

## Brick Stitch Bag

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Video tutorial – <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=smiZzvriFOI>

Written pattern has directions for both handles

I learnt how to do the brick stitch here - <http://meladorascreations-com.webs.com/meladorameshstitch.htm>



### Materials

Yarn (see note below)

Hook (see note below)

Scissors and yarn needle

4 stitch marker

### Notes

- The size of your bag will depend on the amount of yarn that you need. I used 200gm/7oz of yarn to make a small bag – I held 2 strands together
- You can use any yarn that you like.
- My bag used 2 strands of 8ply/DK/Sports weight yarn held together and a 6mm/J hook,
- You could use 1 strand of medium worsted weight yarn and a 5.5mm/I hook
- 1 strand of 8ply/DK/Sports weight yarn will need a 4mm hook
- I did 4 rows for base of bag and 14 rows of brick stitch

### Base of bag

Note: you can stop increasing the base of your bag base when you have the width you want  
Using 2 strand of 8ply/DK/Sports weight yarn or 1 strand of medium worsted weight yarn  
Chain 4, join with a slip stitch into the 1<sup>st</sup> chain to make a ring or make a magic ring

1. Chain 3 (chain 3 does not count as a stitch for the base of bag/crown of hat) 12 dc into ring, join with a slip stitch into the 1<sup>st</sup> double crochet

2. Chain 3, 2 double crochets into the same stitch, 2 double crochets in each stitch around, join with a slip stitch into the 1<sup>st</sup> double crochet
3. Chain 3, 1 double crochet into the same stitch, 2 double crochets into the next stitch, \*1 double crochet into the next stitch, 2 double crochets into the next stitch\* repeat from \* to \* around , join with a slip stitch into the 1<sup>st</sup> double crochet
4. Chain 3, 1 double crochet into the same stitch, 1 double crochet into the next stitch , 2 double crochets into the next stitch, \*1 double crochet into the next 2 stitches, 2 double crochets into the next stitch\* repeat from \* to \* around , join with a slip stitch into the 1<sup>st</sup> double crochet
5. Chain 3, 1 double crochet into the same stitch, 1 double crochet into the 2 next stitch , 2 double crochets into the next stitch, \*1 double crochet into the next 3 stitches, 2 double crochets into the next stitch\* repeat from \* to \* around , join with a slip stitch into the 1<sup>st</sup> double crochet

**Stop here for a small bag and ignore the next 2 rounds, go straight to the brick stitch round**

6. Chain 3, 1 double crochet into the same stitch, 1 double crochet into the 3 next stitch , 2 double crochets into the next stitch, \*1 double crochet into the next 4 stitches, 2 double crochets into the next stitch\* repeat from \* to \* around , join with a slip stitch into the 1<sup>st</sup> double crochet

**If you need another increase round follow next row if not ignore the next row**

7. Chain 3, 1 double crochet into the same stitch, 1 double crochet into the 4 next stitch , 2 double crochets into the next stitch, \*1 double crochet into the next 5 stitches, 2 double crochets into the next stitch\* repeat from \* to \* around , join with a slip stitch into the 1<sup>st</sup> double crochet

### **Brick Stitch Pattern**

1. Chain 4 (counts as a 1<sup>st</sup> double crochet and chain 1 stitch) \*skip 1, double crochet into the next stitch, chain 1\* repeat from \* to \* slip stitch to 3<sup>rd</sup> chain of beginning chain 4 to join
2. Slip stitch into the chain 1 space, double crochet into the skipped stitch 1 round below (See image 1 below) chain 1, \*double crochet into the next skipped stitch from 1 round below, chain 1\* repeat from \* to \* \* slip stitch to the 1<sup>st</sup> double crochet (see image 2 below)



Red dots indicate the skipped stitches from 1 round below  
Image 1



Image 2





### **COLOUR CHANGE**

- Finish off your colour from your first colour and sew in the ends  
Inserting your hook into the chain 1 space from 2 rows below (just like we did on our previous row) pull through new colour, chain 1 to secure yarn, chain 1 \*Double crochet into the chain 1 space 2 rows below, chain 1\* repeat form \* to \* slip stitching into the first double crochet to join
- 3. Slip stitch into the chain 1 space, from now on we work our double crochet stitch into the ch 1 space 2 rows down (stay to the Left of the double crochet in previous row & to the RIGHT of the double crochet 2 rows down) See image 1 below for a visual \*Double crochet into the chain 1 space 2 rounds below, chain 1\* repeat form \* to \* slip stitching into the first double crochet to join

