

14 Easy Crochet Bag Patterns

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Dear Crocheter,

Bags, purses, totes. Whatever you call them, they all have the same general purpose. A nice clutch can look elegant for a formal dinner, while a tote bag can make sure you have enough towels and sunscreen at the beach. The perfect purse is big enough for all of your essentials but doesn't weigh you down during the day.

No matter what purpose you have in mind, we have the best crochet bag patterns for you right here in this eBook. What's even better about them is that every pattern's skill level is beginner or easy! Practically anyone can work up all of the crochet bags listed below, which makes them even more useful than you thought.

Because these bags are so easy, they would also make fantastic gifts. It's like a gift within a gift when you let someone open up a crochet bag to find something else inside and then tell them they get to keep the bag, too! There's simply no better way to give the gift of practically and style all in one.

That's a big reason you should take a look at these, too. Not only can you use these wherever you go, but you are also sure to stay stylish and unique at any given moment and with any outfit. Don't worry about matching your wardrobe with the Large Buckle Tote, because it's a simple white pattern that looks good with anything! Take the Sparkly Chevron Bag both to work and for your night out, because it'll match whatever you decide to wear for either occasion.

It's that simple. All you have to do is take a look below and you'll be on your way to have the best handmade bags around.

Happy Hooking!

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Easy Crochet Purses

Colorful Paolo Purse

By: Cari Clement for Caron Yarns

This is such a fun and easy crochet pattern that you will love carrying around with you. The different colors compliment each other and the design is both fun and fashionable. It can hold all of your crochet hooks or other small items so that it's not too bulky but is perfect for essentials. Don't miss out on this Colorful Paolo Purse that could make your next night out go smoothly with the perfect accessory.



Materials:

- Worsted Weight Yarn
 - Model is stitched with Naturall Caron Country, 1 ball each:
 - o A: 0004 Green Sheen
 - o B: 0012 Foliage
 - C: 0014 Purple
- Crochet Hook (H/8 or 5 mm)
- Yarn Needle
- Fabric for Lining

Size: Purse measures approx. 10"/25.5 cm wide x 5 ½"/14 cm high

Notes:

1. Purse is worked width-wise from inside front, around back, and down flap.

2. Change color in last stitch of rows, as follows: Work last stitch of old color to last yarn over, yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete stitch. Carry colors not in use loosely up side of piece.

Special Terms:

dc3tog: Double crochet 3 together – [Yarn over, insert hook in next stitch and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] 3 times, yarn over and draw through all 4 loops on hook.

dc6tog: Double crochet 6 together – [Yarn over, insert hook in next stitch and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] 6 times, yarn over and draw through all 7 loops on hook.

Instructions:

With A, chain 49.

Row 1: With A, [3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc] in 5th ch from hook, skip next 3 ch, sc in next ch, *skip next 3 ch, [3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc] in next ch, skip next 3 ch, sc in next ch; repeat from * across; change to B in last st, turn—6 pattern repeats. Do not fasten off A.

Row 2: With B, ch 3, dc3tog over next 3 dc, ch 7, *skip next ch-1 space, dc6tog over next 6 dc (leaving sc between groups unworked), ch 7; repeat from * ending dc3tog over next 3 dc, dc in turning ch, turn.

Row 3: With B, ch 3, 3 dc in first dc3tog, sc in ch-1 space between dc's 2 rows below (working over next ch-7 space), *[3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc] in next dc6tog, sc in ch-1 space between dc's 2 rows below; repeat from * ending 3 dc in last dc3tog, dc in top of turning ch; change to C in last st, turn. Do not fasten off B.

Row 4: With C, ch 4, skip first dc, dc6tog over next 6 dc (leaving sc between groups unworked), *ch 7, skip next ch-1 space, dc6tog over next 6 dc (leaving sc between groups unworked); repeat from * ending ch 3, sc in top of turning ch, turn.

Row 5: With C, ch 1, skip next ch-3 space, [3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc] in next dc6tog, *sc in ch-1 space between dc's 2 rows below (working over next ch-7 space), [3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc] in next dc6tog; repeat from * ending, skip next 3 ch, sc in last ch; change to A in last st, turn. Do not fasten off C.

Rows 6 and 7: With A, repeat Rows 2 and 3; change to B in last st.

Rows 8 and 9: With B, repeat Rows 4 and 5; change to C in last st.

Rows 10 and 11: With C, repeat Rows 2 and 3; change to A in last st.

Rows 12 and 13: With A, repeat Rows 4 and 5; change to B in last st.

Rows 14-25: Repeat Rows 2-13.

Rows 26–29: Repeat Rows 2–5. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Block piece to approx 10"/25.5cm wide x 16"/40.5cm long. Mark 5"/12.5 cm up on long side of purse and fold lower section of piece up at the mark. Place piece on lining fabric and cut fabric to fit, allowing 1/2"/1.5 cm of extra fabric all the way around (for seam allowance). Fold top edges of lining fabric down 1/2"/1.5 cm and seam. Fold lining fabric in half and sew 1/2"/1.5 cm side seams. Sew side seams of purse taking care to hide carried strands on wrong side of purse. Tack lining inside purse.

Using yarn needle, weave in all ends.

Sparkly Chevron Bag

By: Tamara Kelly from Moogly

Correct us if we're wrong, but a girl can never have too many bags, especially when they shine like this Sparkly Chevron Bag. This easy crochet pattern only takes a few hours to make. Plus, it's just the right size for your evening's essential items including your cell phone, lipstick, and wallet. This is a great accessory for special occasions such as New Year's Eve and birthday celebrations. Because it's so stylish, girly, and glittery, it's a girl's dream!



Materials:

- Worsted Weight Yarn
 - Model is stitched with:
 - I Love This Yarn MC: Royalty Sparkle (80 yds)
 - Loops & Threads Impeccable CC: White (40 yds)
- Crochet Hook (I/9 or 5.5 mm)
- Embroidery Needle

Notes:

Do not break the yarn after each color change, just keep it on the insdie of the bag and pick it up again when you switch colors.

Instructions:

Row 1: Using Main Color, ch 24. Hdc in 2nd ch from hook, and in each st to end. Turn. (23 hdc) **Row 2:** Ch 1, hdc in each st to end. Turn. (23 hdc)

Row 3: Ch 1, hdc in each st to end. Moving around to the side, hdc in the side of Row 1 and Row 2. Continuing around, hdc in each st of opposite side of starting ch and in opposite ends of Row 1 and Row 2. Join to first hdc with a sl st to start working in the round (no more turning). (50 hdc)

Round 4: Ch 3, trc in the first st, then dc in the next 2 sts, hdc in the next st, sc in the next 3 sts, hdc in the next st, and dc in the next 2 sts. Repeat this series, [trc, dc 2, hdc, sc 3, hdc, dc 2] 4

more times. Join to first trc with a sl st using Contrast Color. (50 sts) Round 5: Ch 3, dc in the first st. [Dc in the next 3 sts, dc3tog over the next 3 sts, dc in the next 3 sts, work 3 dc in the next st] 5 times, ending the last repeat with 1 dc in the same st as the ch 3 and first dc. Join to top of ch 3 with a sl st using Main Color. (50 dc) Round 6: Repeat Round 5 with Main Color, joining last st to ch 3 with

Contrast Color.

