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Letter from the Editors

Dear Crocheter,

This eBook is full of one of my favorite items ever; bags! What girl doesn't like a bag to complete her outfit? I have plenty of bags, totes and clutches in my closet that I could probably have one per outfit if I really wanted. Aside from a nice pair of heels (and diamonds, of course), bags are a girl's best friend.

From DIY bags to DIY clutches and totes, we have something you're sure to love. Once you learn how to crochet bags, you can easily make all the fantastic DIY bags out there. With your favorite crochet colors and your go-to outfit in mind, work up these fabulous designs for that new stylish look you've been waiting for.

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DIY Bags

Bobble-licious Bag

By: Heidi Hengel from [Speckless](#)

The Bobble-licious Bag is an adorable crochet pattern that uses the bobble stitch to create a great purse, perfect for dress up and play time. The bag itself is worked in the round and the straps are added later. It measures about 8 inches by 6.5 inches, and the straps can be whatever length you prefer. This free crochet bag pattern also includes directions on how to add a lining, which is also optional. The decorative ribbon bow adds the perfect finishing touch.


Bobble-licious Bag
This image courtesy of speckless.wordpress.com

Materials:

- Worsted yarn
- 5mm hook
- 5.5mm hook
- Large blunt tapestry needle
- Ribbon
- Fabric
- Sewing needle
- Thread
- Sewing machine (if you want to line your bag)

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Here is a graph of what the first round (the bottom of the bag) will look like:
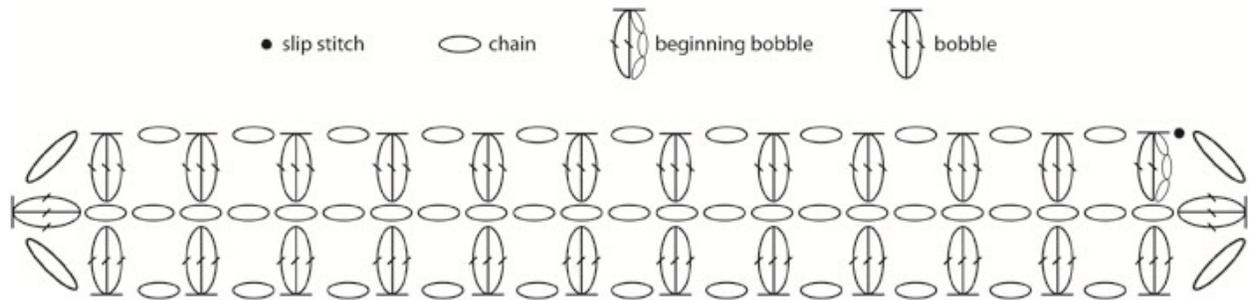
Instructions:

Row 1 With 5.5mm hook, ch 26. Make beg bobble in third chain from hook (do not chain 3 for this one—starting in the third chain from the hook counts as your ch 3). Ch 1, skip next ch. * Make bobble in next ch, ch 1.* Repeat * to * until the last chain. Make two more bobble, ch1 groups in last chain (see graph). Spin your work so that the completed bobbles are facing you. You will now crochet into the other side of the chain (you are now crocheting in the round). *Bobble in same ch as next bobble, ch 1.* Repeat * to * around to first beg bobble. Make another bobble in the first chain (so each end has 3 bobbles). Join with a sl st to top of beg bobble. (26 bobble stitches)

Row 2 Sl st into first spc. Make beg bobble, ch 1. *Bobble in next ch 1 spc, ch 1.* Repeat * to * around. Join with sl st to top of beg bobble.

Row 3-6 Repeat round 2

Row 7-8 Change to 5mm hook. Repeat round 2.

Row 9 Sl st to first ch 1 spc. Ch 2 (counts as first hdc), hdc in same spc. Make 2 hdc into each ch 1 spc around. Join with sl st to top of first ch 2.

Row 10-11 Ch 2 (counts as first hdc). Hdc into each hdc around, decreasing 2 evenly around (Meaning, you will only make a total of 2 decreases in this round — just make sure they're not right next to each other). Join with sl st to first ch 2.

Row 12 Ch 3 (counts as first dc). Dc into each hdc around. Join with sl st to first ch 3.

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Row 13 Ch 2 (counts as first hdc). Hdc into each dc around, decreasing 2 evenly around (Meaning, you will only make a total of 2 decreases in this round — just make sure they're not right next to each other). Join with sl st or invisible join to first ch 2. Cut yarn and weave in ends.

To make strap:

- Lay your bag body flat and find the center side stitch. Join your yarn two stitches to the right of the center side stitch. Make 5 sc into bag side. *Ch 1, turn, sc into each of the five sc below.* Repeat * to * four times (until you have five rows total).
- Decrease one sc (this will be ch 1, insert hook into first sc, yarn over, draw up a loop, insert hook into next sc, yarn over, draw up a loop, yarn over, draw through all 3 loops on hook). Sc in next sc. Decrease one sc. (3 sc)
- *Ch 1. Sc into each of the 3 sc below* Repeat * to * until your strap measures half of what you want the length to be. Finish off and cut yarn, leaving a sewing length.
- Repeat first 3 steps to make the other side of the strap. Using yarn ends, sew the strap halves together with a whip stitch. Knot and weave in ends.

