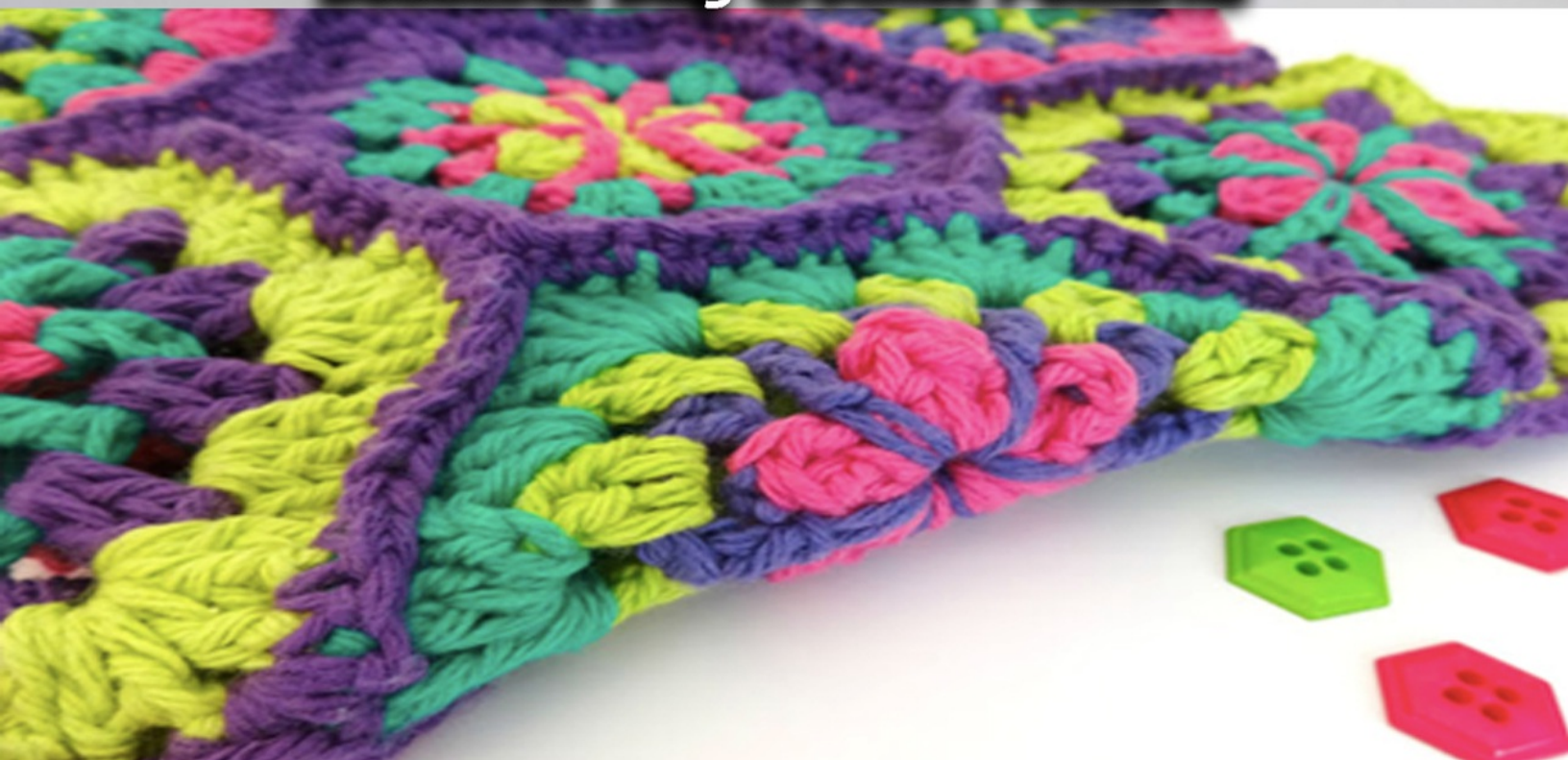# Crochet Dishcloths

Easy and Fun to Make Beautiful Bag Crochet Patterns

Bag Crochet

Funny, Simple and Beautiful Dishcloths Crochet Patterns

DEDICATION

Contents

Making crochet bags are fun and quick and you can never have too many. Crochet bag patterns help you create items that are versatile, you can make different bags to suit a variety needs, make a market bag to take to the farmers market and put your fruit and veggies in, a lovely purse for a night out on the town, a backpack for school or college, a handbag for a day out shopping, the possibilities are endless!

In this book you will find 7 crochet patterns of bag. These projects are quick and simple. Crochet novices will be able to tackle these super-nice items in no time with the help of the "Getting Started" section, illustrated with step-by-step photos.

