

## Crochet Bag

LARGE amount of fabric strips

Large size crochet hook (about the size of your little finger)

Join fabric strips with a slit in the end of each piece with a slip knot until you have a large ball of fabric "yarn."

Gauge is not critical.

Chain 18. SC in second chain from hook. At this point stop to measure your work. It should be around 14". If it is too short, take out the last SC and add to the chain. If it is too long, take out the last SC and some of the chain stitches. Continue to SC along the chain. 4 sc in last chain space to go around the end. SC back long the chain. You are now working with an oval. SC additional stitches around the end - perhaps 2 sc in each stitch or in every other stitch. You want the piece to lay flat. Continue to work around with SC along the long side and extra stitches at the ends to keep it flat.

When the bottom is as big as you want work SC in each stitch around until the bag is as tall as you want it to be.

To work the handles lay the bag flat on its side and decide where the handles should attach - 5 or 6 inches in from each end on each side. Mark this placement with a pin or scrap of yarn. Continue with SC until you reach a marked placement. Chain 20. SC at next marked placement. SC to the next marked placement and chain 20 again. SC around to first handle chain and SC in each chain of handle and continue around to the second handle chain and SC in each chain of that handle. SC four or five more stitches. To finish off pull up a loop and pull it through the loop on the needle. This is not a full SC stitch - more like half a stitch. Cut the "yarn" with about a 6 inch end. Pull this up as you would a loop in the next SC but pull the yarn all the way through and all the way through the half stitch loop. Weave this end into the next few SC stitches. Tuck in loose ends anywhere on the bag..

If you run out of fabric in the middle just leave a 5" length and start another piece of "yarn" by pulling up a loop and leaving a 5" tail on that piece. Now continue to sc and hold the two tails over your previous stitches. The tails will get buried under the new stitches.

Sorry about the inexactness of this "pattern." It is something I just made up. I like to make the bags about 20" long and 14-15" deep. But they can be made any size. The size is determined by the first chain length.

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