Finishing:

- With right side facing you, join yarn in any hdc on top of bag body. Ch 1. Sc evenly around bag body opening as well as strap. Join to first sc with sl st or invisible join. Cut yarn, weave in ends. Repeat for other side
- Cut a long length of ribbon. Pin a safety pin to one end of the ribbon and use it as a guide to weave in and out of the double crochets from round 12. Tie a bow, trim the ends, and apply Fray Check (if desired). I also sewed a little stitch in the center knot of my bow to keep it in place.

You can stop here, or you can make a lining for your bag. Here's how I did mine:

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First, I traced around the bag. Then I added a quarter inch seam allowance to the tracing before cutting it out.

To lessen the amount of tracing I had to do (which I hate), I ironed my fabric in half (right sides facing). Then, I folded my paper pattern in half and traced around it on the fold. You will need four lining pieces made from this pattern (my fabric was only pretty on one side, and I wanted it to look nice from the inside and outside).

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Iron your lining pieces. Pin each pair together, right sides facing. For the first pair, stitch around the sides and bottom of the lining with a quarter inch seam. For the second pair, just sew the sides and part of the bottom (leaving a couple inches open at center bottom). It's easiest to start each of the seams on this pair on the bottom and move out to the top sides. Oh, use quarter inch seams for this pair also. After sewing the seams, turn your first lining (the one without the hole) right-side-out (shown in that bad picture up there). Shove this inside the other lining so that the right sides of both are facing each other. Pin together, matching up side seams. Using a quarter inch seam, stitch the tops of the lining together. Then, pull everything right-side-out through the opening that you left in the lining. This is what it looks like:

Once everything is right-side-out, sew the opening on the bottom of the lining shut. Make sure the lining piece with the completely finished bottom (the one that didn't have the turning hole) is inside (you won't see the hole you sewed shut through the bag). Press the top seam, and top stitch around the opening, very close to the edge.

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Now sew the lining into your bag.

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Itty Bitty Crochet Purse

By: Sara McFall from [My Merry Messy Life](#)

Little girls will love toting around this Itty Bitty Crochet Purse. It's just the right size for anything they might want to carry around with them such as their allowance money, lip balm, toys, and gum. The straps are crocheted separately and sewn on at the end. For a cute finishing touch, add a crochet applique to this crochet purse, too. Appliques such as crocheted flowers, birds, and butterflies are an easy way to personalize practically any crochet pattern.

Itty Bitty Crochet Purse
This image courtesy of mymerrymessylife.com

Abbreviations

- CH = chain
- HDC = half double crochet
- SL ST = slip stitch
- DC = double crochet

Materials:

- Yarn: 4-ply, worsted weight yarn (I used Red Heart Super Saver Yarn in White)
- Hook: H (5.0 MM)

(Note: To make the bag larger, just continue adding increasing rounds where you increase the number of single HDC's in between the double ones. For example: Round 6 is 1 HDC in each of the next 3 HDC spaces, then 2 HDC's in the next HDC space. If you add another increasing round, then Round 7 would be 1 HDC in each of the next 4 HDC's, then 2 HDC's in the next HDCs space).

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Instructions:

CH 4, join with a SL ST to form a circle

Round 1: CH 2, 11 HDC in loop, do not join (12 HDC total)

Round 2: 2 HDC in each HDC space (24 HDC total)

Round 3: (mark first stitch with a stitch marker – I use a piece of yarn in a contrasting color) *1 HDC
in next HDC space, 2 HDC in next HDC space* (36 total HDC) repeat from * around

Round 4: *1 HDC in next HDC space, 1 HDC in next HDC space, 2 HDC in next HDS space* repeat from
* around

Round 5: 1 HDC in each HDC space around

Round 6: *1 HDC in each of the next 3 HDC spaces, 2 HDC in the next HDC space* repeat from *
around

Round 7-15: 1 HDC in each HDC space, join with a SL ST to beginning HDC of this round, chain 2

Round 16-17: 1 HDC in BLO (back loop only) in each HDC space, join with a ST ST to beginning
HDC of this round, CH 2

Round 18: 1 DC in each HDC around (now in both loops), join with a ST ST to beginning DC of
this round, CH 2

Round 19-20: 1 HDC in BLO (back loop only) in each stitch around, join with a ST ST to beginning
HDC of this round

Round 21-23: CH 1, 1 HDC in each HDC around (now in both loops), join with a ST ST to
beginning HDC of this round* repeat from *

Fasten off & sew in ends.

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Shell Edging

With a contrasting colored yarn, join to top of bag with a SL ST & work on the outside of the bag.

*Skip 1 HDC.
In next HDC, work 4 DC's.
Skip 1 HDC.
In next HDC, work a SL ST.*

Repeat from * around and join with a SL ST to beginning SL ST.

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Flowers

- CH 4, join with SL ST to beginning CH to form a circle. CH 2
- Work 9 SC in the circle.
- Join with a SL ST to first CH 2
- *In the same stitch as the SL ST, work a petal – 1 DC, 1 HDC.
- In next stitch, work a SL ST.
- In next stitch, work a petal – 1 DC, 1 HDC*
- Repeat from * around until you have 5 petals.

Strap

(start with a long tail, as you will need this to sew the flower onto the strap)

- CH 80 (or whatever length you like)
- In 2nd CH from hook, SC.
- SC in each CH across.

