Yellow Crochet Drawstring Bag Pattern with a White Flower

Crochet a solid round base, build the sides in open double crochet mesh, then firm up the opening with two rounds of single crochet. A yellow cord gathers the top, two little white balls finish its ends, and a small white flower sits just below it. In medium-weight cotton on a 4.5 mm hook the bag comes out about 22.5 cm wide laid flat and 19.5 cm tall, on a base about 14.5 cm across, with a strap about 100 cm long.

This is our own design. A script checks every round and row, and the sizes and yarn amounts are estimates worked out from a planning gauge. Measure your base after round 12 before you go on.

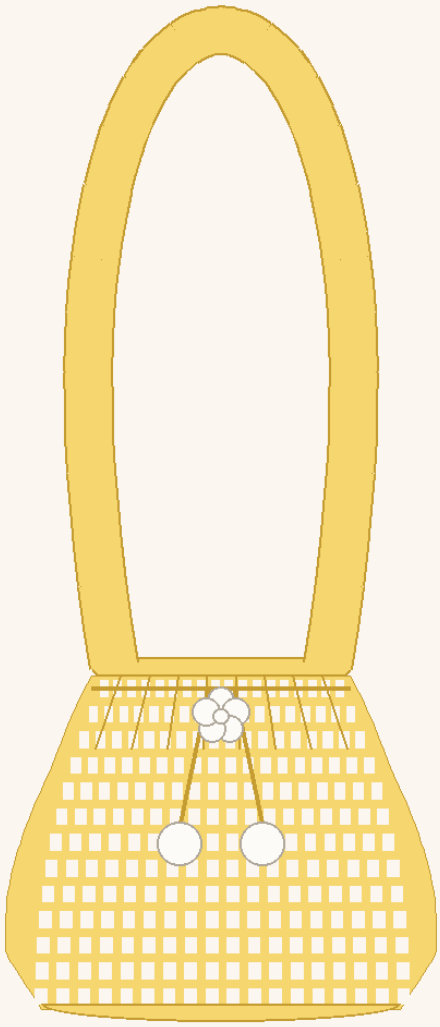
The parts

Part	Rounds or rows	Stitches	Size
Base	rounds 1–13	6 to 72 sts	about 14.5 cm across
Mesh sides	rounds 14–26	36 spaces a round	about 18 cm tall
Rim	rounds 27–28	72 sts	about 1 cm tall
Strap	rows 1–178	4 sts	about 100 cm long
Drawstring	1 row	ch 120	about 75 cm long
Flower	1 round	5 petals	about 3 cm across

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Yellow drawstring bag from the front

Drawn to scale: 72 stitches round the base, 36 mesh spaces a round, a 100 cm strap.



About 22.5 cm wide laid flat; the mesh and rim stand about 19 cm above the base ridge. The strap is drawn at its length, hanging in a loop.

Measurements from the parts table in this article **crochetbabygifts.com**

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Two numbers make the pieces fit. The mesh works one space over every 2 stitches of the base, so the 72 stitches of round 13 give 36 spaces. And 36 is an even number, so the drawstring goes in and out all the way round and both ends come out on the outside, next to each other.

What you need

Every tool our patterns use is on the Crochet essentials (https://crochetbabygifts.com/essentials/) page.

- Smooth medium-weight (#4) cotton yarn in butter yellow, about the amount in the yarn section, plus a little white cotton of the same weight for the flower and the balls.
- A 4.5 mm crochet hook. Go down to 4 mm if your base comes out floppy. The hook size chart (https://crochetbabygifts.com/crochet-hook-size-chart/) gives the US letters.
- A stitch marker, a tapestry needle, scissors and a tape measure.
- A few yarn ends to stuff the two balls.
- A fabric pouch or lining if you will carry small things (see the questions at the end).

Gauge and abbreviations

Gauge: about 16 single crochet and 18 rounds to 10 cm (4 in) on a 4.5 mm hook, the same planning gauge as our mesh hobo bag (https://crochetbabygifts.com/crochet-mesh-hobo-bag/). We have not measured it on this bag yet. After round 12 the base should lie flat and be about 14.5 cm across. If it cups, loosen up or check your count; if it ruffles, you have too many stitches.

US crochet terms throughout. The UK name is in brackets.

- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round into that loop, then pull the tail to close the hole.
- ch: chain. sl st: slip stitch. st(s): stitch(es).
- sc: single crochet (UK: double crochet). dc: double crochet (UK: treble).
- inc: 2 sc in the same stitch. dec: sc 2 together.
- Back loop: of the two loops on top of a stitch, the one further from you.
- Space: one dc with the ch 1 after it. A mesh round counts in spaces.

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The video

Xiaoshimei Shouzuo's video makes a yellow mesh drawstring bag with a white flower, two white balls and a long strap. Her base is a flat mesh panel worked from a chain and her counts are her own, so follow the counts on this page. It is worth watching for how the mesh grows and how the finishing goes on.

