

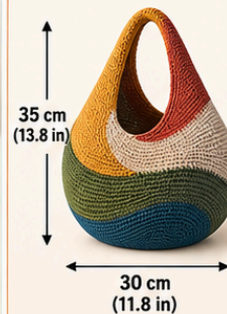


MATERIALS



- Worsted weight cotton yarn (or similar sturdy yarn)
- 5 colors (as shown)
- Crochet hook: 5.0 mm (H-8) or size needed for your tension
- Stitch marker
- Scissors
- Yarn needle

FINISHED SIZE



STITCHES USED (US TERMS)

- ch = chain
- sl st = slip stitch
- ✕ sc = single crochet
- ┐ hdc = half double crochet
- ≡ dc = double crochet

1. START THE BOTTOM (BASE)



- 1** Make a magic ring.
• Ch 1 (does not count as a stitch). Work 6 sc into the ring. Pull tight. (6 sts)



- 2** Work in continuous rounds, increasing to create a flat circle.
Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st (12)
Rnd 3: 1 sc, 2 sc in next st (18)
Rnd 4: 2 sc, 2 sc in next st (24)
Continue increasing until your circle measures 24 cm (9.4 in) in diameter (about 8–10 rounds depending on tension).



- 3** Bottom circle should measure 24 cm (9.4 in). Do not fasten off. We will now work up the sides without turning.

2. WORK THE SIDES IN COLOR SECTIONS



- 4** Work 1 round of sc in back loops only all around. This creates a nice edge for the sides.



- 5** Continue working in sc (spiral rounds) without increasing. Change colors according to the design. Work several rounds for each color section.
Example: 8–10 rounds in blue, then green, then cream, then yellow, then rust.
(Adjust to your desired size.)



- 6** Change color by yarning over with the new color in the last step of the previous stitch. Carry the unused yarn inside the stitches or weave in ends later.

3. CREATE THE SHAPE AND HANDLE



- 7** Continue working in spiral rounds, keeping the same number of stitches until the piece measures about 18 cm (7 in) tall from the bottom.



- 8** Divide the stitches for the handle opening. Example: if you have 72 sts, work 24 sts, skip 24 sts (for the opening), work 24 sts. You will now work back and forth in rows to shape the handle.



- 9** Work rows on one side only. **Row 1:** ch 1, turn, sc across. **Row 2–10:** repeat, working straight until the handle reaches your desired height (about 17 cm / 6.7 in). Fasten off.

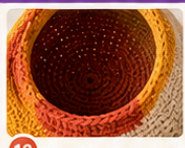


- 10** Join yarn to the other side of the opening and repeat the same number of rows to create the second side of the handle. Both sides should be the same height and width.

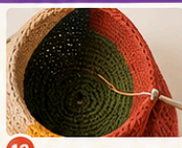


- 11** Join the two sides at the top of the handle. Place both pieces together and work sc across, or use slip stitches to join neatly. Make sure the handle is sturdy and comfortable.

4. FINISHING TOUCHES



- 12** Work 1 round of sc around the handle opening for a clean finish.



- 13** Weave in all yarn ends securely using a yarn needle. You can also line the bag with fabric if desired (optional).



- 14** Your crochet bag is complete! A stylish, sturdy and unique handmade bag using simple stitches and a beautiful color-flow design.

COLOR GUIDE (EXAMPLE)



- Rust Orange
- Mustard Yellow
- Cream / Natural
- Olive Green
- Teal Blue

TIPS

- Use sturdy yarn such as cotton for better structure.
- Keep a consistent tension.
- You can adjust the size by increasing or decreasing the bottom circle and the height.
- Try other color combinations to create your own style.
- Add a fabric lining and a small pocket for extra durability.
- This bag is made with basic stitches and is perfect for beginners and experienced crocheters alike!

STITCH KEY (US TERMS)

- ch = chain
- sl st = slip stitch
- × sc = single crochet
- ┐ hdc = half double crochet
- ┐ dc = double crochet
- ┐ tr = treble crochet
- ∨ 2 sc in same stitch (increase)
- ∧ 2 sc together (decrease)
- ⏟ = worked in back loop only (BLO)

BASE (BOTTOM) CHART

Work in continuous rounds with single crochet (sc). Increase evenly to create a flat circle.