Tie

- CH 70
- Tie off and weave ends back into the chain.
- Insert into bag in the DC spaces to your liking, either in every other DC or every two DCs.

The picture here shows inserting it every two DC's.

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Attaching the Appliques & Strap

- Sew the flowers onto the strap using the extra yarn from the strap (so the flower yarn doesn't show on the back of the strap. Makes it look much neater).
- Then, sew the strap onto the purse. It's best to have the strap be the same color as the purse so when you sew the two together; you don't see a different colored yarn on the inside of the purse.
- Sew the strap just above the tie (where the DC was worked). Make sure it's very secure a this will take the most stress when it's used

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Mesmerizing Messenger Bag

By: Tamara Kelly from Moogly

It's impossible not to fall in love with this Mesmerizing Messenger Bag. This homemade bag is stylish and roomy, which makes it the perfect bag to tote around every day. It's also great for using as a school book bag because it's big enough to store a 3-inch wide binder. The long over the shoulder strap makes it easy and comfortable to carry, and the optional strap adjuster is a nice added touch. This free crochet pattern also includes instructions for adding fleece lining, which is a great way to ensure your valuables stay protected.

Mesmerizing Messenger Bag
This image courtesy of mooglyblog.com

Materials:

- US – H, 5.0mm hook
- 750 yds worsted/aran weight yarn, 250 yds each of 3 colors (Red Heart Soft in Teal, Dark Leaf, and Berry shown)
- 47" by 17.5" fabric for lining – fleece or other non-raveling fabric preferred
- 2 yds 1" wide polyester/nylon strap/webbing, or strap of your choice
- 2" button
- crochet thread, size 5 or 10
- sewing thread
- sharp tapestry/yarn needle
- strap adjuster (optional)
- stitch markers

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Instructions for the Front Piece: (Finished measurement: 13.5" wide x 12" long)

Row 1: With Color A, ch 50. Dc in the 4th ch from hook, then dc in the next ch. *Ch 2, skip 2 ch, dc in next 2 ch. Repeat from * until last ch remains, dc in the last ch. Turn. (48 sts and ch)

Row 2: Ch 1 and sc in the 1st st. Ch 2, skip next 2 sts. *Working over the chains and into the unworked foundation chains below, dc in each of the next two foundation chs. (The chains from Row 1 are enclosed within these dc sts.) Ch 2, skip the next 2 sts. Repeat from * until last st remains. Sc in the last st (top of ch 3), finishing the st with Color B. Drop first color to carry along the side. Turn. (48 sts and ch)

Row 3: Continuing with Color B, ch 1 and sc in the 1st st. *Working over the chains and into the top of the sts from two rows previous, dc in each of the next two sts.** Ch 2, skip the next 2 sts. Repeat from * across, ending last repeat at ** with last st remaining. Sc in the last st. Turn. (48 sts and ch)

Row 4: Ch 1 and sc in the 1st st. Ch 2, skip next 2 sts. *Working over the chains and into the top of the sts from two rows previous, dc in each of the next two sts. Ch 2, skip the next 2 sts. Repeat from * until last st remains. Sc in the last st, finishing the st with the Color C. Drop last color to carry along the side. Turn. (48 sts and ch)

Rows 5 – 43: Repeat Rows 3 and 4, switching colors every 2 rows. If using 3 colors, Row 43 should be made with Color A.

Row 44: (Continuing with Color A) Ch 1, sc in the 1st 3 sts. *Working over the chains and into the top of the sts from two rows previous, dc in each of the next two sts. Sc in the next 2 sts. Repeat from * until last st remains. Sc in last st. Break yarn and weave in ends. (48 sts)

Instructions for the Back & Flap Piece: (Finished measurement: 13.5" wide x 24" long)

Rows 1 – 88: Repeat the directions for the Front Piece above, switching colors every 2 rows, with Row 88 the same as Row 44 above (the finishing row). If using 3 colors in the same pattern as the Front, Rows 87 and 88 should be made with Color B.

Instructions for the Sides & Bottom Piece: (Finished measurement: 3" wide x 37.5" long)

Row 1: With Color A, ch 14. Follow stitch pattern directions as above. (12 sts and ch)

Rows 2 – 134: Repeat the stitch pattern, switching colors every 2 rows, with Row 134 the same as Row 44/88 above (the finishing row). If using 3 colors in the same pattern as the Front, Rows 133 and 134 should be made with Color A.

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Assembling the Crochet Pieces:

Using color(s) of choice, sc the Front and Back/Flap pieces to either side of the Sides/Bottom Piece. While crocheting, hold the WS of the pieces together, with the Front or Back facing you, and the Sides/Bottom facing away from you. Use stitch markers or paperclips to hold the pieces together so the stitching is even. Make sure to leave the Flap portion (the second half) of the Back free and unworked!

Instructions for the Lining and Handles:

Starting with a 41" x 17.5" piece of fleece or other non-raveling fabric, fold one end of the fabric up 14" from the bottom, so that 13" is left at the top. (The bottom becomes the pouch or bag lining, and the single layer top becomes the flap lining.)

Sew a line 1/2" from the edge on both sides of the pouch, so that the seams are 16.5 inches apart. Then, fold the corners as shown below, so that the seam is in the middle of the triangle, and sew across the fabric where it is 3 " wide. This creates the flat bottom of the pouch.

