

CROCHET BAG

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Finished size: appr. 26x18x15 cm (width x height x depth)

Yarn: Esteri tube yarn (100 % PES, 1 kg = appr. 300 m)
500 g Yellow (4) or Lime green (5).

Hook: nr 7 (US L/11) or according to personal gauge

Other supplies: cardboard, cotton fabric, spray glue and bag handles of your choice

Gauge: 9 sts and 8 rows = 10 cm

Instructions: Start with the oval base of the bag. Chain 12.

Row 1: 3 sc to 3rd ch from hook (including loop on hook), 9 sc, 3 sc to last ch. Continue with 9 sc to other side of chain. Crochet in a spiral (not finishing rows with slst).

Row 2: *2 sc to next 3 st*, 9 sc, repeat *-* once more, 9 sc.

Row 3: 1 sc, *2 to same sc, 1 sc, 2 sc to same sc, 1 sc, 2 sc to same sc*, 10 sc, repeat *-* once more, 10 sc.

Row 4: 2 sc, *2 sc to next 4 sc*, 14 sc, repeat *-* once more, 12 sc.

Row 5: 1 sc, *2 sc to same sc, 2 sc*, repeat x2, 2 sc to same sc, 12 sc, repeat *-* x3, 2 sc to same sc, 12 sc.

Row 6: 3 sc, *2 sc to same sc, 3 sc, 2 sc to same sc, 3 sc, 2 sc to same sc*, 17 sc, repeat *-* one more time, 15 sc. Mark the last st and move marker as work continues.

Begin the bag body. 15 sc through back loops = 58 sc. Crochet the fastening piece for handle flat: ch 1, turn, *13 sc, ch 1 for turning*, repeat *-* x3 (=4 rows). Cut yarn leaving appr. 30 cm tail. Place handle between the fastening. Fold edge of handle piece to the wrong side and sew into last row of bag. Crochet the other handle piece the same way on the opposite side (16 st between handles).

Finishing: Finish off yarns and steam the sides of the bag. Cut an oval base from sturdy cardboard for bag base and cover with fabric.



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