

Market Mesh Bag with 2 Handles

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Bag measure approximately 12 inch x 12 inch not stretched – not including handle

Video tutorial - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2kuKEh71SP4>



Any yarn can be used for this bag, for my bag I used 4 ply worsted weight cotton and a 4.5mm crochet hook

If you choose to use DK/8ply yarn you can use a 4mm hook

Stitch marker

Yarn needle

Scissors

US terms used

Chain

Slip stitch

Half double crochet

Treble

Chain 5 counts as first treble crochet and chain 1

For the main section of the bag we do not work into the chain 1 until we get to the edging and handles



Bag

Round 1

Make a magic ring, chain 5 (chain 4 counts as first treble crochet and 5th chain counts as chain 1) working into the magic ring, treble and chain 1 until you have 20 trebles and chain 1 spaces (remembering the chain 5 counts as you 1st stitch and chain 1) slip stitch to the 4th chain to join

Round 2

Note – Do not crochet into the chain 1, we are only crocheting into the treble stitch

Chain 5, treble and chain 1 into the same stitch, * (treble, chain 1, treble, chain 1) into the next stitch* repeat from * to * slip stitch to the 4th chain to join

Round 3

Chain 5, (treble, chain 1, treble, chain 1) into the next stitch, *treble, chain 1 into the next stitch, (treble, chain 1, treble, chain 1) into the next stitch* repeat from * to * slip stitch to the 4th chain to join

Round 4 (optional)

If you would like to make your bag larger you can add another increase round as follows

Chain 5, treble and chain 1 in the next stitch, (treble chain 1, treble chain 1) into the next stitch * treble and chain 1 in the next stitch, treble and chain 1 into the next stitch, (treble chain 1, treble chain 1) into the next stitch* repeat from * to * slip stitch to the 4th chain to join

Round 4 (round 5 if you added the extra increase)

Chain 5, treble and chain 1 into each stitch, repeat around remembering we do not work into the chain 1. Slip stitch to the 4th chain to join

Repeat round 4 (round 5 if you added the extra increase) until desired length, remembering the bag will stretch when filled with your shopping 😊

From the beginning I did a total of 12 rows

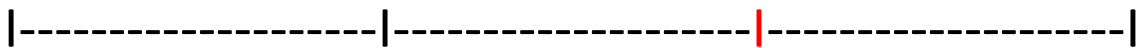
The chain 1 space now counts as a stitch 😊

Edging

- Chain 1, half double crochet into the chain 1 space, * half double crochet in to the treble (from previous row), half double crochet into the chain 1 space* repeat from * to * Slip stitch to the 1st chain to join
- Chain 1, half double crochet into each stitch around. Slip stitch to the first half double crochet to join

You can repeat this row as many times as you like DO NOT FINISH OFF

Lay bag flat with beginning of row about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the way from the edge – place the beginning of the row where the red stitch is



Fold top of bag in half so edges are together



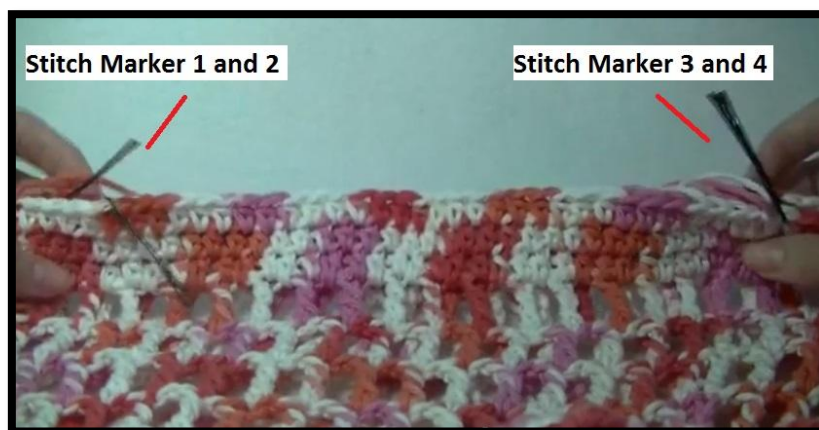
Then fold in half again



Place a stitch marker in all 4 layers on the fold



Unfold



- Make a chain (I did 70) and join with a slip stitch into the next marked stitch, finish off, don't worry about sewing in the end as you can crochet over it on the next round
- Flip bag over and join yarn into the stitch marker in the right hand side, chain (I did 70) join into next stitch marker
- Chain 1, half double crochet into each stitch around until chains, work 1 half double crochet into each chain on handle, half double in each stitch around until you get to next handle, half double crochet into each chain on handle and half double crochet round until beginning of round, slip stitch to join into first half double crochet
- Chain 1, half double into each stitch all around the bag and handles

Optional

If you want to make the sides of your bag gather in a little, work another row around except when you get to the sides, half double crochet decrease in each stitch on the sides

Sew in any loose ends

Thank you for choosing my pattern, Clare ☺