Insert the lining in the bag, and trim off the excess on either side of the flap, as shown below. Remove the lining from the bag.

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Trim lining to fit

If your strap is polyester or nylon, melt the raw edges of the strapping using a lighter or match. If it's natural fabric that frays, be sure to fold over and sew the ends securely. Sew the ends of the handle to either side of the outside of the pouch, along the seam line, as shown below. (Please ignore my messy hand stitching here!)

Sew strap down in a few places

If you are using a strap adjuster, length isn't as important (as long as it's not too short), but if not be sure the strap is the right length before sewing it on. Cut the strap and add the strap adjuster according to package directions if desired.

Strap adjuster optional

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Assembling the Lining and Bag:

Sew around the entire opening and flap of the lining with the blanket stitch, using the tapestry or yarn needle and crochet thread. Skip over the handles. You make wish to practice on a scrap of fabric first. Try to make the sts about as far apart as the crochet sts, but don't worry if it's not perfect – you can see mine aren't!

Place a stitch marker in the center of the end of the crocheted flap. Insert the lining in the bag. Sc all around the open edges evenly, being sure to go through a blanket stitch with each sc st.

You can skip a blanket st occasionally if necessary to make sure it all lines up. Use stitch markers to hold the corners and halfway points together to help you stay on track!

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Sc evenly along edge, skip blanket sts if needed to maintain even stitching

When you come to the stitch marker in the center of the end of the flap, sc in the marked st. Then ch 10 (or length needed to get around button you chose). Sc in the same st and then continue around the opening as before.

Sew the button to the front of the bag so that it lines up with the loop. Sew through the lining, handle, and crochet pieces on both sides to secure the handles all the way through the bag.

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Granny Square Purse Pattern

By: Kara Gunza from [Petals to Picots](#)

This Granny Square Purse Pattern is an easy crochet pattern to whip up in one weekend or less. This over-the-shoulder bag is just the right size to fit your daily essentials. Lining the interior of this free crochet pattern is optional.

Granny Square Purse Pattern
 This image courtesy of petalstopicots.com

Materials:

- Worsted weight yarn in 4 colors
- H hook
- Tapestry needle

Instructions:

Make 2:

With CA, ch 4, join in furthest ch from hook to form a ring.

Round 1: Ch 3(counts as st), 2 dc in ring, ch 3, *3 dc in ring, ch 3, repeat from *twice more, join in top of beg ch, drop CA — 12 sts.

Round 2: Join CB in any ch-3 sp, ch 3 (counts as st), 2 dc in same ch-3 sp, ch 2, *[3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc] in next ch-3 sp, ch 2, rep from * twice more, 3 dc in same ch-3 sp as first st of round, ch 3, join in top of beg ch, drop CB — 24 sts.

Round 3: Join CC in any ch-3 corner sp, ch 3 (counts as st), 2 dc in same ch-3 sp, *ch 2, 3 dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, [3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc] in next ch-3 corner sp, rep from * twice more, ch 2, 3 dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, 3 dc in same ch-3 corner sp as first st of round, ch 3, join in top of beg ch, drop CC — 36 sts.

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Round 4: Join CD in any ch-3 corner sp, ch 3 (counts as st), 2 dc in same ch-3 sp, *ch 2, 3 dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, 3 dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, [3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc] in next ch-3 corner sp, rep from * twice more, ch 2, 3 dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, 3 dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, 3 dc in same ch-3 corner sp as first st of round, ch 3, join in top of beg ch, drop CD — 48 sts.

Side Piece
Ch 39.
Row 1: Work 1 hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn – 37.

Row 2: Ch 2 (counts as st), work 1 hdc in each st across – 37.
Fasten off.
Line up the corner of one of your granny squares with an edge of the side piece. Join by single crocheting pieces together, working through the back loops of the granny square only; the side piece should only fit along 3 sides of the granny square. Fasten off. Repeat with 2nd square, but do not fasten off. Edge around top of squares and sides by chaining 1 and single crocheting around.

Strap
Ch to desired length.
Row 1: Work 1 hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn.

Row 2: Ch 2 (counts as st), work 1 hdc in each st across.
Fasten off.
Using a tapestry needle, sew strap to the inside of your bag.

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Pretty Purple Purse

By: Olivia Kent from [My Favourite Things](#)

Ladies, treat yourself to a new bag with this free crochet pattern. The Pretty Purple Purse is a great addition to your purse collection. It's the perfect size for everyday use. This casual looking bag is made using the puff stitch and can be made in any color yarn that you prefer. The pretty purple hue shown here is great for the spring and summer months.

Pretty Purple Purse
This image courtesy of myfavouritethingsblog.com

Materials:

- 4.50 Crochet Hook
- Tapestry or Wool Needle
- 8ply Yarn
- Scissors
- Measuring Tape

Finished Size:
Approximately 10x11 inches (25x27 cm)

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Instructions:

I started by doing a Slip Knot. Then I crocheted 70 chain stitches.

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!

Then I started making Puff Stitches!.. I just love them, they always look so cute and are so fun to make!

Start of 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.
 After making 19 rows of puff stitch, I ended it off. Then taking my wool needle I sewed together the bottom of the 'round pouch'.