Round 7: Repeat Round 5

with Contrast Color, joining last st to ch 3 with Main Color.

Round 8: Repeat Round 5 with Main Color, joining last st to ch 3 with Contrast Color.
Round 9: Repeat Round 5 with Contrast Color, joining last st to ch 3 with Main Color.
Round 10: Ch 1. [Sc in the first 2 sts, then hdc in the next st, dc in the next 2 sts, trc in the next st, dc in the next 2 sts, hdc in the next st, sc in the next st] 5 times. Join with a sl st to first sc. (50 sts)

Round 11: Ch 1, sc in each st to end. Join with a sl st to first sc. (50 sc)

Round 12: Repeat Round 11.

Round 13: Ch 1, sc in the next 8 sts. Ch 12, skip 12 sts, sc in the next 13 sts. Ch 12, skip 12 sts, sc in the last 5 sts. Join to first sc with a sl st. (26 sc and 24 ch)

Round 14: Ch 1, sc in each st and ch to end. Join with a sl st to first sc. (50 sc)

Round 15: Ch 1, sc in each st to end. (50 sc) Break yarn and use seamless join to finish off. Weave in ends.



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Pretty Purple Purse

By: Olivia Kent from Hopeful Honey

Ladies, treat yourself to a new bag with this free crochet pattern. The Pretty Purple Purse is a great addition to your purse collection and can hold more than you expect it to. This makes it the perfect size for every day use no matter where you're going. This casual looking bag is made using the puff stitch and can be worked up in any color yarn that you prefer. The pretty purple hue shown here is great for the spring and summer months especially.



Materials:

- Fine/Sport Weight Yarn (8 ply)
- Crochet Hook (4.5 mm)
- Tapestry or Wool Needle
- Scissors
- Measuring Tape

Size: Approximately 10 x 11 inches (25 x 27 cm)

Instructions:

Step 1. Start by doing a slip knot, then crochet 70 chain stitches.



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Step 2. Chain 1, then skip 1 chain and single crochet into every chain. After making one row of single crochets, slip stitch both pieces together, but be sure not to twist it!

Step 3. Start making Puff Stitches. (They look so cute and are fun to make!)

Step 4. Start by chaining 3, then crochet a Puff Stitch into the next stitch. Chain 2, skip 1 stitch then crochet a puff stitch. Continue doing this all the way around.

Step 5. After making 19 rows of puff stitches, end it off. Then, taking your wool needle, sew together the bottom of the 'round pouch'.



Step 6. Now it's time to get started on the strap. Make 6 chain stitches.



Step 7. Start crocheting single crochets till the strap measured 125 cm.

Step 8. Taking your wool needle again, attach the long strap to either side of the bag.



Animated Sassy Ruffle Bag

By: Katy from Adventures of KT and the Squid

When you carry around this Animated Sassy Ruffle Bag, you'll feel like you're a character straight out of a movie! It's almost surreal how adorable and fun this crochet purse pattern is, because it uses Sassy Fabric. You just can't ever go wrong with polka dots and ruffles, especially not when they're all over your crochet purse. Have a little fun with your accessories by working up this super cute crochet purse pattern that will be totally worth the time.



Materials:

- Worsted Weight Yarn
 - Model is stitched with Red Heart With Love: 1 skein of Pewter
 - Red Heart Sassy Fabric: 1 skein of Red Dot
- Crochet Hook (J/10 or 6 mm)
- Yarn Needle
- Scissors



Size: Finished bag is approx. 14" by 10" (laying flat, not including the handles)

Gauge: Approx. 12 sc by 15 rows = 4" square (Gauge is not essential to this project.)

Special Abbreviations:

Forked Half Double Crochet (fk hdc): Yo, insert hook into 1st st indicated, pull up a loop, yo, insert hook into next st indicated, pull up a loop, yo pull through 3 loops on hook, yo, pull through 3 remaining loops on hook.

Notes:

1. The bag will be worked as one piece in the round, at the end of each round you will join with a ss into the first st of the roun. The ch 1 or 2 at the beginning of the round does not count as a st.

2. This stitch will work with any number of stitches so you may start with any number of chains if you'd like to make the bag larger or smaller. Just note you will have to change the stitch counts for the handles.

Instructions:

Ch 35

Round 1: 3 hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in the next 32 chs, 3 hdc in the last ch, continue working on the opposite side of the ch, hdc in the next 32 chs, join. (70)

Round 2: Ch 1, 2 hdc in the 1st 3 sts, hdc in the next 32 sts, 2 hdc in the next 3 sts, hdc in the next 32, join. (76)

Round 3: Ch 2, fk hdc in last st of the previous round and the 1st st of the previous round (this st will go over the ch 2), *fk hdc in the same st as the previous fk hdc and the next st; repeat from * across, join. (76)

Round 4-6: Repeat round 3.

*You will now add the Sassy Fabric ruffles.

Round 7: Ch 1, Insert hook, from front to back into first hole of the Sassy Fabric, sc in the 1st st (when you complete the sc you will pull the last loop through the hole of the Sassy Fabric), *insert hook into the next hole of the Sassy Fabric, sc in the next st; repeat from * around, join, fasten off the Sassy Fabric. (76)

Repeat rounds 3-7 two more times.

Round 18-23: Ch 1, sc in every st around, join. (76)

Fasten off.

Handles

Lay the bag down flat, join where the line is pointing in the photo.



Round 1: Ch 1, sc in the first 7, ch 40, skip 25 sts, sc in the next 13, ch 40, skip 25 sts, sc in the last 6, join. (26 and 2 ch-spaces)
Round 2: Ch 1, sc in the first 7, sc 40 time in the ch-space, sc in the next 13, sc 40 times in the ch space, sc in the last 6, join. (106)
Round 3-4: Ch 1, sc in every st around, join. (106)
Round 5: Ch 1, rev sc in every st around, join. (106)
Fasten off, weave in all ends.

Pretty Princess Purse

By: Rebecca Langford from Little Monkeys Crochet

The ruffled top and huge flower embellishment definitely makes this crocheted purse fit for a princess. The Pretty Princess Purse is crocheted in the round using any color worsted weight yarn of your choice. One option is to pick your daughter's favorite princess and use those colors to complete this crochet purse pattern, such as gold and pale yellow if she loves Belle. It's an easy crochet pattern to make for your own little princess.



Materials:

- Worsted Weight Yarn
 - Model is stitched with I Love This Yarn
- Crochet Hooks (H/8 or 5 mm and I/9 or 5.5 mm and G/6 or 4.5 mm)

Size: The body of the purse is about 5.5" tall and 7.5" wide

Note:

This bag is crocheted in the round. The floor of the bag is joined rounds, and the rest of the base is crocheted in a continuous spiral (noted in pattern).

Instructions:

With H hook, Ch 21.