Image 1



- 4. Repeat row 3 until desired length , changing colour when you like 😊

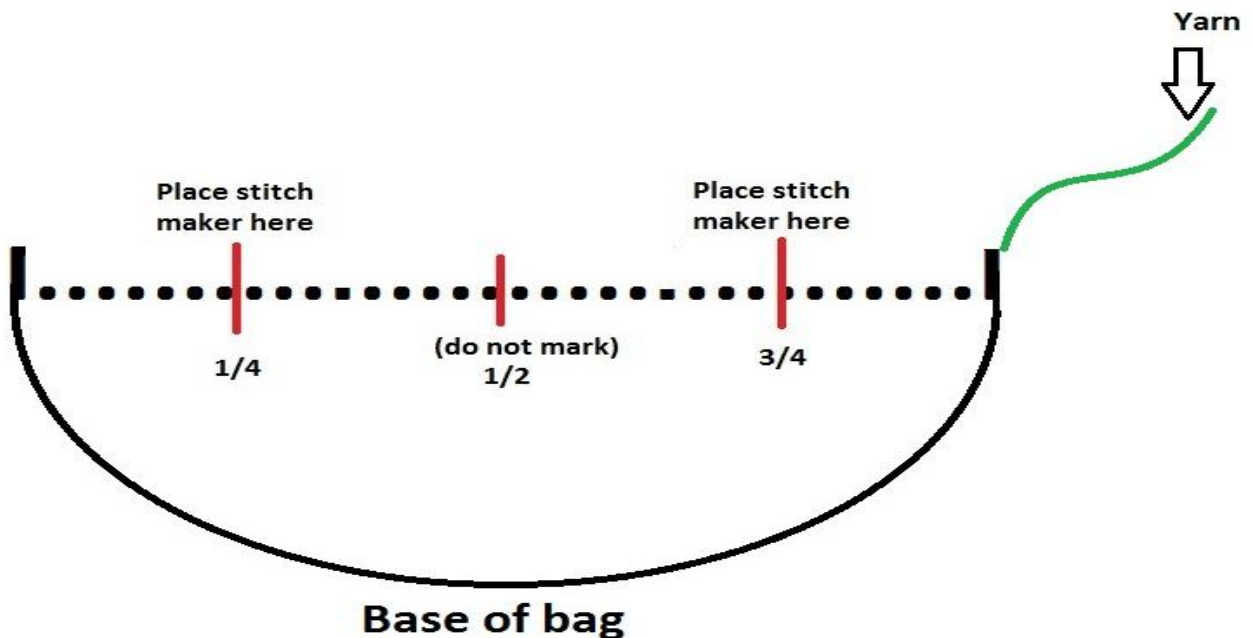
### **Handles - Make 2**

- Make a chain as long as you want the handles – keep in mind that they will be folded in half 😊
- Thread 1 handle through the last row of bag – see image below
- Thread the other handle in the opposite direction
- Tie handles off



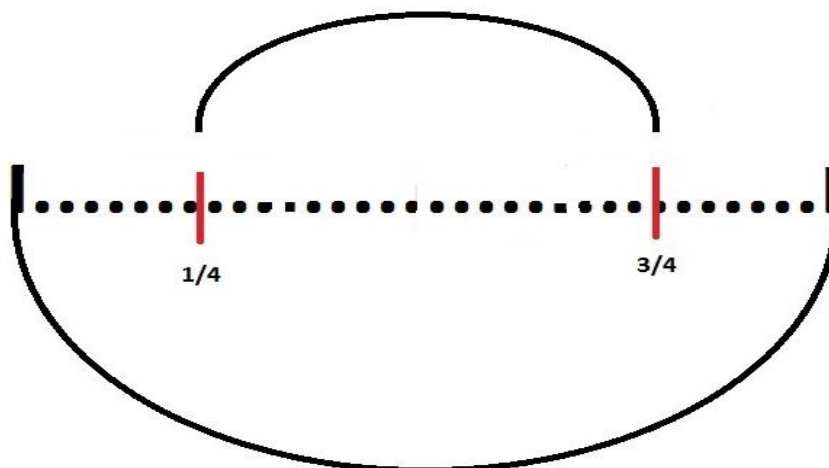
### Alternative Handles

Lay bag flat so your yarn is attached with the yarn on the right hand fold  
Using your 4 stitch markers, mark the  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$  points on the front and back



1. Chain 1, half double crochet into the same stitch, half double crochet into each stitch until the next stitch marker, make a chain the length you want your handles (the amount of chains needed will have to be at least the same amount of stitches that are skipped, see image below)

We do NOT crochet inbetween these markers



Write down the amount of chains that you made so that you can make the same amount of chains for the next handle

2. Half double crochet into the next marked stitch, half double crochet into each stitch until the next marked stitch, make the same amount of chains that you did for the first handle, half double crochet into the next stitch marker and each remaining stitch. Slip stitch to the first half double crochet to join
3. Chain 1, half double crochet into each half double crochet and chain stitch, join to the 1<sup>st</sup> half double crochet
4. If you want to make the handles wider  
Chain 1, half double crochet into each half double crochet, join with a slip stitch to the first half double crochet

Thank you for choosing my pattern ☺

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