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Carolyn

*This detailed and versatile
crochet purse/tote pattern
has pocket and trim
options so you can
create just the
right bag tailored
to your needs.*

*Perfect for holding
yarn and projects.*

*Bags shown are 11"
wide, 3" deep and 9½"
tall plus straps. Instructions are
included to make this style bag
in any width and height with
tips for making beautifully
proportioned bags.*

Skill level:



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Abigayle Bag

Crochet abbreviations

ch(s)	chain(s)
dc	double crochet
lp	loop
rnd	round
sc	single crochet
sl	slip
sl st	slip stitch
sp(s)	space(s)
st(s)	stitch(es)

General Instructions

Handbags shown are 11" wide, 3" deep and 9½" tall plus handles. It can be made any size. Bag shown is made with doubled strand of worsted-weight yarn; however, bag may also be made with single strand. Use a hook small enough to achieve a firm, yet supple, crochet fabric.

Planning proportions

To plan pleasing proportions of width and height, I recommend using an approximate 1 to 1.2 to 1.3 ratio. For the bags shown, I started with a width of about 11 inches, and divided that by 1.2. The result came to a little over 9 inches, so I made the main body of each bag about 9 inches high, then added about ½" with the ruffle.

For the bag's depth, any size bag may be made with any size depth. The main consideration is that the bag's sides be high enough for the bag to close, and to keep control of the contents—the deeper the bag, the higher the sides will need to be or the bag might end up looking more like a basket with handles. The bags shown have a depth of about 3 inches. Certainly for larger bags intended for carrying yarn and projects, a depth of 4 or even 5 inches is very nice.

Size

Bag shown is 11" wide, 3" deep and 9½" tall plus straps. Bag can be made in any size.

Materials

For bag shown, worsted-weight yarn: about 300 yds. fuchsia, about 500 yds. mint green, and small amount light blue, white, pale yellow and pink. ¾"-1½" decorative button (bag shown is made with a 1" vintage rhinestone button)

Size G (4 mm) and K (6.5 mm) hooks

Gauge

Gauge is not critical for main body of bag. Bag is worked to measurements instead of gauge.

For pockets, gauge is 4 sts and 4 rows per inch.

Instructions

Base

Row 1: With K hook and double strand fuchsia or desired color for bottom segment of bag, ch 31 for a length of about 10" or length that is about an inch smaller than desired width of finished bag, sc in second ch from hook, sc in each st across, turn. (30)

Rows 2-10 or even number of rows desired for approximate depth of bottom of bag: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

After last row, do not turn.

Border rnd: Ch 1, sc in each st and in end of each row around with 2 sts in each corner, join.

Sides of bag lower portion

Rnd 1: Working in back lps only, ch 1, sc in each st around, join.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, working in both lps, sc in each st around, join.

Rnds 3-8 or until height is about 2½" from base or height desired for lower portion (fuchsia portion on bag shown): Repeat rnd 2. On last rnd, add a stitch if needed to make an even number of stitches. Fasten off after last rnd.

Upper portion of bag

Rnd 1: With K hook and double strand mint green or desired color for bag upper portion, join with sc in first st, dc in next st, (sc in next st, dc in next st) around, join. Turn.

Rnd 2: Ch 3 (counts as dc), sc in next dc, (dc in next sc, sc in next dc) around, join. Turn.

Rnd 3: Ch 1, sc in same st, dc in next sc, (sc in next dc, dc in next sc) around, join. Turn.

Rnds 4-15 or odd number of rnds until total height is about 9" or height desired (minus ruffle): Repeat rnds 2-3. Fasten off after last rnd.

Ruffle

Join pink or desired ruffle color with sl st in any st, ch 3 (counts as dc), 3 dc in same st, 4 dc in each st around, join. Fasten off.

Handle (make 2)

Row 1: With K hook and one strand each pink and mint green or desired colors for handles, ch 76 or desired handle length, sc in second ch from hook, sc in each ch across, turn. (75)

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each st across. Fasten off.

Flatten top of bag and measure across; divide in approximate thirds, marking two points at front and back of bag.

Sew ends of each handle inside bag at marked point, sewing one handle each to front and back of bag.

Button tab (optional)

With K hook and double strand fuchsia or desired color, ch 7, sc in second ch from hook, sc in each ch across, ch 5 (this chain may need to be larger or smaller depending on size of button); working on opposite side of starting ch, sc in each st across. Fasten off.

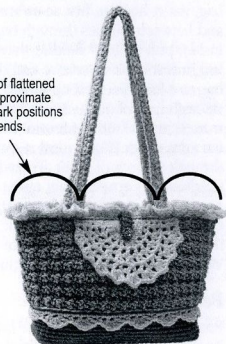
Sew straight end of button tab inside bag at base of ruffle on back of bag, centered between handle ends.