Have a happy time with bag crochet patterns!

Hobo Bag

Skill level: Beginner

What you'll need:

- Hook**:** 5 mm hook or size 4.5mm / G hook
- Yarn: 1 skein of worsted weight yarn, 4 ply US, 10 ply AU
- 100 grams / 3.5. oz
- 240 meters / 262 yards
- 4 stitch markers

- **Abbreviations:**
  ch = chain
- hdc = Half double crochet
- dc = double crochet
- sl st = slip stitch
- sts = stitches
- scdec = single crochet decrease

To Start
ch 100 or the length that you desire.
Round 1: Dc into 3rd ch from hook and dc in all sts, ch 1 and turn (98 sts)
Round 2: Dc in all sts, ch 1 and turn. When you ch 1 and turn, HDC into beginning stitch, DC in all others.
Rounds 3 – 30: Repeat round 2

Handles:

Reducing top

Mark each of the 4 corners with a marker. You can move them out of your way and re mark if they get in your way.

Now from the picture you can see the top and bottom sides are wider. You will want to gather these wider sides. To do this I want you to start on one of the shorter sides, in the very corner near your marker. Scdec two sts together.

Sc decrease grabbing up the next 2 sts on the first corner of the wider top side.

Then sc dec grabbing up 3 stitches at a time until you reach next corner,

Then sc dc using only 2 sts again for the next corner, you will always do two sets of gathering only 2 sts, before and after a corner, the rest you will be gathering three sts at a time.

Once you have all your stitches gathered and you have reached the beginning stitch, sl st into beginning stitch.

Making the front side of bag for handles
Row 1
Ch 1 and sc into same stitch, work 1 sc in each stitch until you reach your next marker.
Row 2
Ch 1 and turn, Sc dec using first two stitches, then sc in sts until the last two of the row, sc dec using these last 2 stitches. Ch 1 and turn.
Repeat Row 2 until you have 20 sts total. Then stop decreasing and sc until you have 6 rows total.

Then work down the side of this sc area and onto side of bag. Until you reach the opposite side, repeat Rows 1 and 2 again until you reach the 20 sts.

Ch 1 and cut your yarn. Move over to the opposite other side of these sc rows and attach your yarn in the corner.

Work down the side of this sc area and along this side of the bag as well. Until you reach the opposite side again where you did your first 6 rows of sc's.

Making the Handles

You will want to 60 sc foundation stitches for your handle. Then sc it onto other side of sc flap here. Work down the side of bag to the next sc flap on the other side, and repeat your sc foundation stitches.

When you have your 60, attach it to the other side of the sc rows. Sc down the side of the sc rows again and along side of bag, making your way back up to the other side where you also have your 6 rows of sc's. Make your foundation sc chain here as well and attach it the same. Sc down side of bag and back to your original foundation sc. Check to make sure length is even.

If it is and your happy, then place a marker to remind you that this is the beginning stitch. Your foundation sc row was row 1, now you need 5 more rows. For a total of 6 rows for the strap. So start your single crochets along the foundation sc's and along the sides.

Once your have your 6 rows , sl st into beginning st and cut your yarn leaving a tail long enough to hide with a tapestry needle. Hide all tails you may have. Add a lining to the bag.

If you wish to add a button to fasten the bag, I suggest you use double yarn when making the loop, to give you extra strength. I usually get a long piece of yarn, fold it in half.   Leaving a tail to sew in later, I make my slip knot, Find the center of the bag and sl st on the left side of stitch, skip one stitch and ch 8, sl st to bag, cut and leave a long tail to be worked in on this side as well. I usually do this after I have the lining in the bag.

Medicine Bag

Supplies:

- 1.5mm Hook
- 1.75 Hook (for drawstring)
- Size 10 crochet thread

Gauge and Sizing:

- 2" = 24 st and 26 rows in single crochet
- Finished bag measures approximately 1-1/2" wide by 2-1/2" tall

Notes:

Stitch markers are your friend!

Also, don't wait until the end to weave in your tail from the beginning, it's kind of hard to turn the bag inside out once it's finished.