Round 1: 2 SC in second Ch from hook. 1 SC in each of the next 18 Ch. 2 SC in next. You are now working on the back side of the chain. 2 SC in next. 1 SC in each of the next 18 Ch. 2 SC in last Ch. Join to top of first SC. (44 SC)

Round 2: Ch 1. 2 SC in same St. 1 SC in each of the next 20 St. 2 SC in next. 2 SC in next. 1 SC in each of the next 20 St. 2 SC in last St. Join to top of first SC. (48 SC)

Round 3: Ch 1. 1 HDC in each St around. DO NOT JOIN. From this point on, you will work in a continuous spiral (until noted otherwise); use a stitch marker, like a bobby pin, if needed. (48

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HDC)

Rounds 4-12: 1 HDC in each stitch around (48 HDC)

Round 13: 1 SC in each stitch around (48 SC)

Rounds 14-15: Repeat Round 13. (48 SC)

Round 16 (ruffle edging, first layer): Ch 2. 2 FPDC in same St. (3 FPDC in next St) around. Join to top of first FPDC. Fasten off and weave in ends.

Round 17 (ruffle edging, second layer): With I hook, attach a contrasting color via one of the top sets of SC loops from Round 15 (see photo below; this row of loops is hidden behind the first ruffle layer). Ch 4; 2 TC in same St. (3 TC in next St) around. Join to top of first TC. Fasten off and weave in ends.



Straps

Using the Chainless Foundation method, FSC 90. Fasten off and weave in ends. Sew or glue ends to opposite sides of the inside of the purse.

Embellishment Flower

Small Size

With G hook, Begin with a Magic Circle.

Round 1: Ch 1; 8 SC in Magic Circle. Join.

Round 2: Ch 3; 3 DC in same St. (4 DC in next St) around. Join to top of first DC. Fasten off* and weave in ends (*leave your starting tail if you plan to layer it on top of a larger flower)

Medium Size

With G hook, Begin with a Magic Circle.

Round 1: Ch 1; 8 SC in Magic Circle. Join.

Round 2: Ch 4; 4 TC in same St. (5 TC in next St) around. Join to top of first TC. Fasten off* and weave in ends (*leave your starting tail if you plan to layer it on top of a larger flower)



Crochet Market Bags

Hexagon Market Bag

By: Lion Brand Yarn

The Hexagon Market Bag is a perfect crochet bag to make for the summer months. It's the perfect size tote to bring with you on summer vacations or trips to the beach, plus it has a fun floral-looking pattern. 10 crocheted hexagons are worked up separately (2 each of 5 different color combinations) using Lion Brand yarn and then joined together to create this stylich crocheted bag. Use the color combinations shown here or come up with your own crazy ideas!



Materials:

- Worsted Weight Yarn
 - Model is stitched with Lion Brand Kitchen Cotton Yarn:
 - A: 831-113 Hot Pepper (1 ball)
 - B: 831-147 Grape (2 balls)
 - C: 831-174 Olive (1 ball)
 - D: 831-170 Kiwi (1 ball)
 - E: 831-108 Blue Ice (1 ball)
- Lion Brand Crochet Hook (H/8 or 5 mm)
- Lion Brand Large-Eye Blunt Needles
- **Tapestry Needle**

Size: One Size; About 12 x 14 in. (30.5 x 35.5 cm), not including handles

Gauge: One Hexagon = about 6 in. (15 cm) across. When you match the gauge in a pattern, your project will be the size specified in the pattern and the materials specified in the pattern will be sufficient. The needle or hook size called for in the pattern is based on what the designer used, but is not unusual for gauge to vary from person to person. If it takes you fewer stitches and rows to make your swatch, try using a smaller size hook or needles; if more stitches and rows, try a larger size hook or needles.

Stitch Explanation:

3-dc Cl (3 double crochet cluster) Yarn over, insert hook in indicated st, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (2 loops rem on hook), (yarn over, insert hook in same st, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook) 2 AllFreeCrochet Page | 19 times (4 loops rem on hook) yarn over and draw through all loops on hook.

4-dc Cl (4 double crochet cluster) Yarn over, insert hook in indicated st, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (2 loops rem on hook), (yarn over, insert hook in same st, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook) 3 times (5 loops rem on hook) yarn over, draw through all loops on hook.

Notes:

1. Bag is made from 10 Hexagons, 2 each of 5 different color combinations.

2. Hexagons are worked in the rnd with RS facing at all times. Do not turn at the ends of rnds.

3. Handles are worked in rnds of sc, after the Hexagons have been sewn tog.

Instructions:

HEXAGON I (make 2)

With A, ch 6; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Rnd 1 (RS): Ch 2, 3-dc Cl in ring, (ch 3, 4-dc Cl in ring) 5 times, ch 3; join with sl st in top of first cluster - 6 clusters at the end of this rnd. Fasten off A.

Rnd 2: With RS facing, join B with sl st in any ch-3 sp, ch 2, (3-dc Cl, ch 3, 4-dc Cl) in same ch-3 sp (corner made), *ch 3, (4-dc Cl, ch 3, 4-dc Cl) in next ch-3 sp (corner made); rep from * 4 more times, ch 3; join with sl st in top of first cluster - 12 clusters at the end of this rnd. Fasten off B.

Rnd 3: With RS facing, join C with sl st in any corner ch-3 sp, ch 2, (3-dc Cl, ch 3, 4-dc Cl) in same ch-3 sp (corner made), ch 3, 4-dc Cl in next ch-3 sp, *ch 3, (4-dc Cl, ch 3, 4-dc Cl) in next ch-3 sp (corner made), ch 3, 4-dc Cl in next ch-3 sp; rep from * 4 more times, ch 3; join with sl st in top of first cluster - 18 clusters at the end of this rnd. Fasten off C.

Note: In next rnd, take care to work dc as instructed, not clusters.

Rnd 4: With RS facing, join D with sl st in any corner ch-3 sp, ch 3 (counts as first dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same ch-3 sp, 3 dc in each of next 2 ch-3 sps, *(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next corner ch-3 sp, 3 dc in each of next 2 ch-3 sps; repeat from * 4 more times; join with sl st in top of beg ch - 72 dc at the end of this rnd.

Fasten off.