Rounds	
1	6 sc
2	12 sc
3	18 sc
4	24 sc
5	30 sc
6	36 sc
7	42 sc
8	48 sc
9	54 sc
10	60 sc
11	66 sc
12	72 sc
13	78 sc
14	84 sc

SIDE WALL CHART (BODY)

Continue working in spiral rounds (without joining).

Row numbers (approx.)	Pattern
42-46	Blue section
37-41	Green section
31-36	Cream section
25-30	Yellow section
19-24	Rust section
13-18	Blue section
7-12	Green section
1-6	Cream section

Total: 42-46 rounds (adjust height as desired)

HANDLE CHART

Continue working in rows to form the handle.

Row numbers (approx.)	Pattern
12	Blue section
11	Green section
10	Cream section
9	Yellow section
8	Rust section
7	Blue section
6	Green section
5	Cream section
4	Yellow section
3	Rust section
2	Blue section
1	Green section

HANDLE EDGES

Work 1 round of sc around the handle edges for a neat finish.

COLOR SECTION DETAIL (EXAMPLE)

BLUE SECTION

Repeat sc in spiral rounds.

GREEN SECTION

Repeat sc in spiral rounds.

CREAM SECTION

Repeat sc in spiral rounds.

YELLOW SECTION

Repeat sc in spiral rounds.

RUST SECTION

Repeat sc in spiral rounds.

JOINING THE HANDLE

Place both sides of the handle together and join with a row of sc across.

Join with sc across

Colorful Crochet Hobo Bag Pattern – Complete Step-by-Step Tutorial (US Crochet Terms)

The Colorful Crochet Hobo Bag Pattern is a beautiful handmade project featuring a rounded bottom, softly curved sides, five coordinated yarn colors, and a comfortable integrated shoulder handle. Inspired by the tutorial chart, this bag combines single crochet stitches, spiral rounds, simple increases, and rows worked back and forth to create a practical accessory with a modern, artistic appearance.

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This complete tutorial uses US crochet terminology, with detailed stitch instructions, measurements in centimeters and inches, and explanations suitable for crocheters who want to make the bag from beginning to end.

The finished bag measures approximately 30 cm (11.8 inches) wide and 35 cm (13.8 inches) tall, including the handle. Actual dimensions depend on yarn, hook size, and individual tension.

Important pattern note: The supplied graphic is an illustrative construction guide rather than a fully tested, stitch-accurate pattern. The instructions below provide a workable adaptation of its design, including the rounded base, five-color body, and joined handle. The exact color placement and silhouette may vary slightly from the photograph.

Step 1: Gather Your Materials and Learn the Crochet Stitches

Before beginning, prepare your materials and organize your yarn colors. Choosing a sturdy cotton yarn will help the finished bag maintain its shape while remaining flexible enough for comfortable everyday use.

Materials Needed

- Worsted-weight cotton yarn (Category 4), approximately 450–600 g total, depending on gauge and size.
- Teal blue yarn for the bottom.
- Olive green yarn for the lower sides.
- Cream or natural cotton yarn for the front section.
- Mustard yellow yarn for the upper left section.
- Rust orange yarn for the upper right section.
- 5.0 mm crochet hook (US H-8).
- Stitch markers.
- Yarn needle.

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- **Scissors.**
- **Measuring tape.**
- **Optional cotton fabric lining and matching sewing thread.**

Crochet Abbreviations (US Terms)

Abbrevia tion	Meaning	Description
MR	Magic ring	Adjustable loop used to begin circular crochet
ch	Chain	Yarn over and pull through the loop
sl st	Slip stitch	Insert hook, yarn over, pull through stitch and loop
sc	Single crochet	Insert hook, yarn over, pull up loop, yarn over, pull through both loops
hdc	Half double crochet	Yarn over, insert hook, pull up loop, yarn over, pull through all three loops
dc	Double crochet	Yarn over, insert hook, pull up loop, complete in two pull-through steps
inc	Increase	Work 2 sc into the same stitch

sc2tog	Single crochet decrease	Combine two stitches into one
BLO	Back loop only	Work into the back loop instead of both loops
st(s)	Stitch(es)	Individual crochet stitches
Rnd	Round	A complete circular sequence
RS	Right side	Outside-facing surface of the crochet fabric

Although the chart includes hdc and dc symbols, the main construction of this particular bag uses single crochet for a dense, durable fabric.

