

# Free Crochet Pattern Bag 5



This bag is the result of my attempt to design my own "hobo-style" tote bag. I think it turned out pretty well, and overall, I am pleased with the results. I crocheted it using two strands of worsted weight yarn held together and a size 6.5 mm hook.

I did not count my exact number of stitches, but here is the basic design concept that I used:

Starting with the bottom of the bag, I made a starting chain of approx. 12. I made 2 sc in the 2nd ch from the hook, then 1 sc in next 9, 2 sc in last ch. Then, working in the bottom loops of starting chain, 2sc in next ch, 1 sc in each of next 9 ch, 2 sc in last chain, join to starting sc.

I then crocheted several more rounds, increasing on the ends to make an oval base.

When I had made a base the size I liked, I started the sides of the bag by:

ch1, sc in same sp as where you joined last round of bottom, ch 3, sk next sc, \*sc in next sc, ch3, sk 1 sc\*. Repeat \* to\* to end. Join last ch3 to first sc

body row: slip stitch into ch3 space, ch1, sc in same space, \*ch 3, sc in next ch3 space\* . Repeat \*to\* to end, ending by joining ch3 to 1st sc.

Continue making body rows until bag is depth you desire. I then used stitch markers to mark the mid-point on both ends of the bag. To make the straps, I did one body row from one mid-point to another. I then decreased by : ch1, turn, sc into ch3 loop just completed of previous row, then following the body row instructions back across. When I had decreased to the point I had 1 loop left, I made the strap as follows:

row 1: ch1, turn. 3 sc into loop.

row 2: ch3, turn, dc into each st across

repeat row 2 until strap is half the length desired. Go back and make strap on other side of bag in same way. Join two strap ends together, and finish off and hide ends.