Shell trim

With G hook and one strand pink or desired trim color, ch multiple of 6 plus 2 to make a length to stretch slightly to fit around bag where lower portion meets upper portion; sc in second ch from hook, (skip 2 ch, 5 dc in next ch, skip 2 ch, sc in next ch) across. At end of rnd, turn, and working across opposite side of starting ch, sc at base of first sc, (2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc at base of shell, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc at base of next sc) across. Fasten off. Stretch finished piece slightly to smooth it.

Sew ends of trim piece together and place on bag with straight edge on top and shells over lower portion of bag.

Divide top of flattened bag into approximate thirds to mark positions for handle ends.





Bag with floral trims.

Bag with button closure
and lace trim.

Surface chain stitch embellishment

Attach shell trim to bag with surface chain stitch embellishment. Holding single strand fuchsia or desired color inside bag and working across straight sc edge of trim and working between stitches of first rnd of upper portion of bag, insert hook in first sc on trim piece and between stitches through bag to inside, pull up lp, * holding yarn inside bag, insert hook in next sc and through bag to inside, yo, pull up lp and pull through lp on hook (surface chain stitch made); repeat from * around. For last st, cut yarn about 8" from last st, pull end through to front of work. Thread tapestry needle with yarn end; run tapestry needle under strands of first surface chain st and back through work where thread emerges from last surface chain st. Weave in ends on inside to secure.

Pockets

Pockets for the interior of the bag may be made any size that will fit on the inside of the upper portion of the bag.

Top edge of pockets should fall about 2" below top edge of bag (not counting ruffle). Make pockets in color to match bag, or with contrasting colors. Matching colors look neater with less effort at perfect sewing. Crochet pockets in sizes desired, then pin in place to interior of bag until you are pleased with placement. Then with matching yarn, sew pocket to bag catching sewing yarn in inside of stitches of bag (do not sew all the way through bag).

To make a pocket about 3" x 4" (approximate size for cell phone):

Row 1: With G hook, ch 11, sc in second ch from hook, sc in each ch across, turn.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn. Repeat row 2 until piece is almost 4" high. On last row, do not turn.

Border rnd

Ch 1, sc in each st and in end of each row around with 2 sts in each corner, join. Fasten off.

How to make bags shown in photo

For bag with button closure and half-round lace trim, make half-round lace trim and pin to center top edge of bag as shown in photo. To attach, work surface chain stitch embellishment (work in same manner as to attach shell trim) around top edge of bag with color to match bag, working through top edge of half-round lace trim as you go. Sew button on place under button tab. To close bag, fold ruffle slightly to inside at position where button tab folds over front.

For bag with floral trims, make three roses, three leaf pairs and five daisies. Sew to bag as shown in photo. Work surface chain stitch embellishment around top of bag with color to match bag.

Half-round lace trim

Row 1: With white and size G hook, ch 5, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 3 (counts as dc), 7 dc in ring, turn. (8)

Row 2: Ch 3, dc in same st, dc in next st, (2 dc in next st, dc in next st) 2 times, 2 dc in each of last 2 sts, turn. (13)

Row 3: Ch 3, dc in next st, (ch 1, dc in next st) across to last st, dc in last st, turn.

Row 4: Ch 3, dc in next st, (ch 2, dc in next st) across to last st, dc in last st, turn.

Row 5: Ch 3, dc in next st, * ch 1, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next dc; repeat from * across to last st, dc in last st, turn.

Row 6: Ch 3, dc in next st, * ch 1, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next dc; repeat from * across to last st, dc in last st, turn.

Row 7: Ch 3, dc in next st, ch 1, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in each dc across to last st, dc in last st. Do not turn.

Top edge: Ch 1, sc evenly across top edge. Fasten off.

Floral trims

Rose and leaves

Rose

With G hook and fuchsia, ch 8, 4 dc in fourth ch from hook, 5 dc in each remaining ch. Fasten off. Piece will naturally curl into a rose. Thread tapestry needle with yarn end and take small stitches across bottom to hold in place. Leave yarn tail for sewing rose to bag.

Leaf pair

With G hook and light blue, (ch 6, sc in second ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch) 2 times. Fasten off, leaving yarn tail for sewing.

Pin roses and leaf pairs in place with roses slightly overlapping wide ends of leaves. Sew in place with yarn tails.

Daisy

With G hook and white, ch 5, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 6, sc in third ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next 2 ch **, sc in ring; repeat from * around ending last repeat at **, join. Fasten off, leaving tail for sewing.

Center

With G hook and yellow, ch 4, 4 dc in fourth ch from hook, remove hook from lp; insert hook in top of ch 4, pull dropped lp through. Fasten off. Tie yarn tails together to form rounded shape.

Pin daisies in place; sew to bag with yarn tails. Pull daisy center yarn tails through center of daisy to inside of bag. Weave in ends to secure. ¾