Now it was time to get started on the strap. I made 6 chain stitches.

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I then started crocheting single crochets till the strap measured 125cm.

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

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Striped Crochet Bag with Button

By: Jaime Maraia from [Crochet Dynamite](#)

Make this Striped Crochet Bag with Button if you're in the market for a sturdy, reliable tote. This free crochet pattern is easy to follow and makes a bag that is both pretty and functional. Plus, it's roomy and will hold its shape well if you use Red Heart Yarn as suggested.

Striped Crochet Bag with Button
This image courtesy of crochetdynamite.com

Materials:

- 2 skeins of Red Heart Super Saver Yarn (or other cheap worsted weight yarn, in a color that makes your heart sing!)
- Size G crochet hook
- Yarn needle (I use the Chibi needle with the bent tip, you can use whatever works for you)

Measurements:

Approx. 16" tall, 11" wide (across front), 6" deep (across side)

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Instructions:

Main Bag Body:
Ch 61.
R1: hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc across all ch, ch 1, turn (60 st)

R2-40: hdc across all st, ch 1, turn. (60 st)

R41: sl st across 10 st, ch 1, 40 hdc, ch 1, turn. (40 hdc st)

R42-50: 40 hdc, fasten off. (40 st)

R51: using the now broken off piece of yarn, ch 10, hdc across the 40 st from row 51, ch 11, turn. (60 st)

R52: hdc in 2nd ch from hook, 9 hdc in ch spaces, 40 hdc, 10 hdc in ch spaces, ch 1, turn. (60 st)

R53-87: hdc across all st, ch 1, turn. (60 st)

R88: (button hole row) 24 hdc, ch 12, 24 hdc, ch 1, turn (60 st)

R89: 24 hdc, 12 hdc across ch space, 24 hdc, ch 1, turn. (60 st)

R90: hdc across all st, fasten off.

Strap:
Ch 11.

R1: hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc across all ch, ch 1, turn (10 st)

R2-39: hdc across all st, ch 1, turn. (10 st)

R40: hdc across all st, fasten off.

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Button:
R1: using a magic loop, sc 7 st, sl st to first sc to join round. (7 st)

R2: ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st to first sc to join round. (14 st)

R3: ch 1, (2 sc in next st, sc) 7 times, sl st to first sc to join round. (21 st)

R4-6: ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st to first sc to join round. (21 st)

R7: ch 1, (sc 2 st tog, sc) 7 times, sl st to first sc to join round. (14 st)

R8: ch 1 (sc 2 st tog) 7 times, sl st to first sc to join round. (7 st)
Fasten off. Weave in end from magic loop, making sure to tighten and secure it. Flatten button into a disc shape. Using the tail from R8, tack the flattened disc together in a few places, trying to keep your stitches invisible on the front (good side) of the button. Weave in end on the back.

Whipstitch the sides of the bag together, matching stripes if you chose to make any.

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When you get the sides sewn, open the bag up and flatten the side along the open area of the bottom of the bag. This is what makes the bag sit flat. Whipstitch the bottom edge together. Weave in ends.

Center the short edge of the strap along the side seams, and whipstitch into place, making sure to put several extra stitches in each edge corner for added strength. Weave in ends.

Using buttonhole as a guide, center and sew on button.

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The Perfect Crochet Purse

By: Corina Gray from Stitch 11

If you're a mother to a toddler or baby, you know just how difficult it is to carry multiple things in your purse for yourself and your child, and then you have your child attached at the hip (literally). No woman wants a huge purse to lug around with all that, which is where The Perfect Purse comes into play. This free crochet bag pattern has a shorter strap with a smaller bag portion so you can still fit the essentials while allowing the bag to stay on your shoulder instead of falling down. The special spike stitch is used giving the bag a bit of a funky look.

The Perfect Crochet Purse
 This image courtesy of stitch11.com

Materials:

- 3 different colors of medium weight yarn. Less than a 1/2 Skein of each. I used I Love This Yarn from Hobby Lobby.
- G/6 - 4.25 mm crochet hook
- Yarn needle
- Two 1.5 inch buttons

Color A, B, and C (I used A- light gray, B-pink, and C-blue)

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Stitches:

CH - Chain

HDC - Half Double Crochet

DC - Double Crochet

HDC DEC - Half Double Crochet Decrease

Spike Stitch

Instructions:

Starting with Color A

Round 1: CH 31, HDC into second CH from hook and each CH across. HDC into last CH 2 more times. HDC down the other side of the chain and HDC into starting CH 2 more times. Join to first HDC. (62 HDC)

Round 2: CH 1, HDC into same stitch and into next 29 stitches. 3 HDC into next stitch. HDC into next 30 stitches. 3 HDC into next stitch. Join to first HDC. (66 HDC)

Round 3: CH 1, HDC into same stitch and next 31 stitches. 3 HDC into next stitch. HDC into next 32 stitches. 3 HDC into next stitch. Join to first HDC. (70 HDC)

Round 4: CH 1, HDC into same stitch and next 32 stitches. 3 HDC into next stitch. HDC into next 35 stitches. 3 HDC into next stitch. Join to first HDC. (74 HDC)

Round 5: CH 1, (In back loops for this entire round only) HDC into same stitch and each stitch around. Join to first HDC. (74 HDC)

Round 6: CH 1, HDC into same stitch and each stitch around. Join to first HDC. (74 HDC)

Change colors to color B

For the next two rounds, you will be doing the "Spike Stitch" If you do not understand how this is done.. please check out this tutorial by Crochet Spot.

