches.

Chain 1 and turn.

Flap Row 11

Work one single crochet decrease over the first two stitches.

Work one single crochet into each stitch until two stitches remain.

Work one final single crochet decrease.

You should have 5 stitches.

Fasten off.

The flap should now have a rounded or softly tapered lower edge.

Step 5: Add a Border Around the Flap

Attach your yarn near one upper corner of the flap.

Work one single crochet evenly around the side, curved lower edge, and opposite side of the flap.

Place the stitches close enough together to create a smooth border, but do not add so many stitches that the edge becomes wavy.

When working around the curved area, add an extra stitch where necessary to help the border lie flat.

Fasten off and weave in the ends.

This border gives the flap a more polished appearance and makes the edges stronger.

The sample uses a contrasting burnt-orange border. You can match the border to the final flap row or use one of the colors from the striped body.

Step 6: Secure the Flap to the Bag

The flap should already be connected to the top of the back panel if it was worked directly into the back edge.

Check that the flap is centered and that it folds evenly over the front of the bag.

Fold it forward and make sure the lower rounded edge reaches approximately the upper-middle area of the front panel.

The flap should not be so long that it covers the entire front of the bag. It should cover only the upper portion, leaving the lower stripes visible.

When the flap is closed, mark the center of its lower edge. This will help you determine where to position the button and button loop.

Step 7: Crochet the Button Loop

Use the same yarn color as the flap border or the main flap.

Attach the yarn to the inside of the flap near the center of its lower edge. The chart describes placing the loop at the inside top-back area of the flap closure.

Chain 10.

Slip stitch into the second chain from the hook.

Work one slip stitch into each remaining chain across.

Bring the end of the loop back to its starting point.

Secure the end of the loop firmly to the inside of the flap using slip stitches or a yarn needle.

Fasten off and weave in the ends securely.

The loop should be large enough to stretch over the button without being loose. Test the loop around the button before sewing the button in place.

For a smaller button, use fewer chains. For a larger button, add one or two chains.

Step 8: Sew on the Button

Fold the flap over the front of the bag.

Allow the button loop to hang naturally over the front panel.

Mark the point where the bottom of the loop touches the bag.

Position the button at that point, making sure it is centered horizontally.

Thread a yarn needle with a strong length of matching yarn. Sew through the buttonholes and the front panel several times.

Do not stitch through both layers of the bag. Insert one hand inside the bag while sewing so that you attach the button only to the front panel.

Secure the yarn firmly on the inside and weave in the ends.

Close the flap and pull the loop over the button to test the closure. The loop should hold the flap securely without pulling the front panel out of shape.

Step 9: Crochet the Long Strap

The strap in the original tutorial is a narrow strip made with double crochet stitches.

The chart indicates beginning with Chain 3 and working the first double crochet in the fourth chain from the hook. Because a fourth chain is required for this placement, begin with Chain

4 for a functional foundation row. The first three chains serve as the turning chain.

Strap Row 1

Chain 4.

Work one double crochet into the fourth chain from the hook.

You will have the turning chain and one double crochet, creating a narrow strap.

Turn your work.

Remaining Strap Rows

Chain 3. The chain 3 acts as the first double crochet.

Work one double crochet into the stitch at the base of the row.

Turn.

Repeat this row until the strap measures approximately 110 cm or 43 inches.

The original graphic suggests approximately 110 rows, although the exact number will depend on your row height and tension.

Measure the strap rather than relying only on the row count.

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail at each end for attaching the strap.

Adjusting the Strap Length

Before attaching the strap, place it over your shoulder and hold the bag at one end.

Check where the bag rests against your body.

For a child's bag or a short shoulder strap, remove rows.

For a longer crossbody strap, add rows until the bag reaches the desired position.

Remember that crochet straps can stretch slightly with use, especially when the bag contains heavier items.

For extra strength, you may work a row of slip stitches along each long edge of the strap. This is optional and was not included in the original chart, but it can reduce stretching.

Step 10: Attach the Strap

Position one end of the strap against the inside upper-left side of the bag.

Position the other end against the inside upper-right side.

Check that the strap is not twisted.

Using a yarn needle and matching yarn, sew each strap end securely to the inside of the bag.

Stitch through the strap and the bag several times. Sew across the width of the strap and then around its edges.