Abbreviations:

- BL – Back Loop

- Ch – Chain
- FL – Front Loop
- Hdc – Half Double Crochet
- Rep – Repeat
- Sc – Single Crochet
- Sc2tog – Single Crochet Two Together
- Sk – Skip
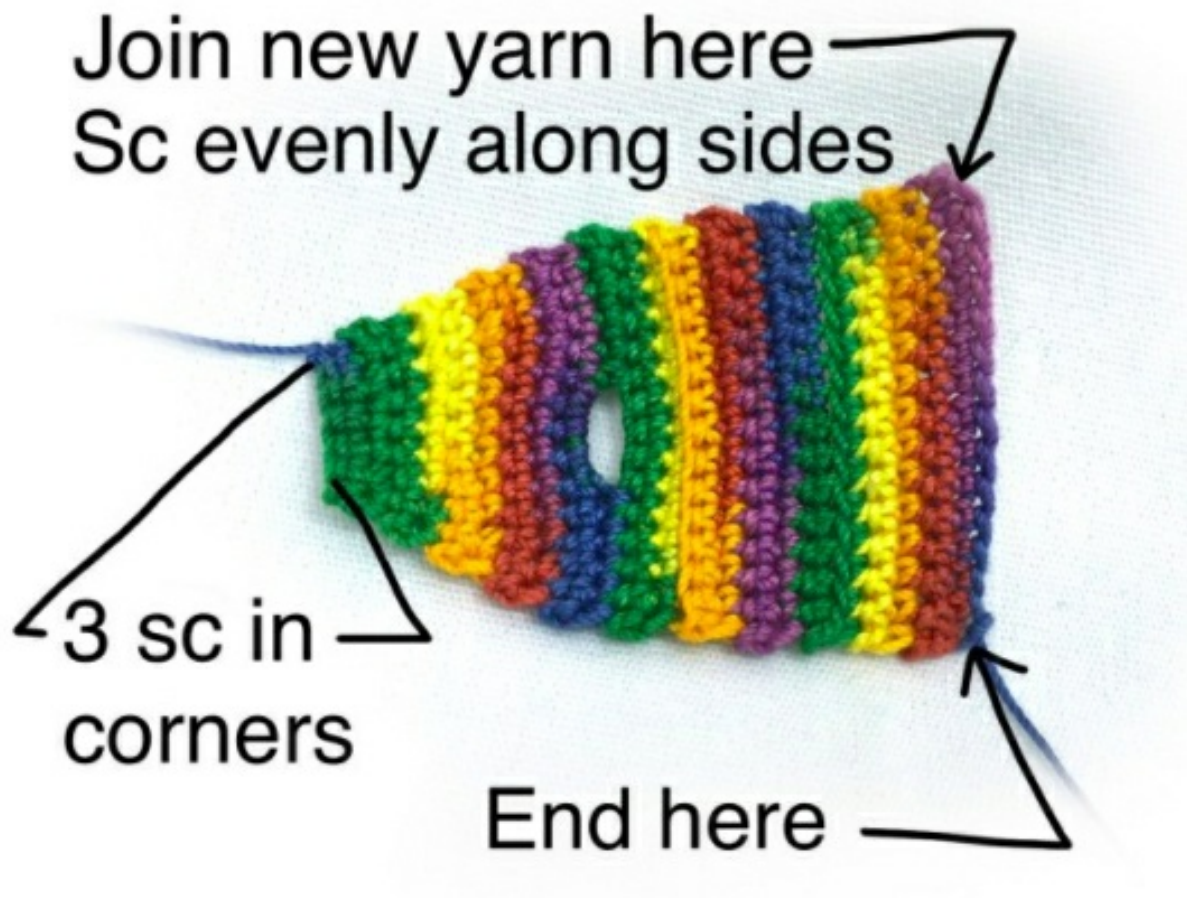- Sl St – Slip Stitch
- St – Stitch

LET'S BEGIN!
W/ 1.5mm hook:

- **R1**: (Ch 13) Sc in back bump of 2nd ch from hook and next 10 chains. 3 sc in last ch. Rotate, working in free loops of other side of ch, Sc in next 10 st, 2 sc in last st. Join to first sc w/ sl st (26 sc)
- **R2**: (Ch 1) 2 sc in same st. Sc in next 10 st. 2 sc in next 3 st. Sc in next 10 st. 2 sc in next 2 st. Join to first sc w/ sl st (32 sc)
- **R3**: (Ch 1) 2 sc in same st. * Sc in next 12 st. 2 sc in next st. Sc in next 2 st *. 2 sc in next st. Rep from * to * 1 time. Join to first sc w/ sl st (36 sc)
- **R4**. (Ch 1) Sc in BL only of same st and each st around. Do no join (36 sc)
- **R5**. Sc in each st around. Place marker in first st and move marker up to first st of each round
- **R6 – 24**. Rep round 5
- **R25**. Rep round 5. Join to first sc w/ sl st
- **R26**. (Ch 1) Hdc in same st. Ch 1 . Sk 1 st. * Hdc in next st. Ch 1. Sk 1 st * . Rep from * to * across. Join to first hdc w/ sl st. Fasten off