HEXAGON II (make 2)

Make same as Hexagon I, using B for Rnd 1, C for Rnd 2, D for Rnd 3, and E for Rnd 4. **HEXAGON III (make 2)**

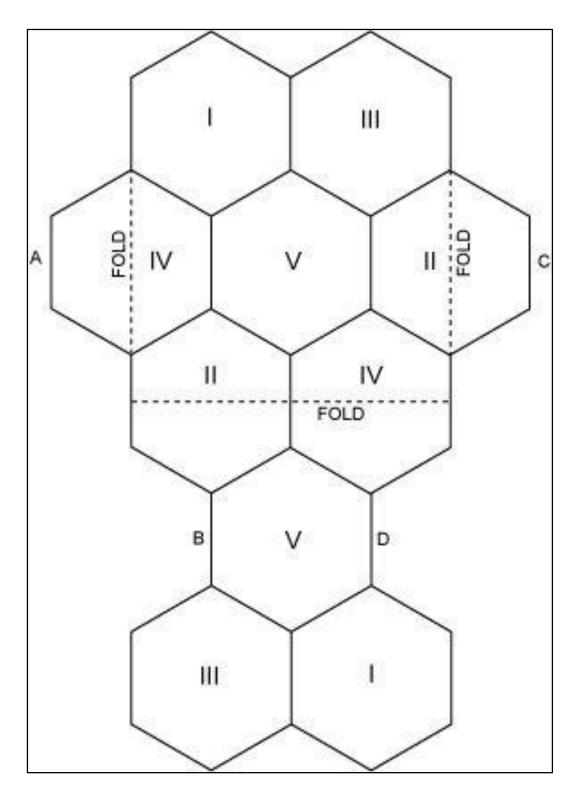
Make same as Hexagon I, using C for Rnd 1, D for Rnd 2, E for Rnd 3, and A for Rnd 4.

HEXAGON IV (make 2)

Make same as Hexagon I, using D for Rnd 1, E for Rnd 2, A for Rnd 3, and B for Rnd 4.

HEXAGON V (make 2)

Make same as Hexagon I, using E for Rnd 1, A for Rnd 2, B for Rnd 3, and C for Rnd 4.



FINISHING

Following Assembly Diagram, whipstitch the Hexagons tog. Fold piece along dashed lines, matching A with B, and C with D. Whipstitch side seams.

Handles

From RS, join B with a sl st in side seam between Hexagons I and III.

Rnd 1: Ch 1, *work 14 sc evenly spaced across side of Hexagon III to ch-2 sp at top point, ch 72, beg at ch-2 sp at point of Hexagon I, work 14 sc evenly spaced across side of Hexagon I to side seam (first handle made); rep from * for 2nd handle; join with sl st in first sc - 144 ch and 56 sc.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in each sc and ch around; join with sl st in first sc.

Rnds 3 and 4: Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc.

Fasten off.

Edging

From RS, join B with sl st in any st on inside edge of first handle. Work sc evenly spaced around inside edge of handle and top edge of Bag; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off. Rep edging on 2nd handle.

Weave in ends.

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Slouchy Grab Bag

By: Lauren Kuchenbrod for Darn Good Yarn

This Slouchy Grab Bag is perfect for all of your daily errads. Just grab it as you walk out the door and go! This crochet bag pattern is made using recycled yarn by Darn Good Yarn. It's a reasonably-priced yarn that is high quality and helps women in India and Nepal. It's a great pattern to make if you'd like to crochet a bag using recycled materials and need something to take with you to the store anytime.



Materials:

- Fine Yarn
 - Model is stitched with Darn Good Yarn's Recycled Resolution Silk Yarn (4 skeins)
- Crochet Hook (H/8 or 5 mm)

Notes:

Bag Bottom: If you want the bottom of your bag to be more stiff than floppy, use a skein of yarn that is on the thicker side. If you want a bag with a bottom that sags (like my bag), use a skein of yarn on the thinner side.

Bag Body: If you want the bag to be stiffer, use a thick-er skein of yarn. If you want a very floppy bag, use a thinner yarn. I personally continued with the thinner skein (that I had used to make the bottom) and worked up the body of the bag, then used a thicker yarn for the rest of the body. This gives the effect of the bag flopping/collapsing on itself while still maintaining a sturdy body that won't collapse on you while you're digging around in the bag.

Bag Strap and Flap: Use a thinner skein of yarn to produce a softer, more flexible strap and flap.

Instructions:

All stitches are double crochet. (DC)

BOTTOM:

There is no exact science to crocheting a circle. For each round, the pattern will depend on the uniqueness of your yarn. The important thing is to frequently put your work down (yes, literally) to make sure it lays flat on its own. If it starts to show bumps or ripples, just frog it back and adjust the number of times you DC in each chain.

Row 1: Chain 3, slip stitch into chain fur-thest from hook to join in circle.
Row 2: [This may be used for a few rows, depending on your circle].
Double crochet (DC) twice in each chain. Repeat to end of row.
Row 3: (Mark the beginning of the row!)
[This may be used for a few rows, depending on your circle.]
DC in first two chains twice, then DC once in third chain. Repeat to end of the row.
Row 4: [This may be used for a few rows, depending on your circle.]
DC twice in first chain, then DC once in second chain. Repeat to end of row.

As the size of the circle increases, you'll do rows with fewer and fewer "DC twice in chain". The variations in the yarn create spots where more or fewer "DC twice in chain" are needed to maintain an even, round bottom.

Just keep crocheting in a circle until you have the bottom of the bag at the size you want. Then bind off your work. Pulling the yarn through the first chain in what would begin the NEXT row creates a more uniform circle. Weave in the end now or just wait till the bag is done.

BODY: This is a bit tricky to start but not too bad. A perk of the sloppy bag is that its texture and color changes hide imperfections! Pick a spot (It is helpful to start away from the bind off site) to pick up stitches.

Row 1: Pick up stitches by DC through the chain BELOW the final row/edge. This will allow you to crochet around the entire edge of the bot-tom piece (essentially creating a very thick, very strong seam). Picking up stitches this way creates a nice, rounded edge to the bottom of your bag, rather than a sharp cylindrical-like edge you might get from picking up stitches just along the outer edge of the circle.

Row 2: DC each stitch in entire row. Do this for as many rows as needed to make the main body of the bag as tall as you want.

DECREASING: When you're ready to start decreasing, once again it's a personal preference on how you want it to look. My bag was done with the following:

STEP 1: DC once in first two chains, DC next to chains together. Repeat to end of row.

STEP 2: DC each stitch in entire row.

Then just repeat steps 1 and 2 until your bag has been reduced to the desired diameter. It is

recommended that you bind off after a "Step 1" row to prevent the top from resembling a tube.

STRAP:

This shoulder strap was 10 stitches wide. You may prefer one that has more or fewer stitches. It's totally up to you! Pick a spot to start (once again, choose a spot away from the bind off). You can either pick up stitches by DC into the top row of the bag or DC into the chain BELOW the final row.

Row 1: Pick up the desired number of stitches. Chain 1 (or 2, whatever gives the smoothest edge for you), turn.

Row 2: DC the entire row. Chain 1 (or 2), turn.

Repeat the rows until the strap is your desired length.

Line up the strap with the opposite side of the bag. Attach with DC into the corresponding stitches in the top row on that side of the bag. Bind off. Weave in ends now or later.

FLAP:

The flap for the bag is crocheted between the two straps, on one side of the bag.

Row 1: Pick up all stitches between the two straps using DC. Chain 1 (or 2, whatever gives the smoothest edge for you), turn.

Row 2: DC entire row. Chain 1 (or 2), turn.

Repeat rows until flap is desired length.

DECREASING:

When you're ready to star decreasing, you can make the tip of the flap as blunt or narrow as you would like.

Step 1: DC first two stitches together, DC across row to end.

Step 2: Turn (don't chain 1 or 2), repeat Step 1.

Continue until you're ready to bind off. Weave in ends.