Watch the video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E3Ds8nv-LLA

- The mesh from 0:13, and working it round the bag from 1:30.
- Threading the drawstring at 3:13.
- The flower from 3:25.
- The balls on the drawstring ends from 4:37.
- The strap at 5:25.

Video: Xiaoshimei Shouzuo, "Crochet Cloud Bag" (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E3Ds8nv-LLA) (our English for the Chinese title), 2025, about 6 minutes. A different design; the pattern on this page is our own.

The pattern

Join every round of the base, the mesh and the rim with a sl st in the first stitch. Start each sc round with ch 1 and each mesh round with ch 2. The starting chains do not count as stitches. Keep a marker in the first stitch so the join stays out of your count.

1. Base

In yellow.

- Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring. [6 sts]
- Rnd 2: inc in each st. [12 sts]
- Rnd 3: [sc 1, inc] 6 times. [18 sts]
- Rnd 4: [sc 2, inc] 6 times. [24 sts]
- Rnd 5: [sc 3, inc] 6 times. [30 sts]
- Rnd 6: [sc 4, inc] 6 times. [36 sts]
- Rnd 7: [sc 5, inc] 6 times. [42 sts]
- Rnd 8: [sc 6, inc] 6 times. [48 sts]
- Rnd 9: [sc 7, inc] 6 times. [54 sts]
- Rnd 10: [sc 8, inc] 6 times. [60 sts]

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- Rnd 11: [sc 9, inc] 6 times. [66 sts]
- Rnd 12: [sc 10, inc] 6 times. [72 sts]
- Rnd 13: in back loops only, sc in each st. [72 sts]

Lay the base flat after round 12: it should be about 14.5 cm across. Round 13 leaves a ridge round the edge, and the sides rise from there.

2. Mesh sides

- Rnd 14: [dc in next st, ch 1, skip 1] 36 times. [36 spaces]
- Rnds 15–26: [dc in next dc, ch 1] 36 times. [36 spaces]

Each dc sits on the dc below, so the posts stack in straight columns and the holes line up. Decide which side is the back and keep the joins there.

3. Rim

- Rnd 27: sc in each dc and in each ch-1 space. [72 sts]
- Rnd 28: sc in each st. [72 sts]

Fasten off and weave in the ends.

4. Drawstring and balls

- Drawstring: in yellow, ch 120, then sl st in the 2nd ch from hook and in each ch back to the start.

That is about 75 cm: 45 cm round the opening plus 30 cm for the two ends. Lay it round the top of the bag and adjust the chain before you go on if your stitches are bigger or smaller.

Make two balls in white.

- Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring. [6 sts]
- Rnd 2: inc in each st. [12 sts]
- Rnd 3: sc in each st. [12 sts]
- Rnd 4: dec in each st. [6 sts]

Fill each ball with yarn ends, push one end of the drawstring inside, and sew the ball closed round it with the tail.

5. Strap

- Foundation: in yellow, ch 5.
- Row 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. [4 sts]
- Rows 2–178: ch 1, turn, sc in each st. [4 sts]

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That is about 100 cm, long enough to wear across the body. For a shoulder strap stop at about 60 cm. Fasten off with a 30 cm tail, and leave a 30 cm tail at the start too.

6. Flower

- Flower: in white, into a magic ring, [sl st, ch 2, 2 dc, ch 2, sl st] 5 times. [5 petals]

Pull the ring closed and fasten off with a 20 cm tail for sewing.

7. Put it together

Weave the drawstring in and out through the ch-1 spaces of round 26, starting just to one side of the front centre: in through one space, out through the next, all the way round. Both ends come out on the outside next to each other. Pull them to check that the bag opens fully and gathers evenly, and add the balls after threading if you have not yet.

Sew one end of the strap to each side of the bag, on the rim and the round below it, spreading each end across several stitches. Keep the drawstring free to slide.

Sew the flower to the front centre, just below the drawstring, through its middle and the base of each petal, keeping the cord clear. Weave in all the ends.

Yarn

It takes about 154 m of yellow and 7 m of white. That comes from counting every stitch and allowing a length of yarn per stitch, plus tails for sewing, so it is an estimate. Check the metres on your ball band; most of it goes into the mesh and the strap.

Frequently asked questions

Can I change the size? Yes. Add or take away base rounds two at a time, before the back-loop round. Two rounds change the count by 12 stitches, so the mesh keeps one space for every 2 stitches and an even number of spaces for the drawstring. For a taller bag, add mesh rounds before the rim: each one adds about 1.4 cm.

Does the mesh bag need a lining? For a small pouch or a folded scarf, the open mesh works on its own. For keys, hairpins or other small things, use a removable fabric pouch, such as our crochet drawstring pouch (https://crochetbabygifts.com/crochet-drawstring-pouch/), or sew in a lining. If you sew one in, attach it below the drawstring spaces so the cord still moves freely.

Can I use a different flower? Yes. Our puff flower (https://crochetbabygifts.com/crochet-puff-flower/) is a little bigger and sits well on the mesh.

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