

Crochet Mesh Bag

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USA terminology

Adventurous beginner/Intermediate

Video tutorial – <https://youtu.be/l3ZeBrHGtvI>

2 x 1132/4oz Lilly sugar and cream cotton

Scissors, yarn needle and 2 stitch markers

NOTE: You can replace the foundation single crochet with a regular chain. You will need to make an extra chain and single crochet into the 2nd chain from the hook and each chain across.



Instructions are given for small (medium, large)

1. Using the foundation single crochet foundation, make 20 (25, 30) turn
2. Ch1, single crochet into the first stitch and every stitch across, turn
3. Repeat row 2
4. Repeat row 2
5. Repeat row 2

Increase Mesh row

6. Ch1, place a stitch marker into the ch1, dc, ch1 into the next stitch, (dc, ch1, dc, ch1) into each stitch across until you have 2 stitches left at the end of the row.
Dc into the next stitch, slip stitch into the last stitch, turn.

Mesh row

7. Ch1, place a stitch marker into the chain 1.
From now on, we are not working in the ch1 or ch1 space, just the dc stitches.
(dc, ch1) into each of the dc stitches until you have 2 stitches left at the end of the row.
Dc into the second last stitch, slip stitch into your chain 1 (this is the marked stitch) turn.
8. Repeat row 7 another 28 (32,38) times

Decrease mesh row

- 1 sc into first 2 stitches, sc decrease into the next 2 dc's, sc decrease across until you have 2 stitches left.
1 sc into the next 2 stitches, turn.
- Ch1, single crochet into each stitch across, turn.
- Repeat the previous row until you have 5 rows of single crochet.

Straps

We are using a foundation sc for the straps. You can use a chain if you prefer, but I find when using a chain and then crocheting back into it, the strap digs into my shoulder.

Using the foundation sc, we will start it in the first and second stitches.

Ch1, put hook into the second stitch as if to single crochet, before completing the single crochet, ch1 and then complete the sc. Continue to make stitches using the foundation sc method. I did 46 foundation sc's.

Make sure your strap isn't twisted, slip stitch to the other end of the sc row to where you started your strap. Finish off, you will need to secure the strap, see the 31-minute mark in the video tutorial, because I can not explain how to do it in plain English. Sorry!

2nd handle

Attach your yarn to the other side of the bag, and complete the second handle in the same way as the first.

Optional edging.

- Attach yarn on the outside of one of the handles, sc around the handles, along the side of the bag, the second handle and the other side of the bag, join into the first sc with a slip stitch.
- Ch1, single crochet all the way around, join with a slip stitch into the first sc.
- Repeat previous round and finish off.

Thank you for choosing my pattern and video tutorial

Clare xx