Round 7: CH 1, HDC into same stitch. DC below the next stitch through previous round. **HDC into next stitch. DC into below next stitch through previous round. Repeat from ** around. Join to first HDC. (37 HDC and 37 DC/ 74 stitches)

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Change color to color C

For the next round you will be doing the same as you did in round 7 but the spikes will be in every other space (reversed)

Round 8: CH 1, DC below same stitch into previous round. HDC into next stitch. **DC below next stitch from previous round. HDC into next stitch. Repeat from ** around. Join to top of first DC. (37 HDC and 37 DC/ 74 stitches)

Round 9: CH 1, HDC into same stitch and into next 2 stitches. 2 HDC into next stitch. **HDC into next 3 stitches, 2 HDC into next stitch. Repeat from ** around. You will be one stitch shy, and that is ok :) Join to first HDC. (91 HDC)

Round 10: CH 1, 2 HDC into same stitch. HDC into next 6 stitches. **2 HDC into next stitch. HDC into next 6 stitches. Repeat from ** around. HDC into last stitch. Join to first HDC. (105 HDC)

Round 11: CH 1, 2 HDC into same stitch. HDC into next 6 stitches. **2 HDC into next stitch. HDC into next 6 stitches. Repeat from ** around. Join to first HDC. (120 HDC)

Round 12-16: CH 1, HDC into same stitch and each stitch around. (120 HDC)

Round 17: CH1, HDC into same stitch. 2 HDC DEC. ** HDC, 2 HDC DEC. Repeat from ** around. Join to first HDC. (72 stitches)

Round 18: CH 1, HDC into same stitch and each stitch around. (72 HDC)

Round 19: CH 1, 4 HDC DEC. HDC into next 28 stitches. 4 HDC DEC, HDC into next 28 stitches. Join to first HDC DEC. (64 stitches)

Round 20: CH 1, HDC into same stitch and each stitch around. (64 HDC)

Change colors to color A

You will be using a spike stitch for the next two rounds.

Round 21: CH 1, HDC into same stitch. DC below the next stitch through previous round. **HDC into next stitch. DC into below next stitch through previous round. Repeat from ** around. Join to first HDC. (32 HDC and 32 DC/ 64 stitches)

Change color to color B **Attaching to the 12th stitch to the right of the seam**

For the next round you will be doing the same as you did in round 7 but the spikes will be in every other space (reversed)

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Round 22: CH 1, DC below same stitch into previous round. HDC into next stitch. **DC below next stitch from previous round. HDC into next stitch. Repeat from ** around. Join to top of first DC. (32 HDC and 32 DC/ 64 stitches)

Round 23: CH1, HDC into same stitch and into next 29 stitches. (30 HDC)

Round 24-25: CH 1, Turn. HDC back across. (30 HDC)

Cut yarn and skip two stitches and attach the yarn to the next stitch - This will give a two stitch space between the crochet handles-

Round 26: CH1, HDC into same stitch and into next 29 stitches. (30 HDC)

Round 27-28: CH 1, Turn. HDC back across. (30 HDC)

Change to color A. *attach the yarn on the right side of one of the handles so the pretty side is showing (not the inside)

Round 29: CH 1, HDC into same stitch. DC below the next stitch through previous round. **HDC into next stitch. DC into below next stitch through previous round. Repeat from ** across. (15 HDC and 15 DC/ 30 stitches)

Round 30 : Turn, CH 1, HDC DEC, HDC into next 26 stitches, HDC DEC. (28 stitches)

Round 31: Turn, CH 1, HDC DEC, HDC into next 24 stitches, HDC DEC. (26 stitches)

Round 32: Turn, CH 1, HDC DEC, HDC into next 22 stitches, HDC DEC. (24 stitches)

Round 33: Turn, CH 1, HDC DEC, HDC into next 20 stitches, HDC DEC. (22 stitches)

Round 34: Turn, CH 1, HDC DEC, HDC into next 18 stitches, HDC DEC. (20 stitches)

Round 35: Turn, CH 1, HDC DEC, HDC into next 16 stitches, HDC DEC. (18 stitches)

Round 36: Turn, CH 1, HDC DEC, HDC into next 14 stitches, HDC DEC. (16 stitches)

Round 37: Turn, CH 1, HDC DEC, HDC into next 12 stitches, HDC DEC. (14 stitches)

Round 38: Turn, CH 1, HDC DEC, HDC into next 10 stitches, HDC DEC. (12 stitches)

Round 39: Turn, CH 1, HDC DEC, HDC into next 8 stitches, HDC DEC. (10 stitches)

Round 40: Turn, CH 1, HDC DEC, HDC into next 6 stitches, HDC DEC. (8 stitches)

Round 41- 54: Turn, CH 1, HDC into same stitch and each stitch across. (8 stitches)

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Repeat rounds 29-54 on the other side of the handle. (When repeating round 29, start with the DC instead of the HDC)

Now it's time to go ahead and weave in your ends. While doing so, join the straps together with your yarn needle.