Grab N Go Bag

By: Lily Sugar 'N Cream

The Grab N Go Bag is your perfect go-to bag for everyday use. The large size of this particular crochet bag pattern makes it convenient to just grab your belongings and hit the road. Whether you're running some quick errands around town, or leaving for a lastminute weekend getaway, this crocheted bag will keep all of your belongings safe and sound. Plus, the classic striped design of this free crochet pattern is quick and easy to crochet.



Materials:

- Worsted Weight Yarn
 - Model is stitched with Lily Sugar 'N Cream, 1 ball each:
 - MC: Soft Ecru
 - o A: Mod Green
 - B: Robin's Egg
 - C: Hot Blue
 - o D: Hot Orange
 - o E: Yellow
 - $\circ~$ F: Warm Brown
- Crochet Hook (G/6 or 4 mm)
- Two Stitch Markers

Size: Approx 12" (30.5 cm) wide x 14" (35.5 cm) high, excluding handles

Gauge: 15 sc and 16 rows = 4" (10 cm)

Notes:

When joining colors, work to last 2 loops on hook of first color. Draw new color through last 2 loops and proceed.

Stripe Pat

With MC, work 1 row. With A, work 1 row. With E, work 1 row. AllFreeCrochet

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Instructions:

With MC, ch 84. Join in ring with sl st into first ch, taking care not to twist chain. **1st rnd**: Ch 2 (does not count as hdc). 1 hdc in each ch around. Join A with sl st to first hdc. 84 hdc.

2nd rnd: With A, ch 2 (does not count as hdc). 1 hdc in each hdc around. Join E with sl st to first hdc.

First 2 rows of Stripe Pat are complete.

Keeping cont of Stripe Pat, rep 2nd rnd for pat until all 33 rows of Stripe Pat are complete. Fasten off. Place markers on 32nd hdc and 74th hdc of last rnd.

HANDLES

With RS facing, join MC with sl st at first marker.

1st row: Ch 1. 1 sc in each of next 10 hdc. Turn. Leave rem sts unworked.

2nd row: Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc across. Turn.

Rep 2nd row until work from beg measures 18" [45.5 cm].

Next row: Ch 1. Draw up a loop in each of next 2 sts. Yoh and draw through all loops on hook -

sc2tog made. 1 sc in each of next 6 sc. Sc2tog. Turn

Next row: Ch 1. Sc2tog. 1 sc in each of next 4 sc. Sc2tog. Turn.

Next row: Ch 1. Sc2tog. 1 sc in each of next 2 sc. Sc2tog. Turn.

Next row: Ch 1. (Sc2tog) twice. Turn.

Next row: Sc2tog. Fasten off.

Rep for second handle, starting at second marker.

Tie handles in knot at desired length.

FINISHING

Join bottom edge: With RS tog, join MC with sl st at bottom edge. Working through both thicknesses, work 1 row of sl st across bottom edge to join. Fasten off.

Sunny Days Market Bag

By: <u>Bernat</u>

Worked in Bernat Cotton-ish in a lemon twill color, this Sunny Days Market Bag will satisfy your need to make a simple crochet pattern. This tote is a nice crochet design that will hold all your favorites the next time you go to the farmer's market, so you can shop until you drop. If you bring one essential while shopping for groceries, aside from your list, this crocheted bag is it. The lemony color is nice and springy which will make your browsing experience a bright one.



Materials:

- Light/DK Weight Yarn
 - Model is stitched with Bernat Cotton-ish by Vickie Howell, 1 ball of 85620 Lemon Twill
- Crochet Hook (G/6 or 4 mm)

Size: Approximately 13 inches wide x 15 inches long (excluding handle)

Gauge: 16 sc and 18 rows = 4" [10 cm]

Instructions:

Beg at Base, ch 100. Join in ring.
1st rnd: Ch 1. 1 sc in each ch around. Join. 100 sc.
2nd rnd: Ch 1. 1 sc in same sp as last sl st. *Ch 5. Miss next 3 sc. 1 sc in next sc. Rep from * around, ending with ch 2. 1 dc in first sc.
3rd rnd: *Ch 5. 1 sc in next ch-5 sp.
Rep from * around, ending with ch 2. 1 dc in last dc.
Rep last rnd for 14 1/2" [37 cm].

Next rnd: SI st in next ch-5 sp. Ch 1. 3 sc in same sp. *1 sc in next sc. 3 sc in next ch-5 sp. Rep from * , ending with: 1 sc in next sc. 2 sc in next ch-2 sp. 1 sc in last dc. Join. 102 sc. Next 2 rnds: Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc around. Join. Fasten off at end of last rnd. Fold Bag flat, sew bottom seam and mark center 14 sc at sides.

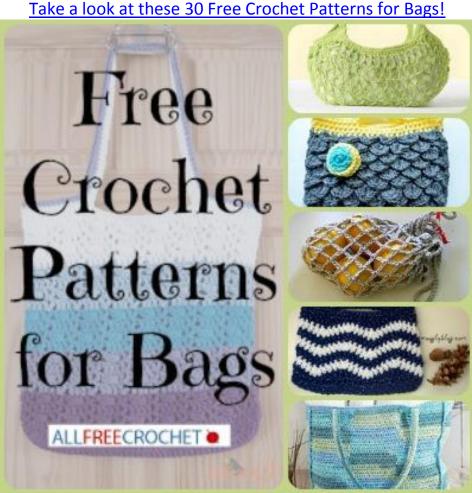
Strap

1st Half: **1st row: (RS). Join yarn with sl st at marked sc. Ch 1. 1 sc in same sp. 1 sc in each of next 13 sc. Turn. 14 sc.

2nd row: Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc to end of row. Turn. Rep last row for 14" [35.5 cm]. Fasten off.** **2nd Half:** Working on opposite side of Bag, rep from ** to **. Do not fasten off.

Join Halves:

Place RS of Halves tog. Working through both thicknesses, work 1 row of sc across final rows to join. Fasten off.



Tote Bag Crochet Patterns

Large Buckle Tote

By: Amanda Saladin from **Designing Crochet**

Learn how to crochet a bag large enough to carry everything but the kitchen sink with this Large Buckle Tote pattern. This is a large DIY tote bag pattern that's easy enough for beginners to make since it only uses half double crochet and slip stitches. The small front pocket is perfect for anything handy you need, while the slide buckle provides a nice, simple accent. You don't have to line this bag or add fabric handles, but you should if you want it to keep its shape.



Materials:

- Worsted Weight Yarn
 - Model is stitched with Lion Brand Cotton Ease: 830-100 Snow (6 balls)
- Crochet Hook (P/16 or 11.5 mm)
- Yarn Needle
- Lining and Backing Fabrics (optional) 1 yard each
- Purse Handles
- ½ yard of 1 ½" ribbon
- 1 slide buckle at 1 ¹/₂"

Size: Measures 11" tall x 14 1/2" wide and 5" deep

Gauge: 9 sts and 11 rows = 4 1/2" in st pat

Notes:

Hold three strands together.
 Ch 2 at beg of row counts as hdc.