Understanding the Bag Construction

The bag is made in four main stages. First, crochet a flat circular bottom. Next, build the sides upward using continuous spiral rounds. Then divide the upper section to form two rising handle supports. Finally, join those supports at the top to create the continuous shoulder strap.

For the neatest results, place a stitch marker in the first stitch of every round. Move the marker upward as you work so that you can track the beginning of each round accurately.

Step 2: Crochet the Circular Bottom of the Bag

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The circular bottom provides the foundation for the entire project. Use teal blue cotton yarn and a 5.0 mm crochet hook.

Start with a Magic Ring

1. Wrap the yarn around your fingers to form an adjustable loop.
2. Insert the hook into the loop.
3. Yarn over and pull up a loop.
4. Chain 1 to secure the ring. This chain does not count as a stitch.
5. Work 6 single crochet stitches into the ring.
6. Pull the yarn tail to close the center.

You now have 6 stitches.

Follow the Base Pattern

Work continuously in a spiral without joining rounds.

Rou nd	Instructions	Total stitches
1	6 sc into MR	6
2	Inc in every stitch	12
3	(1 sc, inc) repeat 6 times	18

**4 (2 sc, inc) repeat 24
6 times**

**5 (3 sc, inc) repeat 30
6 times**

**6 (4 sc, inc) repeat 36
6 times**

**7 (5 sc, inc) repeat 42
6 times**

**8 (6 sc, inc) repeat 48
6 times**

**9 (7 sc, inc) repeat 54
6 times**

**10 (8 sc, inc) repeat 60
6 times**

**11 (9 sc, inc) repeat 66
6 times**

**12 (10 sc, inc) 72
repeat 6 times**

13 (11 sc, inc) 78
repeat 6 times

14 (12 sc, inc) 84
repeat 6 times

At the end of Round 14, you should have 84 single crochet stitches.

The circle must lie reasonably flat. If the fabric starts to curl upward too early, check your stitch count and tension. If it ripples, your increases may be too loose or too frequent for your yarn.

Continue Increasing to the Desired Diameter

The graphic suggests a bottom diameter of approximately 24 cm (9.4 inches). Fourteen rounds may not reach that measurement with every yarn and hook combination.

If the circle is smaller than 24 cm, continue increasing according to the same sequence:

Round 15: (13 sc, inc) repeat 6 times — 90 stitches.

Round 16: (14 sc, inc) repeat 6 times — 96 stitches.

Round 17: (15 sc, inc) repeat 6 times — 102 stitches.

Continue as needed, adding six stitches per round while maintaining a flat circle. Stop when the base measures approximately 24 cm across.

For the remaining worked example, we will use 84 stitches as the reference count. If you need additional base rounds, adapt the body and handle counts proportionally.

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Create the Bottom Edge

Once the base is complete, crochet one round of single crochet through the back loops only (BLO).

Work 1 sc BLO in each of the 84 stitches.

This produces a subtle ridge separating the flat bottom from the side walls and encourages the fabric to turn upward.

After completing this round, return to working through both loops.

Do not fasten off yet.

Step 3: Build the Colorful Body of the Bag

The body is worked in continuous spiral rounds without increases, using the same number of stitches in every round. This creates a soft, rounded pouch that will develop its characteristic hobo shape as the handle is added.

Begin the Side Walls

With your 84 stitches established, work:

Round 1: Sc in each stitch around. (84 sc)

Rounds 2–6: Repeat Round 1.

Keep the stitches close together so the bag has a strong fabric that will not stretch excessively when carrying everyday items.

Change from Teal Blue to Olive Green

To introduce the second color:

- 1. Work to the last stitch of the blue section.**
- 2. Insert the hook into the stitch and pull up a loop.**
- 3. Before completing the stitch, drop the blue yarn.**

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4. Yarn over with olive green and pull through both loops.
5. Continue crocheting with olive green.

This method creates a relatively smooth color transition.

Work approximately 12 rounds in olive green, keeping 84 stitches per round.

The olive section should become a prominent band around the lower part of the bag.

Add Cream, Mustard, and Rust Orange

The reference bag features flowing color areas rather than perfectly straight horizontal stripes. To achieve a similar effect, you can work color changes at selected stitch positions within each round.

