Crochet Casual Bag Pattern



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Pattern Level / Materials/ Stitches Used:

- Advanced Beginner / Intermediate
- Size H8 Crochet hook
- Size I9 Crochet hook
- Color A, 1 skein Caron One Pound Yarn (or worsted weight yarn of choice) approximately 950 yds.
- Color B, 1 skein Caron Simply Soft Heathers (or worsted weight yarn of choice) approximately 100 yds.
- Crochet Stitch Marker
- Tapestry needle
- Half Double Crochet (HDC), Double Crochet (DC), Slip Stitch (SL ST or SS), Extended Single Crochet (EXSC)

Introduction

When you are done with this project you will have a crochet bag that will be fun to use for any casual occasion. This crochet pattern is fun to work up and can be made in any color you choose.

This pattern assumes that you have basic crochet knowledge of how to hold the hook, create a slipknot, how to hold the yarn and how to chain. If you do not know those basic items visit my YouTube Channel for "How to Crochet" instructional videos. If you still have trouble, please contact me, and I will help you get moving in the right direction. Have fun!

Crochet Stitch Explanation

Slip Stitch (SS, ss or SL ST)

Step 1: Start with a length of chain required for your project. Insert the hook in the indicated stitch, wrap the yarn around the hook, pull a new loop through both the stitch and the loop on the hook. 1 SS made. Repeat for pattern.

Half Double Crochet (HDC or hdc)

Step 1: Start with a length of chain required for project. Wrap the yarn around the hook, and insert the hook into the indicated stitch.

Step 2: Pull a loop through the stitch. You should now have three loops on the hook. Wrap the yarn around the hook again. Pull through all three loops on the hook. One loop remains on the hook. 1 HDC made. Repeat for pattern.

<u>Double Crochet</u> (DC or dc)

Step 1: Start with a length of chain required for project. Wrap the yarn around the hook, and insert the hook in the indicated stitch.

Step 2: Pull a loop through this stitch, you now have three loops on the hook. Wrap the yarn around the hook again. Pull a new loop through the first two loops on the hook. Now you have two loops on the hook. Wrap the yarn around the hook again. Pull a new loop through both loops on the hook. You are now left with one loop on the hook. DC made. Repeat for pattern.

Useful Abbreviation Meanings

ch = chain rs = right side
st = stitch ws = wrong side
sts = stitches rnd = round
rep = repeat beg = beginning

Pattern Instructions

With H8 hook and yarn color A, Ch 4

SL ST in first ch to create circle

6 sc in center of circle

2 sc in each sc around (12 sc), place stitch marker in first st to mark beg of round,

Rnd 1: *2 sc in first st, 1 sc in next st, rep from * to end (18 st)

Rnd 2: Move up st marker, *2 sc in first st, 1 sc in next 2 sts, rep from * around, (24 sts)

Rnd 3: Move up st marker, *2 sc in first st, 1 sc in next 3 sts, rep from * around, (30 sts)

Continue increasing sts between 2 sc until you have 25 sc sts between or until piece measures 12 inches in diameter

Work 4 rounds even

Dec Rnd: at the end of the 4th even round, work 3 rnds skipping every 12th st

Work 5 rounds even

At the end of the 5th round change to 19 crochet hook

Work 5 rounds in EXSC, at the end of the 5th round change to H8 hook

Work 2 rounds in sc, at the end of the second round change to I9 hook

Work 5 rounds in EXSC, at the end of the 5th round change to H8 hook

Work 2 rounds in sc, at the end of the second round change to I9 hook

Work 5 rounds in DC, at the end of the 5th round, ch 75

Row 1: HDC in second ch from hook, HDC in each st across to end, turn

Row 2: Ch 2, HDC across strap to end, turn

Row 3: Ch 2, HDC across strap, at the end of the row, join small edge to 6th st on base with SL ST. With WS facing, SL ST across 6 sts joining short edge with base.

Bind off

With Color B & I9 hook, join with sc to first st next to strap, sc in each of next 9 sts (10 sts), ch 5, *sc in next 10 sts. SL ST around next DC post 2 rows below, ch 5, rep from * around ending with ch 5, SL ST around next DC post 2 rows below, ch 5, sc in last st, DO NOT BIND OFF

SC evenly along strap, 3 sc in corner sc evenly down short end, 3 sc in corner, sc across bottom of strap, ending with SL ST to first sc on base, bind off.

Finishing

Run strap through loops around bag rim ensuring that strap is not twisted.

Connect Strap

Sandwich edge of strap between bag and beg of strap, with color A and I9 hook, connect three sides with sc along 6 sts. Bind off

Weave in ends. Wear!



Sedruola is an avid yarn enthusiast! In 2002 she taught herself how to crochet after meeting her then fiancé's grandmother. Not only did his grandmother crochet, but she knit, made paper beads, quilted, painted and recycled everything that came into her home. It was then that Sedruola figured she could at least learn to do one. Thus began her "Yarn Obsession".

Since then, she'd like to think her skills have grown with time! She started by making items for everyone she could think of. Her bridesmaids each got a custom afghan in their favorite color and there never seemed to be enough books on the subject. Now she writes patterns, and sells completed items online (http://sedruola.etsy.com) and she's looking forward to making yarn her life's work.

Who knew the spark she needed would be found in the Midwestern part of the United States in a simple inviting home she could never have dreamed up?

If you have any Questions on this pattern please contact Sedruola Maruska, the author, at the places she lives online

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