Flap:

- **R1**. Ch 15. Sc in back bump of 2nd ch from hook and each st across (14 sc)

- **R2**. Ch 1. Turn. Sc in same st and each st across
- **R3-5**. Rep row 2
- **R6**. Ch 1. Turn. Sc in FL only of each st across (wrong side)
- **R7-10**. Rep row 2
- **R11**. Ch 1. Turn. Sc in BL only of each st across
- **R12**. Rep row 2 (wrong side)
- **R13**. Ch 1. Turn. Sc in first 5 st. Ch 4. Sk 4 st. Sc in last 5 st
- **R14**. Ch 1. Turn. Sc in first 5 st. 4 sc in ch-4 sp. Sc in last 5 st
- **R15**. Ch 1. Turn. Sc in first st. Sc2tog. Sc in next 8 st. Sc2tog. Sc in last st (12 sc)
- **R16**. Ch 1. Turn. Sc in same st and each st across (12 sc)
- **R17**. Ch 1. Turn. Sc in first st. Sc2tog. Sc in next 6 st. Sc2tog. Sc in last st (10 sc)

- **R18**. Rep row 16 (10 sc)
- **R19**. Ch 1. Turn. Sc in first st . Sc2tog. Sc in next 4 st. Sc2tog. Sc in last st (8 sc)
- **R20**. Rep row 16 (8 sc)
- **R21**. Ch 1. Turn. Sc in first st. Sc2tog. Sc in next 2 st. Sc2tog. Sc in last st (6 sc)
- **R22**. Rep row 16 (6 sc). Fasten off. W/ right side facing, join new yarn to edge of first row w/ sl st. Sc evenly across. 3 sc in corner, rotate. Sc in next 4 st. 3 sc in corner, rotate. Sc evenly across. Fasten off.

Join new yarn here
Sc evenly along sides

3 sc in corners

End here

Fold flap over top of bag
Whipstitch row 1 of flap to 6 rows down from top of bag

Hanging Strap:

- **R1**.Ch 5. Sc in back bump of 2nd ch from hook and each ch across (4 sc)
- **R2**. Ch 1. Turn. Sc in each st across
- **R3-12**. Rep row 2. Fasten off, leaving tail for sewing. Sew strap to middle of the bag near the top, leaving 5-6 rows in between

Cinch/Drawstring:
With 1.75mm hook:

- Holding 2 strands together, ch for 12-13".
- Fasten off
- Starting at front center, weave Drawstring through ch-1 spaces. I used a larger crochet hook to work it back and forth, you could probably use a needle as well.
- Pull drawstring ends through opening on flap
- Weave in tails

Big Dots Bag

The yarn:
I used DK weight yarn and a 4 mm hook. The yarn is a cotton acrylic blend, because cotton on its own tends to sag and lose its shape quickly. I also prefer cotton bags because the weather here is warm most of the year so this makes the bag more usable. You might also choose to use a thicker or thinner yarn, just use a suitable hook for it.

Yardage
I used approximately 130 meters of the solid color and 200 meters of the multicolored yarn.

Abreviations
CH = chain
SC = Single Crochet
DC = Double crochet
HDC = Half double crochet

To make the squares:

- Round 1: Make a magic circle, chain 3 and DC 12 into it.
  I will be ignoring the chain 3 and skip them when I slip into the first DC to close a round. I found that this worked better for the

circles. Slip stitch in the first DC to complete the round. [12 stitches]