Use this approximate color arrangement:

Color	Suggested placement
Teal blue	Circular base and lowest body section
Olive green	Lower and middle sides
Cream	Upper right/front section
Mustard yellow	Upper left/front section

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Rust orange	Upper right handle support
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For an easier beginner variation, complete the olive rounds first, then work several rounds in cream, followed by mustard and rust orange.

For a closer visual match, introduce cream along the right portion of the upper olive section and mustard along the left portion. Gradually move the color-change points a few stitches per round to produce diagonal, flowing transitions.

When switching colors several times within a round, keep the unused yarn neatly along the inside of the work or use separate yarn sections and weave in the ends securely. Avoid long, loose floats that could catch on objects inside the bag.

Work to the Desired Body Height

Continue working until the side walls measure approximately 18 cm (7 inches) above the bottom ridge.

Depending on stitch height and tension, this may require approximately 30–40 rounds, or more.

The illustration shows a body chart with roughly 42–46 rounds. Treat that as a visual guide rather than a fixed number, because your actual gauge determines the height.

Check the Shape

Place the bag on a flat surface and gently shape it with your hands.

The lower portion should be rounded, with the sides rising evenly. The opening should remain wide enough to accommodate everyday essentials.

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If you want a more tapered upper body, you can make a small number of evenly spaced decreases during the final few rounds, but this will change the handle stitch counts. For this beginner-friendly version, keep all 84 stitches until the handle shaping begins.

Step 4: Shape the Opening and Crochet the Integrated Handle

The handle is the most distinctive feature of this bag. Instead of sewing on a separate strap, you will create two upward extensions from opposite sides of the bag and join them at the top.

Divide the Upper Edge

With 84 stitches around the opening, divide the stitches into four sections:

- First handle support: 28 stitches.
- First open edge: 14 stitches.
- Second handle support: 28 stitches.
- Second open edge: 14 stitches.

Place stitch markers to identify these sections.

The two 28-stitch sections must be positioned opposite each other. The 14-stitch sections remain unworked during the handle construction and form the lower edges of the bag opening.

The two supports will be crocheted in turned rows rather than continuous rounds.

Crochet the First Handle Support

Attach mustard yellow yarn at the beginning of the first 28-stitch section.

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Row 1: Ch 1, sc in each of the 28 stitches. Turn. (28 sc)

Row 2: Ch 1, sc2tog, sc in each stitch until 2 stitches remain, sc2tog. Turn. (26 sc)

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in each stitch across. Turn. (26 sc)

Continue with this shaping sequence:

Row	Instructions	Stitch count
4	Decrease at both ends	24
5	Sc across	24
6	Decrease at both ends	22
7	Sc across	22
8	Decrease at both ends	20
9	Sc across	20
10	Decrease at both ends	18

11 Sc across 18

12 Decrease at 16
both ends

13 Sc across 16

14 Decrease at 14
both ends

15 Sc across 14

16 Decrease at 12
both ends

17 Sc across 12

18 Decrease at 10
both ends

You should now have a tapered section that gradually narrows toward the handle.

For the upper strap portion, continue crocheting 10 sc per row, without decreases, until the entire extension measures approximately 17 cm (6.7 inches) from its starting edge.

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for joining.

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Crochet the Second Handle Support

Attach rust orange yarn to the second marked 28-stitch section.

Repeat Rows 1–18 exactly as written for the first handle support.

Continue with 10 sc per row until the second extension matches the first in length.

Both handle supports should have the same stitch count and approximately the same length. Count carefully to prevent twisting or uneven joining.

For the color arrangement shown in the reference, one side of the handle is mustard yellow and the other is rust orange.

Join the Two Handle Ends

Lay the bag flat with the right sides of the handle sections facing each other.

Check that neither extension is twisted.

Align the 10 stitches at the top of the mustard section with the 10 stitches at the top of the rust section.

Using a yarn needle and the long yarn tail, sew the two ends together with a firm mattress stitch or whipstitch. Alternatively, join them using 10 slip stitches or single crochet stitches through both layers.

Secure the yarn and weave in the end.

You now have a continuous, integrated shoulder handle.

Reinforce the Handle Opening

Attach yarn along the inner edge of the bag opening.

