

Free Crochet Pattern Bag 12



Use size G (4 mm) crochet hook with cotton yarn, buttonhole thread or Serilon 20

1. Chain 6 and slip stitch into a circle;
2. Eighteen double crochet (dc) into the circle;
3. {(dc) and chain one} into each of the 18 dc of the previous row;
4. {dc, chain one} TWICE into each of the holes made by the chain stitches of the previous row - you now have 36 dcs and holes;
5. {single crochet (sc), chain four} into each of the 36 holes in previous row;
6. {sc, chain four} into each hole for 14 rows;

7. {dc, chain two} into each hole for 2 rows;
8. {two dcs in each hole} for nine holes only! then:
9. chain 24, turn around, and slip attach to other end of the nine holes you just put two double crochets into;
10. turn around one more time and {double crochet into two chains, skip one} 16 times. You now have 16 double crochets on the handle. The reason you skip one chain out of every three is that otherwise it gets too tight;
11. Leaving that handle behind and continuing in the direction you were originally going: {dc, chain two} into nine holes only;
12. repeat the previous steps 8-11 and you should be back where you started;
13. dc into each of the 16 dcs of the handle;
14. {dc, chain two} into nine holes;
15. repeat steps 13-14,
16. Now go all the way around again with double crochet (this softens the handles and reinforces the sides), slip chain into a couple more stitches, and you're done.

One bag should take 2-3 hours depending on your speed and anxiety level. Be sure not to collapse (tighten) the stitches too much.

You can use a larger hook (I've used up to size I, 5.5 mm) to make a bigger bag with no extra effort.

The handles are pretty long: sometimes I make shorter ones, but the longer ones are easier to tie together when you put your bags full of stuff in the trunk of your car - otherwise the stuff can roll out!