

Crochet Duffel Purse



Materials

5mm Crochet Hook

2 strands of DK Yarn

Yarn Needle

Zipper

Needle and thread

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Abbreviations

Sc	single crochet
Sc inc	single crochet increase: 2 sc's in same stitch
Sl st	Slip stitch
Flo	Front loop only

Instructions

Bag ends

Make 2

1. Chain 10.
2. Working in one loop only of foundation chain, make 3 sc's in 2nd ch from hook. Sc in each of the remaining 8 st's. Ch 1 and turn.
3. Sc in first 8 st's. Sc inc in next 3 st's. Sc through both loops of remaining 9 st's. Ch 1 and turn.
4. Sc in 9 st's, *sc inc, sc* x 2, sc inc. Sc in last 9 st's. Ch 1 and turn.
5. Sc in 9 st's, *sc inc, sc in next 2* x 2, sc inc. Sc in last 10 st's. Ch 1 and turn.
6. Sc in 10 st's, *sc inc, sc in next 3* x 2, sc inc. Sc in last 10 st's. Ch 1 and turn.
7. Sc in 10 st's, *sc inc, sc in next 4* x 2, sc inc. Sc in last 11 st's. Ch 1 and turn.
8. Sc in 11 st's, *sc inc, sc in next 5* x 2, sc inc. Sc in last 11 st's. Ch 1 and turn.
9. Sc in 11 st's, *sc inc, sc in next 6* x 2, sc inc. Sc in last 12 st's. Ch 1 and turn.
10. Sc in 12 st's, *sc inc, sc in next 7* x 2, sc inc. Sc in last 12 st's. Ch 1 and turn.
11. Sc in 12 st's, *sc inc, sc in next 8* x 2, sc inc. Sc in last 13 st's. Ch 1 and turn.
12. Sc in 13 st's, sc inc, sc in next 19, sc inc. Sc in last 13 st's. Ch 1 and bind off. (50)

Bag Bottom

Make 1*

1. Ch 23.
 2. Working in one loop only, sc in 2nd ch from hook and every other st across. Ch 1 and turn.
- 3 – 36. Sc in each st across. Ch 1 and turn
37. Sc in each st across. Ch 1 and bind off.

* If you are going to make a double layer bottom so that you can slip something hard in between the layers to give your bag a sturdy base, you should make 2 of these. Make the 2nd piece only 36 rows long.

Bag Sides

Make 2

1. Ch 38.
 2. Working in one loop only, sc in 2nd ch from hook and every other st across. Ch 1 and turn.
- 3 – 25. Sc in each st across. Ch 1 and turn

26. Sc in flo of each st across. When you get to the end, turn your work and continue working one sc in each remaining loop of round 25. When you get to the end, ch 1 and bind off. This will give you a double layer of sc at the top of your side panel. The zipper will be attached to the inside row of sc's.

Handles

Make 2

1. Ch 60.
2. Working in one loop only, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in every other st across. Ch 1 and turn.

3 – 6. Sc in each st across. Ch 1 and turn.

7. Sl st in first 10 st's. Fold the handle in half width wise. Join by working a sl st through the 11th st of both layers. Make 38 more sl st's through both layers. Ch 1 and bind off. You should now have 10 st's on either end that have not been joined.



Work 1 sc into each remaining loop of round 25



Slip stitch in each of the first 10 st's



Sl st through both layers from the 11th st

Assembly

Attaching the handles

With some pins, mark 7 st's from the side of the side panels and 6 rows from the bottom (including foundation chain).

With the sl st edge of your handle facing the side panel, line the bottom and outside of one end of your handle up with the pins.

Sew the handle to your side panel. The best way to do this is to use a running stitch. Working one st in every row and st: work 8 st's up, 6 rows across, 8 down and 6 across again.

Repeat this for both sides of both handles.



Mark 7 st's from side, 6 rows from the bottom



Line outside and bottom edges of handle up with pins



Sew the handles to the side panel using a running stitch

Joining sides and ends of bag

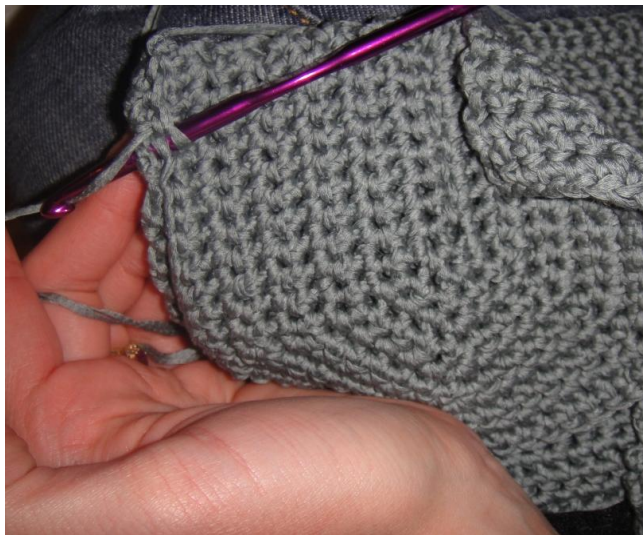
Sew your zipper onto the inside edge of the inside row of sc's at the top of the side panel.

Now put your dome-shaped end on top of the side panel, lining up the bottoms of both. Sc through each st of the end piece and each row of the side panel for 25 st's. This will bring you up to the double-layered last row. Skip the two double layers and sc into the st beneath the double layer on the other side panel and the next st on the end-piece. Continue working one sc in each st and row for 23 more st's. Ch 1 and bind off.

Repeat on the other side.



Sew zipper into inside row of sc's at top of side panel



Sl st through both layers to attach end piece to side panel



Side piece attached

Attaching the bottom

Line the side of the bag up with the side of the bottom piece. Sc through the first foundation st of the side panel and the first row of the bottom piece. Sc in every st and row across. When you get to the end, turn your work clockwise by 90 degrees. Sc in the first row of the end panel (this row will already have an sc worked into it from joining the end to the side panel) and the first st of the bottom piece.

NOTE: You will work into the first and last stitches of all pieces twice during assembly because you will work into them to end one row of your sc seam AND to begin the next.

Continue working one sc into each st and row around, turning at every corner. When you reach the beginning of your "seam", ch 1 and bind off.

Attaching a double layer bottom

Same as above, but working through all 3 layers. Sandwich the two bottom pieces together with the foundation chains lined up. Work through both layers on every st except for the one row where the inside piece is one row shorter than the outside piece.

I don't really know how to explain it, but I will try my best.

The easiest option (of a bunch of hard ones, lol) is to line the foundation chains of the two bottom pieces up with each other and keep them to your right (shorter piece on top). Place your side panel on top. Sc through all three layers for all the rows until you get to the last st on the side. This one will only have 2 layers as the inside bottom panel is one row shorter than the outside one. So sc through the remaining layer of the bottom piece and the side panel for this one stitch. Work around the end piece through these 2 layers and in the first st on the opposite side panel. Then start working through all 3 layers again until you have gone all the way around.



Work through all three layers to form an envelope in the base of your bag

This will create an “envelope” in the bottom of the bag into which you can slip a piece of cardboard, plastic or canvas to give you a sturdy base.