For additional strength, create a small square of stitches with an "X" through the center.

The chart shows the strap attached close to the top side corners. Keep both ends at the same height so that the bag hangs evenly.

After attaching the first side, check the strap again before securing the second side.

Fasten off and weave in all remaining yarn ends.

Step 11: Shape and Finish the Bag

Inspect all seams and attachment points.

Make sure the side and bottom seams are secure.

Check the flap border for loose stitches.

Test the button closure several times.

Gently shape the bag with your hands, paying particular attention to the rounded bottom corners.

If necessary, lightly block the completed bag. Place a folded towel inside to maintain its shape, lightly dampen the fabric, and allow it to dry naturally.

Do not stretch the strap while blocking.

Your Crochet Mini Crossbody Bag is now complete.

Helpful Color-Change Tips

For the cleanest stripes, always change colors during the final yarn-over of the last stitch in the row.

Do not complete the final stitch entirely with the old color. Using the new color for the final pull-through creates a cleaner transition.

When changing colors every two to four rows, cut the old yarn and weave in the tail. Carrying several colors along the side can make the edge thick and uneven.

Leave yarn tails measuring at least 5–6 inches. Short tails are more likely to work loose.

Weave each tail back and forth through stitches of the same color. This keeps the woven yarn from showing through contrasting sections.

Tips for a Professional Finish

Use the same crochet tension throughout both body panels. Uneven tension can cause one panel to become larger than the other.

Count the 15 stitches at the end of every body row. Accidentally skipping the first or last stitch will make the panel narrower.

Use stitch markers in the first and last stitches when necessary.

Do not make the side seam stitches too tight. Tight seams can cause the panels to curl inward.

Place three single crochet stitches in each bottom corner to produce the rounded shape shown in the tutorial.

Weave in loose ends carefully using a yarn needle. Pass each end through several stitches, change direction, and pass it through several more stitches before trimming.

Avoid placing heavy objects inside the finished bag unless the strap has been reinforced.

How to Make the Bag More Structured

The original bag is made entirely from crochet fabric, but you can add a lining for extra strength.

Cut two pieces of cotton fabric slightly smaller than the crocheted panels.

Place the fabric pieces with their right sides together.

Sew around the two sides and bottom, leaving the top open.

Fold the upper raw edge toward the wrong side and press it flat.

Insert the lining into the crocheted bag and hand-sew it around the inside top edge.

Make sure the fabric lining does not interfere with the flap or strap attachments.

A lining helps prevent small items from slipping through the crochet stitches and reduces stretching.

Common Problems and Solutions

My bag panels are different sizes

Count the rows and stitches in both panels. Each panel should have approximately 28 rows and 15 stitches per row.

If one panel is only slightly larger, light blocking may correct it. If the difference is significant, remake the smaller or larger panel.

The sides of my panels are uneven

Make sure you are working into the first and last stitch of every row.

The chain 1 at the beginning of a single crochet row does not count as a stitch.

The flap is not centered

The flap must begin across the 15 stitches of the back panel. Mark the first and last stitches before attaching the yarn.

The flap curves too much

Your decrease stitches may be too tight. Work the decreases with the same tension as the regular single crochet stitches.

The button loop is too large

Undo the loop and use fewer chains. The loop should stretch gently over the button.

The strap is stretching

Work more tightly, use a smaller hook, or reinforce the long edges with slip stitches. A fabric ribbon may also be sewn to the underside of the strap.

Final Care Instructions

Hand-wash the bag in cool water with a mild detergent.

Do not twist or wring the crochet fabric.

Press the bag gently between towels to remove excess water.

Reshape the body, flap, and strap while damp.

Lay the bag flat to dry.

Avoid hanging the wet bag from the strap because the weight of the water may stretch it.

Store the bag empty so that it maintains its shape.

Your Mini Crossbody Bag Is Finished!

You have now completed a striped Crochet Mini Crossbody Bag with two sturdy panels, rounded bottom corners, a shaped flap, a button-and-loop closure, and a long double crochet strap.

The combination of warm colors and simple stitches gives the bag a charming handmade style. Once you understand the construction, you can customize future versions by changing the colors, adjusting the flap, adding a lining, using a different button, or modifying the strap length.

Enjoy your handmade bag!

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