



Compact String Market Bag

A string market bag that folds into itself for easy storage and carrying. The string bag design gives it stretch and strength to hold many items from heavy to light. A great way to reduce the amount of plastic or paper bags that are gathered when shopping.

It is worked in the round.

This pattern is written only.

Any 8ply cotton yarn will work with this pattern.

Who am I:

This pattern was designed by Charlie van de Graaf and work under the name RibhusLugh.

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Difficulty and Terminology:

This is an intermediate pattern and uses US terminology.

What You Will Need:

1 ball of 8 ply cotton (50g) in a colour of your choice

4.00mm crochet hook

Stitch marker

Tapestry needle (to weave in ends)

Tension:

Gauge is not important for this project. (18 sts/10 rounds = 10cm/4 inches square in dc without turning at the end of each round was used for the pictured bag)

Sizing:

The finished bag is about 10 cm across and approx. 4 cm wide when stuffed into a ball, and about 26 cm long when open and the handles are about 10 cm long.

Abbreviations:

ch - chain

sc - single crochet

fsc - foundation single crochet

dc - double crochet

tr - treble crochet

slst - slip stitch



The Bag:

To begin ch 4

Round 1: make 11 dc in the first chain made and join with a slst in the 4th chain of beginning chains. (12 dc)

Round 2: ch3, dc into the same stitch. 2dc into each remaining dc and join in 3rd ch with slst. (24 dc)

Round 3: ch 3, dc in the same stitch as join (from previous round). dc in the next dc, *2dc in the next dc, dc into the next dc*. Repeat from * to * for remaining stitches. Join in 3rd ch with slst. (36 dc)

Round 4: ch 3, dc in the same stitch as join (from previous round). dc in the next 2 dc, *2dc in the next dc, dc into the next 2 dc*. Repeat from * to * for remaining stitches. Join in 3rd ch with slst. (48 dc)

Round 5: ch1, sc in the same st as join (from previous round). *ch 7, skip 1 dc, sc into next dc*. Repeat from * to * until there are 23 ch7 loops. ch3, tr into beginning sc. Use stitch marker in this loop. (24 loops)

Round 6 - 20: *ch7, sc into the next loop*. Repeat from * to * until last loop. ch3, tr into tr of previous round (24 loops)

Round 21: ch1, 2 sc over tr (used to make last loop). 4 sc in all remaining ch7 loops. 2 sc over ch3 of last loop of previous round. Join with slst in first sc made. (96 sc)

Round 22: ch1, sc in the next 22 sc. fsc 36 or ch36, skip 24 sc and join with sc in next sc. sc in the next 24 sc. fsc 36 or ch36, skip 24 sc and join with sc in next sc. Sc in next sc, join with slst in first sc made. (48 sc and two fsc 36 or ch36 loops)

Round 23: ch1, sc in the next 22 sc. hdc in each ch of the fsc 36 or ch36. sc in next 24 sc. hdc in each ch of the fsc 36 or ch36. sc in remaining 2 sc, join with slst in first sc made. (48 sc and 72 hdc)

Fasten off and weave in ends.

To make the pocket for the bag to tuck into we need a second bottom.

Round 1: make 11 dc in the first chain made and join with a slst in the 4th chain of beginning chains. (12 dc)

Round 2: ch3, dc into the same stitch. 2dc into each remaining dc and join in 3rd ch with slst. (24 dc)

Round 3: ch 3, dc in the same stitch as join (from previous round). dc in the next dc, *2dc in the next dc, dc into the next dc*. Repeat from * to * for remaining stitches. Join in 3rd ch with slst. (36 dc)

Round 4: ch 3, dc in the same stitch as join (from previous round). dc in the next 2 dc, *2dc in the next dc, dc into the next 2 dc*. Repeat from * to * for remaining stitches. Join in 3rd ch with slst. (48 dc)

Round 5: do not fasten off. Join to other bottom holding wrong sides together, slst (through both layers) into every dc around leaving a four stitch gap.

Finishing

Fasten off and weave in ends



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