

Handbag (Rib Stitch)

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Level: Intermediate

Materials

- Size J – 6 mm Hook
- 1 Skein of Acrylic Yarn (174 mm/190 yds) (colour of choice)
- 12” Zipper
- ¼ yd polyester cotton (colour dependant on colour of the bag)
- Thread (colour dependant on colour of yarn)

Key or Legend

- Single Crochet – sc.
- Double Crochet –dc.
- Slip Stitch – sl. st.
- Chain –ch.



Instructions

Body of bag (using rib stitch)

1. Ch 42.
2. Add an extra chain for a total of 43 chains (this chain will be skipped). (43 Chains should measure approximately 13”)
3. Skip 43rdch. and sc. into second chain from hook and each of the other chains.
4. Ch 1 and turn *sc. into each of the previous sc. (work into back loop of stitches)
5. At the end of the row Ch 1 and turn
6. Repeat from* until a rectangle 12” wide is obtained.



N.B. the approximate width of the rectangle that is obtained is

13"X 12". Forming the handbag

- Fold the rectangle in half and join the shorter ends using sc. or sl. st.
- The longest side should be left open for the zipper.

Handle/Strap

- Ch 4
- Add an extra ch. for a total of 5 chs. (this chain will be skipped)
- Skip 5th Chain
- Dc. into second ch. and each of the other chains till the end
- Ch 1 and turn* dc. into each of the previous dc.
- At the end of the row Ch 1 and turn repeat from* until the strap measures 30"

NB: Two straps can be made and attached together with sc. or sl. st. for a reinforced strap

Attach Strap

- Attach the edges of the strap to the top left and right corner of the handbag using sc. or sl. st

Attach zipper

- Pin the zipper on the inside of the bag along the top.
- Attach the zipper using running stitch.

Rosette

- Ch 28 (leave a long tail end approx 10")
- 2 dc 4th ch. from the hook
- 1 dc in next chain
- 2dc in next
- Alternate between dc and sc till the end of the ch.
- At the end cut the yarn approx 10" from the finished product
- Fold the finished product in the shape of a rose
- Take the 10" piece of yarn put the end through a yarn needle
- Push the yarn needle in and out the centre of the rose (make sure all the petals are attached)
- Tie the extra yarn to the bottom of the rosette



- Place the rose on the front left or right side of the bag
- Pull the tail ends through the bag
- Attach the rosette to the bag by tying the ends in a knot then a bow
- Trim any excess yarn



Lining the Bag

- Fold cloth and place the bag on the cloth
- Draw along the edge of the bag using chalk or a pencil
- Remove the bag.
- Cut along the line just drawn (the shape should be the shape of the bag).
- Measure $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the left side of the rectangular piece of cloth (do this at three points or more if necessary)
- Draw a line to connect the three points.
- Repeat previous 2 steps on the right hand side of the piece of cloth and at the bottom.
- Stitch the lines just drawn using running stitch
- Make a $\frac{1}{4}$ "fold at the top of the cloth and use an iron to press down
- Place the cloth in the bag and pin the cloth to the bag about $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the top of the fold. (the zipper should also be covered)
- Attach the cloth to the bag using running stitch; stitch along the top of the pins or stitch along the fold in the cloth

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