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Work one round of single crochet evenly around the opening and the inner edges of the handle supports.

Because these edges include row ends, there is no universal stitch count. Space the stitches evenly, avoiding bunching or stretching.

Join with a slip stitch and fasten off.

If desired, work another round around the outer handle edges for additional strength.

The finished handle should feel comfortable, smooth, and sufficiently sturdy to support the bag's intended contents.

Step 5: Finish the Bag and Secure All Yarn Ends ✨

Once the body and handle are complete, inspect the entire project before weaving in the ends.

Weave in the Yarn Tails

Thread a yarn needle with each remaining yarn tail.

Weave the tail through several stitches on the wrong side of the bag, change direction, and weave through another short section.

This helps prevent the yarn from loosening during regular use.

Trim excess yarn carefully without cutting the crochet stitches.

Shape the Finished Bag

Gently smooth the body with your hands.

Check that the circular bottom is centered and that the side walls are evenly shaped.

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The finished bag should have a soft, rounded silhouette with a tall oval handle opening.

If your cotton yarn allows blocking, lightly dampen the bag and shape it while drying. Avoid stretching the handle excessively.

Add an Optional Fabric Lining

A lining can improve durability and prevent smaller belongings from slipping through the crochet fabric.

To make one, measure the inside width, depth, and height of the finished bag. Cut cotton fabric pieces to fit the interior, adding approximately 1 cm (3/8 inch) for seam allowances.

Sew the lining, turn the upper edge under, and hand-stitch it neatly to the inside of the bag below the opening.

For additional convenience, add a small fabric pocket for keys or other accessories.

Final Measurements

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Approximate finished size

Width: 30 cm (11.8 in)

Height including handle: 35 cm (13.8 in)

Base diameter: 24 cm (9.4 in)

Measurements are approximate and depend on your crochet gauge.

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Step 6: Helpful Tips for a Beautiful, Durable Crochet Bag

Maintain consistent tension. Cotton yarn works especially well for crochet bags because it provides stitch definition and structure. If your fabric feels too loose, try a slightly smaller hook.

Use stitch markers. Markers are essential when working spiral rounds, particularly during the base increases and upper handle division.

Check your stitch count. Each round of the body should have the same number of stitches unless you intentionally adjust the shaping.

Plan your colors. The original design uses teal blue, olive green, cream, mustard yellow, and rust orange. These earthy shades create a balanced color-block effect.

Reinforce high-stress areas. The handle seam and its attachment points receive the most tension. Strong joining stitches and securely woven yarn ends are important.

Avoid overloading the bag. Crochet fabric can stretch under weight. A lining and reinforced handle improve durability, but the bag is best suited for lightweight everyday items.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Is this crochet hobo bag suitable for beginners?

Yes. The pattern primarily uses single crochet stitches, simple increases, and basic decreases. Beginners should practice working in spiral rounds before starting the project.

Can I use acrylic yarn instead of cotton?

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Yes, although acrylic yarn may stretch more and provide less structure. Cotton or a sturdy cotton-blend yarn is generally preferable for bags.

How much yarn will I need?

Plan for approximately 450–600 g of worsted-weight yarn for this size. The actual amount depends on yarn thickness, gauge, and any size modifications.

Can I make the bag larger?

Yes. Increase the number of rounds in the circular base and work additional rounds for the sides. Adjust the handle division proportionally to maintain a balanced shape.

How do I make the handle stronger?

Use tight single crochet stitches, reinforce the joining seam, and consider sewing a narrow strip of sturdy fabric along the underside of the handle.

How do I wash the finished bag?

Follow the yarn manufacturer's care instructions. For many cotton yarns, gentle hand washing in cool water and flat drying help preserve the bag's shape.

Conclusion

The Colorful Crochet Hobo Bag Pattern combines a circular base, continuous single crochet rounds, attractive color transitions, and an integrated shoulder handle to create a distinctive handmade accessory.

By following each stage carefully—from the magic ring to the final handle seam—you can produce a practical bag with beautiful texture and a soft, rounded silhouette.

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The five-color combination makes this project especially appealing, but you can easily personalize it with your favorite shades. Whether you make it for yourself, as a thoughtful handmade gift, or as part of a crochet accessories collection, this design is an enjoyable way to practice US crochet stitches, color changes, shaping, and finishing techniques.