SC around both sides of the straps, including the 2 stitches that was left between them. One SC into the side of each HDC. On one side... where you have the 2 HDC between the straps, you will SC into the first HDC, CH 12, and then SC into the next HDC... continue around the strap. Weave in your ends.

Attach a button on both sides. I attached them right below the SC trim... through the spike stitch of round 21.

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DIY Clutch Bags

Crochet Clutch

By: Sarah Zimmerman for [Repeat Crafter Me](#)

Make your very own Crochet Clutch to bring with you anywhere you go. This free crochet bag pattern is adorable because you can adorn it with buttons on one side and a flower applique on the other. Vanna's Choice makes this clutch a must-have.

Crochet Clutch
This image courtesy of repeatcrafterme.com

Materials:

- Vanna's Choice® medium worsted weight yarn
- Crochet hook size H-8 (5.0 mm)
- 2 buttons approx 3/4" (optional 3rd button for the back)
- Tapestry needle

Finished Size: 6.5 x 3.5 inches

Gauge: 14 stitches = 4 in.

Abbreviations:
St: Stitch
Ch: Chain
Sc: Single crochet

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Instructions:

Chain 20 Stitches.

Row 1: Sc in second chain from hook and in each st across, chain 1, turn (19 st)

Row 2-30: Sc in first stitch and in each stitch across, chain 1, turn

Row 31: Sc in first two stitches, chain 2, skip one st, Sc 13, chain 2, skip one st, Sc in last two stitches, Chain 1, turn

Row 32: Sc in first 2 stitches, 3 Sc in 2 chain loop, Sc 13, 3 Sc in 2 chain loop, Sc in last two stitches, do not turn, do not fasten off.

Continue to Sc around all 3 edges (2 Sc in the corner stitches) until you get to the first stitch of Row 32. Join to first st in Row 32, finish off, weave in ends.

Finishing:

Fold so you are leaving a 2.5 inch flap on top. Sc side seams together, fasten off, weave in ends. Turn inside out and sew buttons on front of pouch so they match up to the button holes.

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Art Deco Clutch

By: Birgit Tchsen from By Number 19

This simple Art Deco Clutch is a classic-looking clutch that's the perfect size for errands around town. It's big enough for your daily essentials including car keys, wallet, and cell phone. Using thin cotton yarn for this free crochet pattern will prevent the bag from becoming too bulky. The best thing about this pattern is that it's easy enough for beginners to complete. Be sure to include the lining to ensure the bag holds its shape over time.

Art Deco Clutch
This image courtesy of bynumber19.com

Materials:

- 2 skeins KnitPicks *Shine Worsted* in cream and 1 skein in robot (grey). 50 g / 75 yrds – 69 m. 60 % Pima cotton – 40 % Modal.
- 1 Button
- Fabric 47 cm x 28 cm   18½ inches x 11 inches. I used a very thin cotton fabric, so the bag didn't become too bulky.
- yards in robot (grey).
- Hook 4 mm   US: G/6
- Sewing Thread in grey and white
- Sewing Needle

Yardage   Total yardage: 220 m/241 yards. About 128 m/140 yards in beige and 92 m/101

Stitches Chains and single crochets.

Finished size   width: 23 cm/9 inches   length: before sewing together: 43 cm/17 inches. Height after sewing together: 17 cm/6½ inches.

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Instructions:

Start crocheting with the beige yarn.

Row 1   Chain 50.

Row 2   Chain 1, skip 1, 1 single crochet, [chain 1, skip 1, 1 single crochet]. Repeat 24 times between [ ].

Row 3   Chain 1, skip 1, 1 single crochet into chain stitch, [chain 1, skip 1, 1 single crochet in chain stitch]. Repeat 24 times between [ ].

For guidance please see the crochet chart below. The chart only shows a part of the pattern and not the whole row across.

Repeat row 2 and 3 until work measures 3½ inches – 9 cm.

Change to grey coloured yarn and work until the grey part measures 6 1/4 inches – 16 cm.

Change back to beige coloured yarn and crochet until this beige coloured part measures 7 1/4inches – 18 cm.

In this last row make 7 chains in the middle as button holder.

Cut yarn and weave in ends.
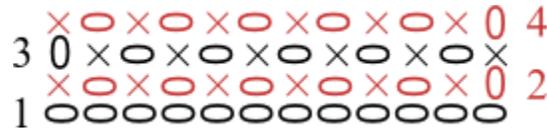
Stitch Guide

○   chain

✕   single crochet

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The work should look like the photo below.

Cut the lining, so it is ½ inch/ 2 cm larger than the crocheted fabric. Pin the lining to the fabric and sew it by hand. Your work should look like the photo below now.

Fold the fabric and sew it from the outside with beige and grey sewing thread.

Sew the button onto the fabric.

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DIY Totes

Trendy Tweed Tote

By: Sharon Mann from Red Heart Yarn

Trendy Tweed Tote is an easy crocheted bag to make that's the perfect size for everyday use. Plus, it's even big enough to fit your current yarn project if you'd like to take your crochet on-the-go. It measures approximately 17 inches wide and 14 inches deep when complete. To give this bag stability and an interesting tweed-like texture, Red Heart recommends using two strands of yarn as you crochet. The green color will definitely have your friends feeling green with envy!