Instructions:

Stitch Pattern (st pat):

Row 1: 2 ch, skip 1 st, *sl st into next hdc, 1 hdc into next sl st; rep from * ending sl st into top of turning ch, turn. Repeat row 1 for pattern.

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FRONT

Ch 31.

Row 1: Ch 2, sk 2 ch, *sl st into next ch, 1 hdc into next ch; rep from * ending sl st into last ch, turn – 30 sts.

Work even in St Pat until piece measures 11 inches from beginning. Fasten off.

BACK

Work same as front.

SIDES AND BOTTOM

Ch 11. Repeat row 1 of front – 10 sts. Work in St Pat on 10 sts until piece measures 36".

POCKET

Ch 17. Repeat row 1 of front – 16 sts. Work in stitch pattern for 16 rows. Fasten off.

FINISHING:

Create backing for panels by cutting backing fabric same dimensions as crocheted pieces and hand stitching to backs.

Sew ribbon in place around pocket, placing slide buckle through ribbon before stitching. Center pocket on front and stitch in place on three sides, leaving top open.

Create lining for bag by cutting lining fabric 1" wider and taller than crocheted pieces and sewing together by hand or machine with 1/2" seam allowances on all sides. Sew front and back to side/bottom strip.

To attach lining, fold down 1/2" on top, press with iron if desired, and hand sew to top of crocheted bag with a whip stitch with right side of fabric showing inside bag. Attach handles.

(Continue on for lining tutorial with more detailed instructions.)

Lining Tutorial

Lay out all of your pieces ready for construction. Create backing for panels by cutting backing fabric same dimensions as crocheted pieces and hand stitching to backs.



The backing fabric to help hold its shape is optional, but it makes it hold up really well even when the bag is full. This is two layers of crinoline, but any stiff fabric should be fine.



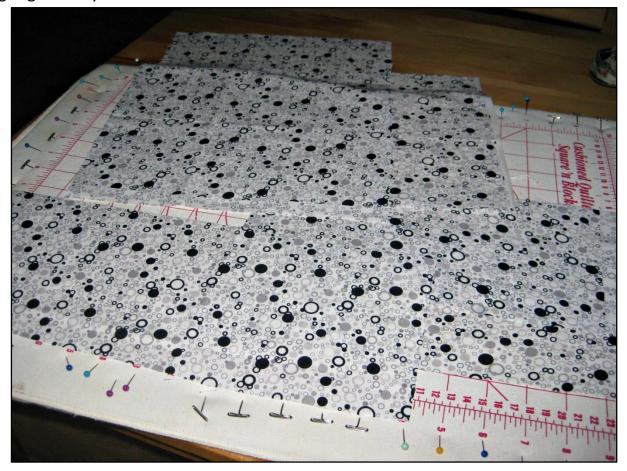
Fold ribbon around and sew ribbon in place around pocket, placing slide buckle through ribbon before stitching.



Center pocket on front and stitch in place on three sides, leaving top open.



Create lining for bag by cutting lining fabric 1" wider and taller than crocheted pieces and sewing together by hand or machine with ½" seam allowances on all sides.



Sew front and back to side/bottom strip. If you did not want a lining, this is the next step after finishing the crochet and fixing the pocket.



To attach lining, fold down ½" on top, press with iron if desired, and pin to top of crocheted bag with right side of fabric showing inside bag. Here it ready to be sewn with pins in place:



To attach handles, use bias tape to secure them in place.

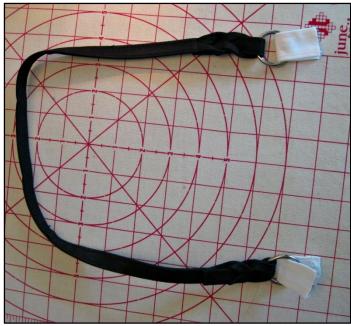


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First, cut 3" strips, then sew the sides shut. Next, press them in half with an iron.



Place the bias tape through the handle rings, and stitch the bottom of the bias tape closed.





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Place bias tape between lining and bag and stitch in place. Hand sew the rest of the lining with a whip stitch, or machine stitch around the top of the bag. All is done!



Cotton Stripes Tote Bag

By: <u>Bernat</u>

This Cotton Stripes Tote Bag is made in Bernat Handicrafter Pinky Stripes. It's an easy crochet pattern you can work up in little time, and that's so girly and adorable. Your new tote bag can easily carry anything you need, anywhere you go. Have a picnic with it or put all your crochet materials in it for storage at home. Totes are the best way to carry a lot in one place.



Materials:

- Worsted Weight Yarn
 - Model is stitched with Bernat Baby Coordinates (140 g/5 oz): 1 ball of 01009 Soft Blue
- Crochet Hook (G/6 or 4 mm)

Size: Approx 15 ins [38 cm] wide x 12 ins [30.5 cm] high, excluding handles.

Gauge: 16 sc and 17 rows = 4 ins [10 cm].

Notes: Turning ch 2 at beg of row does NOT count as hdc.

Instructions:

Body of Bag

Ch 56.

****1st row:** (RS). 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 sc in each ch to end of ch. Turn. 55 sc.

2nd row: Ch 2. Working through back loops only, 1 hdc in each st across. Turn.

3rd row: With B, ch 2. Working through back loops only, 1 hdc in each st across. Turn.** Rep last row for pat until work from beg measures 5 ins [12.5 cm], ending with a WS row. **Next row:** (RS). (Eyelet row). Ch 2. Working through back loops only, 1 hdc in each of first 5 hdc. Ch 1. Miss next hdc. 1 hdc in each of next 11 hdc. Ch 1. Miss next hdc. Working through back loops only, 1 hdc in each hdc to end of row. Turn. 55 sts.

Cont in pat until work from beg measures 10 ins [25.5 cm], ending with a WS row. Place marker at end of last row.

Work Eyelet row once more.

Cont in pat until work from marked row measures 14 ins [35.5 cm], ending with a WS row. Place marker at end of last row.

Work Eyelet row once more.

Cont in pat until work from last marked row measures 5 ins [12.5 cm], ending with a WS row. Work Eyelet row once more. Place marker at end of last row.

Cont in pat until work from last marked row measures 9 ins [23 cm], ending with a WS row. Remove markers.

Measuring from foundation ch, place markers on left edge of Body at beg of 2nd row of pat at approx 15, 19 and 34 ins [38, 48 and 86.5 cm].

Join Body: With WS tog, place foundation ch behind last row. Working through both thicknesses, sl st in each st across.

Fasten off.

Base:

Ch 64.

1st row: 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch to end of chain. 63 sc.

2nd row: Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc to end of row. Turn. Rep last row until work from beg measures 4 ins [10 cm], ending with a WS row. Do not fasten off.

Join Base: With WS tog, place marked edge of Body behind Base, aligning markers and joining row with corners of Base. Ch 1. Working through both thicknesses, work 1 rnd of sc evenly around Base. Join with sl st to first sc. Fasten off.

Handles (make 2)

Ch 96.

1st row: (RS). 1 hdc in 3rd ch from hook. 1 hdc in each ch across. Turn. 94 hdc.

