FREE CROCHET TUTORIAL

Tapestry Crochet

How to do tapestry crochet in 2 colours, plus a mountain zip pouch in 2 sizes · US terms

SKILL LEVEL	PRACTICE	YARN
Intermediate	**Zip pouch, 2 sizes**	**Worsted (#4) cotton, 2 colours**
HOOK	**STITCHES**	**TIME**
4.5 mm (US 7)	**ch, sc, colour change**	**About 2 / 3 hours**

Materials

- Worsted (#4) cotton in cream and terracotta (amounts in the size table)
- 4.5 mm (US 7) hook, stitch marker, tapestry needle, a zip, sewing needle and thread

Abbreviations (US terms)

ch chain
sc single crochet
carry work over the unused yarn so it hides inside the stitche

Gauge: 16 sc and 16 rounds = 4 in (10 cm) in tapestry crochet, a typical value for worsted cotton on a 4.5 mm hook.

Pouch, Coin purse

Foundation	With cream, ch 21. Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch to the end, then work along the other side of the chain: sc in each ch (40 sc). Place a marker; work in a spiral from here on.	**(40)**
Rounds 2–5	Sc in each st round (40 sc).	**(40)**
Round 6	*8 terracotta*; repeat 5 times. Carry the colour you're not using inside the stitches.	**(40)**
Round 7	*8 terracotta*; repeat 5 times. Carry the colour you're not using inside the stitches.	**(40)**
Round 8	*1 cream, 6 terracotta, 1 cream*; repeat 5 times. Carry the colour you're not using inside the stitches.	**(40)**
Round 9	*2 cream, 4 terracotta, 2 cream*; repeat 5 times. Carry the colour you're not using inside the stitches.	**(40)**
Round 10	*3 cream, 2 terracotta, 3 cream*; repeat 5 times. Carry the colour you're not using inside the stitches.	**(40)**
Round 11	*8 cream*; repeat 5 times. Carry the colour you're not using inside the stitches.	**(40)**
Round 12	*8 terracotta*; repeat 5 times. Carry the colour you're not using inside the stitches.	**(40)**
Rounds 13–18	Cream only (keep carrying terracotta for 1 round, then cut it). Sl st in the next st, fasten off.	**(40)**
Finish	Sew a zip into the top opening (a 5 in / 13 cm zip). Weave in the ends.	

Pouch, Pencil pouch

Foundation	With cream, ch 33. Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch to the end, then work along the other side of the chain: sc in each ch (64 sc). Place a marker; work in a spiral from here on.	**(64)**
Rounds 2–6	Sc in each st round (64 sc).	**(64)**
Round 7	*8 terracotta*; repeat 8 times. Carry the colour you're not using inside the stitches.	**(64)**
Round 8	*8 terracotta*; repeat 8 times. Carry the colour you're not using inside the stitches.	**(64)**
Round 9	*1 cream, 6 terracotta, 1 cream*; repeat 8 times. Carry the colour you're not using inside the stitches.	**(64)**
Round 10	*2 cream, 4 terracotta, 2 cream*; repeat 8 times. Carry the colour you're not using inside the stitches.	**(64)**
Round 11	*3 cream, 2 terracotta, 3 cream*; repeat 8 times. Carry the colour you're not using inside the stitches.	**(64)**
Round 12	*8 cream*; repeat 8 times. Carry the colour you're not using inside the stitches.	**(64)**
Round 13	*8 terracotta*; repeat 8 times. Carry the colour you're not using inside the stitches.	**(64)**
Rounds 14–20	Cream only (keep carrying terracotta for 1 round, then cut it). Sl st in the next st, fasten off.	**(64)**
Finish	Sew a zip into the top opening (a 8 in / 20 cm zip). Weave in the ends.	

What's exact, what's calculated

Exact	The chart: whole repeats, a symmetric motif, colour changes per round.
Calculated	Stitches, rounds and yarn from the gauge.
Assumed	The gauge.

How to Do Tapestry Crochet

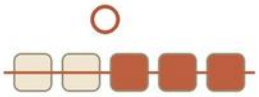
Single crochet in 2 colours · the unused colour is carried inside the stitches

1 · Carry the other colour



Lay the colour you're not using on top of the stitches and work over it: it hides inside.

2 · Change on the last yo



In the last sc before a change, pull through the final 2 loops with the NEW colour.

