



Operation Bedroll:  
Conserve, Crochet, Care  
Plarn Bed Roll Pattern

**\*\*Completed bed rolls should be approximately 2.5 x 6ft (76cm x 183cm)\*\***

### Materials needed

500-700 plastic bags  
Scissors (or rotary cutter and mat)  
Q (16mm) crochet hook  
4 Stitch markers (or paper clips)

### Terminology

ch = Chain Stitch  
sc = Single Crochet stitch  
st/sts = stitch/stitches  
sl st = slip stitch

### Cut and Knot Plarn

See "How to Make Plarn"

### Bedroll Pattern

Ch 43-46\*, turn (should be about 2.5 ft (76cm) long

*\*Chain enough so that your base chain is 30 inches, regardless of stitch count.\**

*\*Make sure to count your chains so that you know how many single crochet stitches should be in each row.\**

Row 1: sc in second ch from end, sc in each ch (42-45 sc sts), ch 1

Row 2: sc in each st, ch 1 (42-45 sc sts)

Repeat Row 2 until bedroll is approximately 6 feet (183 cm) long

### Edging around Bedroll

Once your bed roll is 6ft long, edge around your entire rectangle with a single crochet to anchor everything together, this will help to make sure your bedroll is sturdy (see figure 1). Tie off and weave in ends. You are not done yet! Next you will make tying straps to make it easy to secure, and a carrying strap.

### Carrying Strap

**Fold bedroll in half lengthwise** and put two stitch markers at stitches that are 1/3 and 2/3 the width of the bedroll on both halves so you have . These will be the stitches you make your carrying and tying straps in (see figure 2 and 2.5)

Separate from the bed roll, Ch 51 and turn.

Sc into second chain from the end and each chain until you reach the end. 50 sc total.

Ch 1 and Sl St into the stitch in the 1/3 stitch to anchor the carrying strap.

Sl st into 2-3 other stitches around the anchor point to secure the carrying strap to the mat.

**Do not tie off** and weave in ends yet.

Ch 1 and turn, Sc into the other side of the chain (not into the sc you just made).

When you reach the end of the row, you should have 50 sc total again.

Ch 1 and Sl St into the stitch in the 2/3 stitch to anchor the other end of the carrying strap.  
 Sl st into 2-3 other stitches around the anchor point to secure the carrying strap to the mat. Tie off and weave in ends.

This might not seem like a super long carrying strap, but Plarn will stretch over time with use, so this accounts for stretching.

### Tying Strap

On the opposite half of the bed roll that you made your carrying strap, sl st into one of the 2 stitch markers.

Chain enough to wrap around the rolled up bedroll, plus 6-8 inches (15-20cm) or about 50 chains depending on how big your bedroll is (see figure. 3). Turn and sc back down to the base of the chain. Tie off and weave in ends.

Sl st to next stitch marker, then repeat to make a second tying strap at the 2/3 stitch marker.

Tie off and weave in ends.

You're DONE! Woohoo!

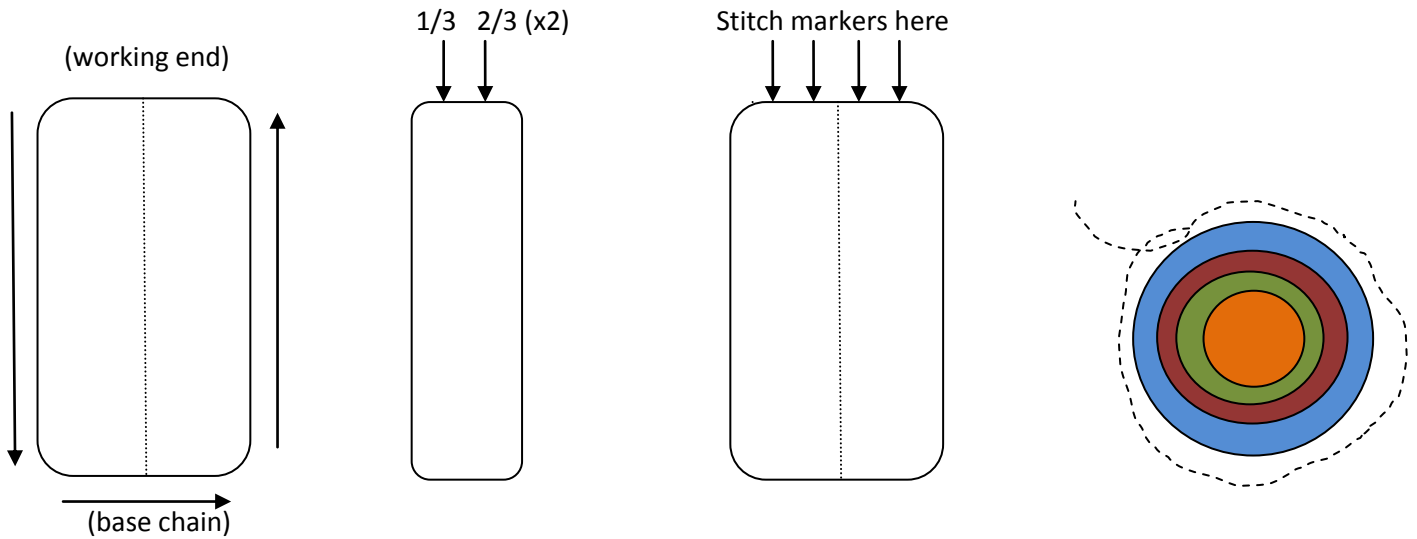


Figure 1  
 Whole roll, unfolded  
 Single crochet edging all the way around  
 (Dotted line shows the half way point of the mat)

Figure 2  
 Folded in half, 1/3 and 2/3 marks made on top and bottom half

Figure 2.5  
 Unfolded with 4 stitch markers, two for carrying straps, two for tying straps

Figure 3  
 Rolled with tying strap around  
 Tuck and loop the tying strap around itself to knot



← Figure 4  
 Completed Bed Roll with Carrying and Tying Straps

1 Carrying Strap  
 On one half of the bed roll      2 Tying Straps  
 Secured to other half of the bed roll