2nd row: Ch 2. 1 hdc in each hdc across. Turn. Rep last row once more. Fold handles lengthwise. Working through both thicknesses, Ch 1. 1 sc in each st to end of row. Fasten off. Fold top edge to align eyelets. Apply grommets in eyelets following manufacturer's directions. Knot one end of Handle.

Thread other end of Handle through both grommets on one side of Bag and knot end as shown in picture.

Rep for other Handle.

Summer Fun Crochet Tote

By: Amy Ramnarine from The Stitchin Mommy

Get ready for both the beach and the market with this Summer Fun Crochet Tote. It is the perfect way to be fashionable while having something completely reusable. Carry all of your fresh produce in it at the grocery store and Farmer's Market for an environmentally-friendly way to shop. On the other hand, take it to the beach with all of your towels and sunscreen to soak up some sun safely. It is sure to be a fun and exciting summer with this crochet tote bag!



Materials:

- Worsted Weight Yarn
 - Model is stitched with Lion Brand Kitchen Cotton (A and C) and Lily Sugar N' Cream (B)
 - A: Tropic Breeze (3 skeins)
 - B: Hot Green (1 skein)
 - C: Vanilla (1 skein)
- Crochet Hook (I/9 or 5.5 mm)
- Tapestry Needle
- Stitch Marker
- Scissors

Size: Finished tote – 15" wide x 16.5" long (from top to bottom, not including handle) Handle measures 14.5" long.

Instructions:

With Color A, MC, ch 2

Round 1: 11 dc into mc. Join in beginning dc. Ch 2 (11)

Round 2: 2 dc into each st around. Join. Ch 2 (22)

Round 3: *1 dc into next st, 2 dc into next st.* Repeat * around. Join. Ch 2 (33)

Round 4: *1 dc into each of the next 2 sts, 2 dc into next st.* Repeat * around. Join. Ch 2 (44) Round 5: *1 dc into each of the next 3 sts, 2 dc into next st.* Repeat * around. Join. Ch 2 (55) Round 6: *1 dc into each of the next 4 sts, 2 dc into next st.* Repeat * around. Join. Ch 2 (66) AllFreeCrochet

Round 7: *1 dc into each of the next 5 sts, 2 dc into next st.* Repeat * around. Join. Ch 2 (77) **Round 8:** 1 dc into each st around. Join. Ch 2. (77)

Now you'll be working in the round.

Round 9: *[dc, ch 1, dc] in next st (this is referred to as a V-stitch), sk next st* Repeat * around. **Round 10:** [dc, ch 1, dc] in between the V-stitches from previous round.



Round 11-15: Repeat Round 10. *Change to Color B.*Round 12-17: Repeat Round 10. *Change to Color C.*Round 18-21: Repeat Round 10. SI st into the beginning dc. *Change to Color C.*Round 22-27: Repeat Round 10. SI st into the beginning dc. *Change to Color C.*Round 28-30: Ch 1. Sc in each dc and ch 1 st around. Join in beginning sc.
Do not fasten off. Ch 1.
Now we're going to work the handle.
Row 1: sc in the next 12 sts. Ch 1, turn. (12)
Row 2-5: sc in each st across. Ch 1, turn (12)
Row 6: sc dec, sc in the next 8 sts, sc dec. Ch 1, turn (10)
Row 7-12: sc in each st across. Ch 1, turn (10)
Row 13: sc dec, sc in the next 6 sts, sc dec. Ch 1, turn (8)
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Row 14-54: sc in each st across. Ch 1, turn (8)

Row 55: sc in each st across. Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing. (8)

For the other side of the handle

Count **39** stitches from the beginning of the first side of your handle. Join yarn, ch 1. Repeat instructions for first side of the handle.

Connect the two parts of the handle together by using your tapestry needle and the tail end of one of your sides. Sew the two sides together on the underside of the handle so that the join isn't visible on the top.



Trim:

Join your trim color in any stitch on one side of your tote. Sc in each st around, making sure to continue up the side of your handle and back down. Join into the beginning sc. Fasten off. Repeat for the other side of the tote. Weave all ends.

That's it! Now you can take your tote to the market, beach, or anywhere else! Enjoy!





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Fun in the Sun Beach Bag

By: Kathy Lashley from Elk Studio

Hit the beach in style this year with this crocheted beach bag. The Fun in the Sun Beach Bag is made using any three colors of cotton yarn, which will add just the right amount of strength and durability so you can carry it anywhere without worry. This crochet bag is just the right size for your summertime beach essentials including sunblock, sunglasses, a bottle of water, and a good book. You can make the handles any length you want. If you want to stick with the red and white look, you could even use it as part of a gift for the holidays!



Materials:

- Light/Sport Weight Yarn
 - Model is stitched with Sinfonia Cotton Yarn: Red (3 skeins), White (1 partial skein), and Tan (1 partial skein)
- Crochet Hook (H/8 or 5 mm)
- Tapestry Needle

Gauge: 8 st and 5 rows = 2" (This is not essential, though.)

Instructions:

Begin with Color A

ch 4, sl st into first ch to make a ring.

Round 1: ch 1, 10 hdc in ring, sl st in first hdc (10 st)

Round 2: ch 1, 2 hdc in each hdc, sl st in first hdc (20 st)

Round 3: ch 1 and hdc in same sp, work 2 hdc in next hdc, *hdc in next hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc*, repeat from * to *join by sl st in first hdc (30 st)

Round 4: ch 1 and hdc in same sp, hdc in next hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc, *hdc in next 2 hdc, work

2 hdc in next hdc*, repeat from * to * join by sl st in first hdc (40 st)

Round 5: ch 1 and hdc in same sp, hdc in next 2 hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc, *hdc in next 3 hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc*, repeat from * to * join by sl st in first hdc (50 st)

Round 6: ch 1 and hdc in same sp, hdc in next 3 hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc, *hdc in next 4 hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc*, repeat from * to * join by sl st in first hdc (60 st)
Round 7: ch 1 and hdc in same sp, hdc in next 4 hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc, *hdc in next 5 hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc*, repeat from * to * join by sl st in first hdc (70 st)
Round 8: ch 1 and hdc in same sp, hdc in next 5 hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc, *hdc in next 6 hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc*, repeat from * to * join by sl st in first hdc (80 st)
Round 9: ch 1 and hdc in same sp, hdc in next 6 hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc, *hdc in next 7 hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc*, repeat from * to * join by sl st in first hdc (90 st)
Round 10: ch 1 and hdc in same sp, hdc in next 7 hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc, *hdc in next 8 hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc*, repeat from * to * join by sl st in first hdc (100 st)
Round 11: ch 1 and hdc in same sp, hdc in next 8 hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc, *hdc in next 9 hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc*, repeat from * to * join by sl st in first hdc (110 st)
Round 12: ch 1 and hdc in same sp, hdc in next 9 hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc, *hdc in next 10 hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc*, repeat from * to * join by sl st in first hdc (120 st) Measured 10 ½ "