3 · Keep going



Work the next stitches in the new colour, carrying the old one inside.

4 · Tension



Don't pull the carried yarn tight, or the fabric puckers.

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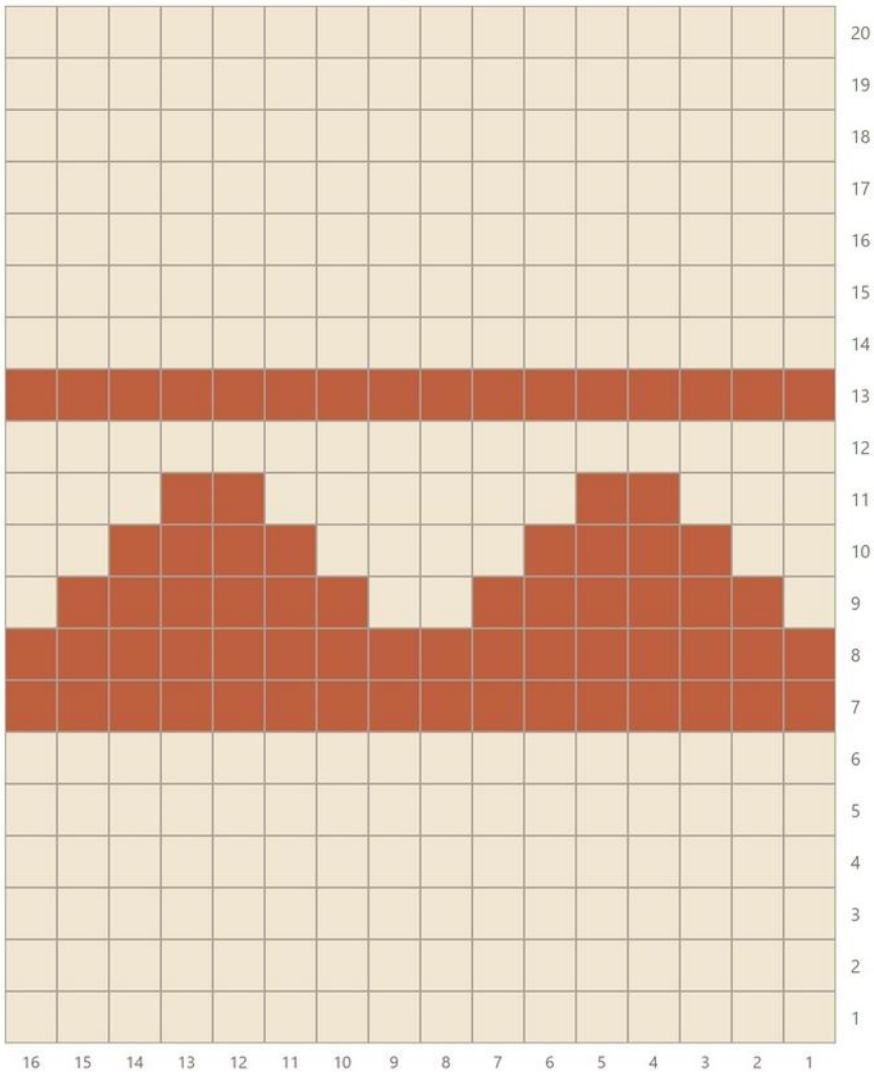
Tapestry Crochet Pouch · Chart (Pencil pouch)

2 repeats of 8 sts shown (the round has 64 sts = 8 repeats) × 20 rounds · read every round right to left



Worked in a spiral: every round is a right-side round. Change colour on the last yarn over of the stitch before.

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Tapestry Crochet Pouch · Sizes

Worsted (#4) cotton in 2 colours · 4.5 mm (US 7) hook · gauge 16 sc × 16 rounds = 4 in

Size	Flat size	Start	Sts per round	Rounds	Worsted cotton
Coin purse	5 × 4.5 in (13 × 11 cm)	ch 21	40 (5 repeats)	18	cream 50 yd, terracotta 20 yd
Pencil pouch	8 × 5 in (20 × 13 cm)	ch 33	64 (8 repeats)	20	cream 85 yd, terracotta 30 yd

Go down a hook size from the yarn label: tapestry crochet should be firm so the carried yarn doesn't show.

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