Trendy Tweed Tote
 This image courtesy of redheart.com

Materials:

- K/10.5 or 6.5 mm hook
- Medium Weight/Worsted Weight

Finished Size: 17" (43 cm) wide x 14" (35.5 cm) deep. Strap measures 24" (61 cm)

Note: Use doubled yarn throughout pattern.

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BAG

Front/Back (make 2) With one strand each of A and B held together as one, ch 36.

Row 1: Dc in 3rd ch from hook, dc in each ch across; turn – 35 dc.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in first st, *skip next st, (dc, sc) in next st; repeat from * across; turn – 35 sts.
Rows 3-4: Repeat Row 2. At end of last row, change to A and C.

Rows 5-6: With A and C, repeat Row 2. At end of last row, change to A and B.

Rows 7-10: With A and B, repeat Row 2.

At end of last row, change to A and C.

Row 11-12: Repeat Rows 5-6.

Row 13-18: Repeat Rows 7-12. At end of last row, change A and B.

Rows 19-25: Repeat Row 2.

Edging

With right side of Front/Back facing, join one strand each of A and B in top left corner, ch 1, working across left side edge, work 24 sc evenly spaced across side, 3 sc in corner st, work 32 sc evenly spaced across bottom, 3 sc in corner st, work 24 sts evenly spaced across side to next corner. Fasten off.

Shoulder Straps (make 2)

With one strand each of A and B held together as one, ch 61.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across; turn – 60 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn. Change to A and C.

Row 3: With A and C, repeat Row 2. Change to A and B.

Row 4: Repeat Row 2. Fasten off.

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Closure Flap

With one strand each of A and B held together as one, ch 7.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each st across; turn – 6 sc.

Row 2-10: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

 Row 11: Ch 1, sc in first 2 sts, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, sc in each of last 2 sts; turn — 6 sts. Change to A and C.

Row 12: With A and C, ch 1, sc in first 2 sts, 2 sc in next ch-2 space, sc in each of last 2 sts; turn – 6 sc.

Row 13: Ch 1, skip first st, sc in each of next 3 sts, skip next st, sc in last st – 4 sc. Fasten off.

ASSEMBLY

 Bag

With right sides facing, using one strand each of A and B held together as one, sew Front to Back across Edging on 3 sides, leaving top edge open.

Closure Strap and Button

Sew base of Closure Strap to the center top of Back. Bring flap to the front of the bag. Sew button to Front aligned with button hole.

Straps

Starting in 2" (5 cm) from each side of Front, place each end of Strap 1" (2.5 cm) below the inside top of bag and using one strand each of A and B held together as one, sew ends of Strap to Front. In same manner, sew other Strap to Back. Weave in ends.

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Two Hour Tote

By: Lauren Brown from Daisy Cottage Designs

If you have a few hours to spare, then you can complete this Two-Hour Tote pattern. This free crochet design is just the right size for kids to use and is great to carry to the farmer's market during the summer. Add a cute flower or bow embellishment to personalize the look of this homemade tote bag. It could also be used as a yarn storage bag; it's just the right size to fit a few skeins of cotton weight yarn.

Two Hour Tote
This image courtesy of daisycottagedesigns.net

Materials:

- About 250 yards of worsted weight yarn (It took me about 1.5 Sugar'n Cream skeins)
- I hook
- Safety pin for marking stitches.
- Flower or other embellishment to spice it up!

NOTE: the chain 2 at the beginning of the first four rounds does NOT count as the first stitch – you will need to work in that stitch you would normally skip. You will be joining rounds in the first true DC stitch rather than the top of the turning chain.

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Instructions:

Ch 3.
Round 1: Work 12 DC in the first chain from hook. Join in the top of the first DC. (12)

Round 2: ch 2. 2 DC in each stitch around. Join to the top of the first DC. (24)

Round 3: ch 2. *DC in the next stitch, 2 DC in the next* around. Join in the top of the first DC. (36)

Round 4: ch 2. *DC in the next 2 stitches, 2 DC in the next* around. Join in the top of the first DC.(48)

Beginning at round 5, you will be working in spiral. You will not join at the end of each round. I mark the first stitch of each round with a safety pin so I don't lose my spot.

Round 5: Ch 3. *DC, ch 1* in each stitch.

Rounds 6-23: DC, ch 1 in each ch 1 space.

At the end of round 23, join with a slip stitch to the first DC of the previous round.

Round 24: Ch 2. DC in each ch 1 space.

Round 25: ch 2. DC BETWEEN each DC of the previous round.

Handles will be worked in rows. The Ch 2 does count as a stitch here. I work between stitches, but you could work in the stitches, too.

Row 1: Ch 2. DC in the next 9 stitches. (10)

Row 2: ch 2, turn. DC decrease in the next two stitches. DC in the next 5. DC decrease in the last two stitches. (8)

Row 3: ch 2, turn. DC decrease in the next two stitches. DC in the next 3. DC decrease in the last two stitches. (6)

Rows 4-15: ch 2, turn. DC in the next 5 stitches (6). (Continue on if you'd like longer straps)

Cut yarn and weave ends. Fold your bag in half as evenly as possible to determine where to start the other side of the handle (I skipped 15 stitches) and work the handle on the other side of the bag. Single crochet the two sides of the handle together on the wrong side.

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