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HANDY MESH BAG



Size varies with yarn and hook chosen.

You will need 164-327 yards yarn, an appropriate hook, a needle for neatening ends and a stitch marker (optional)

This pattern is written in US terms.

US Abbreviation	US Term
BLO	back loop(s) only
ch	chain
dc	double crochet
fpsc	front post single crochet
hdc	half double crochet
rep	repeat
sc	single crochet
sl st	slip stitch
sp(s)	space(s)
st(s)	stitch(es)

Instructions are given for small (large) bag as applicable.

Commence base with 12ch.

- Rnd 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 1sc in each of next 10ch, 3sc in last st, rotate and work along other side of ch, 1sc in each of next 10ch, 3sc in last ch, sl st to first sc to join - 26sts.
- Rnd 2: 1ch, *1sc in each of next 10sts, 2sc in each of next 3sts, rep from *, sl st to first sc to join - 32sts.
- Rnd 3: 1ch, *1sc in each of next 10sts, (2sc in next st, 1sc in next st) 3 times, rep from *, sl st to first sc to join - 38sts.
- Rnd 4: 1ch, *1sc in each of next 10sts, (2sc in next st, 1sc in each of next **2sts**) 3 times, rep from *, sl st to first sc to join - 44sts.
- Rnd 5: 1ch, *1sc in each of next 10sts, (2sc in next st, 1sc each of next **3sts**) 3 times, rep from *, sl st to first sc to join - 50sts.
- Rnd 6: 1ch, *1sc in each of next 10sts, (2sc in next st, 1sc each of next **4sts**) 3 times, rep from *, sl st to first sc to join - 56sts.

Increase the bold value by one with each round until 80 (110) sts.

The following table may help you to keep track of what row you are on:

Row Number	Bold Value	Stitch Count	✓
7	5	62	
8	6	68	
9	7	74	
10	8	80	End Small
11	9	86	
12	10	92	
13	11	98	
14	12	104	
15	13	110	End Large

Finish: 1ch, 1sc in each st around 80 (110) sts.

Note: If you want to modify the base, changing the shape or working a different size, you will need a multiple of 5sts, around the circumference of your base, for the next stage.

Sides

Continuing from final stitch of base without fastening off:

- Rnd 1: 1ch, working in BLO (for this rnd only) 1sc in each st around, ss to first sc to join - 80 (110) sts.
- Rnd 2: 1ch, 1sc in each st around, ss to first sc to join - 80 (110) sts.
- Rnd 3: 3ch, *skip 4sts, (1dc, 3ch, 1sc, 3ch, 1dc) all into next st, rep from * around ending with (1dc, 3ch, 1sc, 3ch) into base of initial 3ch, sl st to top of initial 3ch to join - 16 (22) reps.
- Rnd 4: 3ch, placing a stitch marker here may be helpful for spotting the end of the rnd when you reach it *skip next rep, (1dc, 3ch, 1sc, 3ch, 1dc) all into the point where the next two reps meet, rep from * around ending with (1dc, 3ch, 1sc, 3ch) into base of initial 3ch, sl st to top of initial 3ch to join - 16 (22) reps.

Rep Rnd 4 until mesh section measures 30 (45) cm i.e. 12 (18) inches OR 2.5 cm (1") less than desired finished length. Proceed to finishing.

Finishing

- Rnd 1: 1ch, *2sc around the stem of each (both) of the 3ch in the next rep, 1ch, rep from * around, sl st to top of first sc to join - 80 (110) sts.
- Rnd 2: (Small size only) 1ch, 1sc in each st around (ch-1 sps count as sts), sl st to top of first sc to join - 80sts.
- Rnd 2: (Large size only) 1ch, 2sc in first st, 1sc in each of next 54sts (ch-1 sps count as sts), 2sc in next st, 1sc in each remaining st around, sl st to top of first sc to join - 112sts.
- Rnd 3: 3ch, *skip next st, 1hdc in next st, 1ch, rep from * around, sl st to 2nd of 3ch to join - 80 (112) sts.
- Rnd 4: 1ch, 2sc in each ch-1 sp around, sl st to top of first sc to join - 80 (112) sts.
- Rnd 5: 1ch, 1sc in each st around, sl st to top of first sc to join - 80 (112) sts.

Fasten off, neaten ends and proceed to drawstring.

Drawstring

Make a length of chain $1\frac{1}{2}$ x the circumference of the bag (i.e. 3 x the width),

- Rnd 1: Starting in second ch from hook, 1sc in each ch along, fasten off leaving a tail for joining.

Thread through hdc eyelets at the top of the bag and join ends together. Neaten ends.

Flower (optional)

Commence with a magic loop.

- Rnd 1: Into the loop work 4ch - counts as 1dc and 1ch, (1dc, 1ch) 9 times, sl st to 3rd of 4ch to join - 10 ch-1 sps.
- Rnd 2: 1ch, *(1sc, 1hdc, 1dc) into next ch-1 sp, 1ch, (1dc, 1hdc, 1sc) all in next ch-1 sp, rep from * around, DO NOT JOIN - 5 petals.
- Rnd 3: *1fpdc around stem of next dc in Row 1, 3ch, (1sc, 1hdc, 1sc) all in ch-1 sp at peak of petal, 3ch, rep from * around - to help with placement, please note the fpdc will be worked around alternating dc from Rnd 1, end with a sl st behind initial fpdc.

Fasten off, neaten ends and use as desired.

Butterfly (optional)

Commence with a magic loop.

- Rnd 1: Into the loop work 4ch - counts as 1dc and 1ch, (1dc, 1ch) 7 times, sl st to 3rd of 4ch to join - 8 ch-1 sps.
- Rnd 2: 1ch, *(1sc, 1hdc, 1dc) into next ch-1 sp, 1ch, (1dc, 1hdc, 1sc) all in next ch-1 sp, rep from * around, DO NOT JOIN - 4 wings.
- Rnd 3: *1fpdc around stem of next dc in Row 1, 3ch, (1sc, 1hdc, 1sc) all in ch-1 sp at peak of wing, 3ch, rep from * once more, 1fpdc around stem of next dc in Row 1,
- 3ch, (1sc, 1hdc, 1dc, 3ch, 1sc in 3rd ch from hook, 1dc, 1hdc, 1sc) all in ch-1 sp at peak of wing, 3ch
- 1fpdc around stem of next dc in Row 1,
1fpdc around the fpdc between the first two wings - directly below current st,
1fpdc around the dc in Row 1 again,
- 3ch, (1sc, 1hdc, 1dc, 3ch, 1sc in 3rd ch from hook, 1dc, 1hdc, 1sc) all in ch-1 sp at peak of wing, 3ch
- end with a sl st behind initial fpdc,
- fasten off, neaten ends and use as desired.