Rounds 13-18: ch 1 and hdc in same sp, hdc in next hdc and around, join by sl st in first hdc (120 st)

Change to Color B

Rounds 19-22: ch 4 (counts as first dc and ch 1 here and throughout the pattern), skip next st, dc in next st, *ch 1, skip next st, dc in next st* repeat from *to*, join by sl st in top of 3rd ch, (120 st)

Change to Color C

Round 23: ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout the pattern), dc in next st and around, join by sl st in top of 3rd ch, (120 st)

Change to Color A

Rounds 24-25: ch 4, skip next st, dc in next st, *ch 1, skip next st, dc in next st* repeat from *to*, join by sl st in top of 3rd ch, (120 st)

Change to Color C Round 26: ch 3, dc in next st and around, join by sl st in top of 3rd ch, (120 st) **Change to Color A Rounds 27-29:** ch 3, dc in next st and around, join by sl st in top of 3rd ch, (120 st)

Change to Color B Rounds 30-33: ch 4, skip next st, dc in next st, *ch 1, skip next st, dc in next st* repeat from *to*, join by sl st in top of 3rd ch, (120 st)

Change to Color C Round 34: ch 3, dc in next st and around, join by sl st in top of 3rd ch, (120 st)

Change to Color A Round 35-36: ch 4, skip next st, dc in next st, *ch 1, skip next st, dc in next st* repeat from *to*, join by sl st in top of 3rd ch, (120 st)

Change to Color C Round 37: ch 3, dc in next st and around, join by sl st in top of 3rd ch, (120 st)

Change to color A Round 38-39: ch 3, dc in next st and around, join by sl st in top of 3rd ch, (120 st)

Handle Portion of the bag

Note: If you don't want your handles to be too long, only chain 30. If you would like longer handles, just increase the chain but you will still follow the instructions accordingly just ignoring the ch 30 part.

Round 40: ch 1 and sc in same sp, sc in next 29 st, ch 30, skip next 29 st, sc in next st, sc in next 30 st, ch 30, skip next 29 st, sc in last sc, join by sl st in first st (120 st)
Round 41-42: ch 1 and sc in same sp, sc in next st and around, join by sl st in first sc (120 st)

Change to Color B

Round 43-45: ch 1 and sc in same sp, sc in next st and around, join by sl st in first sc (120 st) Fasten off.

Note:

If you like the idea of of white being inside the handles, here are the instructions:

Join with Color B, sc in first st and around, sc in corner, sc in bottom loop of sc and in each st around, sc in corner, join by sl st in first sc. Fasten off and weave in all the loose ends.



Helping Hands Garden Bag

By: Lily Sugar n' Cream

Treat yourself to this Helping Hands Garden Bag and let this crocheted bag help you create the garden of your dreams this year. Anyone with a green thumb will appreciate this free crochet pattern because of the large pockets and comfortable handles. You'll be able to effortlessly carry around all of your gardening essentials such as shovels, spades, trowels, hand rakes, and more. This free crochet pattern will definitely come in handy this spring. Gardening has never been so easy!



Materials:

- Worsted Weight Yarn
 - Model is stitched with Lily Sugar n' Cream:
 - o MC: 00084 Sage Green (9 balls)
 - A: 00083 Cornflower Blue (6 balls)
 - B: 01712 Hot Green (2 balls)
- Crochet Hook (G/6 or 4 mm)

Size: Approx 15 ins [38 cm] long x 6 ins [15 cm] wide x 11 ins [28 cm] deep

Gauge: 13 sc and 14 rows = 4 ins [10 cm] with 2 strands of yarn

Instructions:

Front and Back Panels (make 2).

With 2 strands of MC tog, ch 51.

1st row: (RS). 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 sc in each ch to end of ch. Turn. 50 sc.

2nd row: Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc across. Turn.

Rep last row until work from beg measures 9½ ins [23 cm], ending with a WS row.

Next row: Ch 1. 1 sc in each st to end of row. Turn. Break MC.

Next row: With A, ch 1. 1 sc in each st to end of row. Turn.

Rep last row twice more.

Next row: (Holes for Handles). Ch 1. 1 sc in each of first 16 sc. Ch 3. Miss next 3 sc. 1 sc in each

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of next 12 sc. Ch 3. Miss next 3 sc. 1 sc in each sc to end of row. Turn. **Next row**: Ch 1. 1 sc in each st to end of row. Turn. Rep last row twice more. Fasten off.

Side Panels (make 2).

With 2 strands of MC tog, ch 20.

1st row: (RS). 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 sc in each ch to end of ch. Turn. 19 sc.

2nd row: Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc across. Turn.

Rep last row until work from beg measures same lengths as front and back before color changing, ending with a WS row. Join A.

Next row: With A, ch 1. 1 sc in each st to end of row. Turn.

Rep last row 6 times more. Fasten off.

Join Panels: Arrange Panels to form a bag, having Side Panels opposite each other. With WS of 2 Panels tog, join 2 strands of MC with sl st at bottom left corner. Ch 1. Working through both thicknesses, work 1 row of sc evenly along side edge, changing to A where necessary. Fasten off. Rep for rem Panels to form box.

BASE

With 2 strands of MC tog, ch 51.

1st row: (RS). 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 sc in each ch to end of ch. Turn. 50 sc.

2nd row: Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc across. Turn.

Rep last row until work from beg measures 6 ins [23 cm], ending with a WS row.

Join Base to Sides: Place lower edge of Sides behind Base with WS of work tog, aligning corners of Base with fold lines and joining row of Sides. Ch 1. Working through both thicknesses, work 1 rnd of sc around all 4 sides of Base. Join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Handles (make 2).

With 2 strands of A, ch 53 loosely.

1st row: 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 sc in each sc across. Turn. 52 sc.

2nd row: Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc across. Turn.

Rep last row once more. Fasten off.

With RS of Basket facing, push ends of Handle through holes on Side Panel to WS. Sew ends tog, being careful not to twist Handle.

Optional: Bring halves of Handle tog and taking 2 strands of A tog, wrap center 3 ins [7.5 cm] of Handle as shown in insert picture. Fasten ends securely.

Pockets (make 2 sets).

Note: Pocket is worked from top down.

With 2 strands of B, ch 75.

1st row: (RS). 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 sc in each ch to end of ch. Turn. 2nd row: Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc to end of row. Turn.

Rep last row 4 times more. Join A.

With A, rep last row until work from beg measures 7 ins [18 cm], ending with a WS row. Fasten off.

Bottoms of pockets: With RS of work facing, miss first 6 sc. ***Join B with sl st to next sc. Ch 1. 1 sc in each of next 13 sc. Turn. Leave rem sts unworked.
Next row: Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc to end of row. Turn.
Rep last row for 1¾ ins [4.5 cm], ending with a WS row. Fasten off.****

With RS of work facing, miss next 12 sc.***

Rep from *** to *** once more, then from *** to **** once.

Sew sides of Bottoms to missed sts to form 3-D pocket.

Sew 1 set of Pockets to Front and Back.

Mark dividing lines for 3 pockets. With A, sew through both thicknesses from bottom to top of pockets along dividing lines.





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