- Round 2: CH 3, DC 2 into each stitch. Slip stitch in the first DC to complete the round. [24 stitches]
- Round 3: CH 3, DC 2 into same stitch, DC 1 in next stitch, *DC 2 in next stitch, DC 1 in next stitch*. Slip stitch in the first DC to complete the round. [36 stitches.]
- You should now have a circle made up of three rounds. If you are using the same color yarn for the frame then continue if not then cut off the yarn and join a new one in any stitch.
- Round 4: Squaring the circle
- CH 1, SC in same stitch, SC, HDC, HDC, DC 2 in next stitch, CH 2, *DC 2 in next stitch, HDC in next two stitches, SC in next 3 stitches, HDC in next two stitches, DC 2 in next stitch, CH 3* (repeat 3 times), DC 2 in next stitch, HDC in next two stitches, SC in next stitch. Slip stitch into first SC to complete the round.
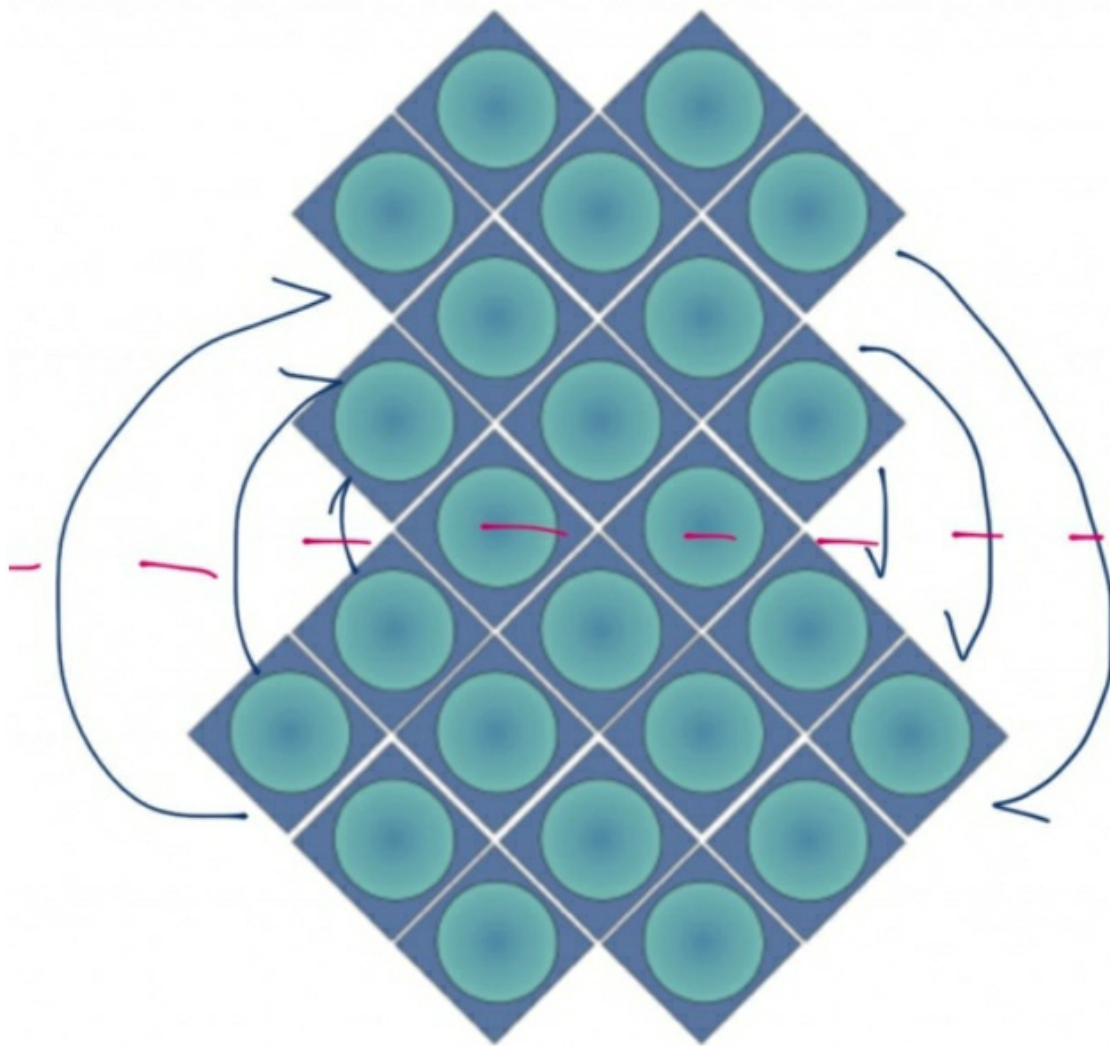

I like to finish all the circles, then all the frames, then weave in all the ends. What can I say, I like having a system. This works more like an assembly line and saves the time of stopping, putting down the hook, changing yarn, finding scissors and all that.

Now comes the fun part, joining the squares, the pink line is the fold line and

the dark blue lines show you which side of which square joins where.

Measurements

Each square messed 7.5 cm on the side, the handles measure 32 cm long from tip to tip. The bag itself is 29 cm at the widest point and 24 cm at its highest point.

I didn't line my bag because I plan to use it mostly for quick errands or for holding my projects.

Finally sew on the handles and enjoy your bag.

Drawstring Makeup Bag

Materials:

- Size 5 Yarn (I used 1 ½ skeins of Fair Isle Sutton Yarn in Beach. Roughly 180 yards)
- US J10/ 6 mm Crochet Hook
- Yarn Needle
- Scissors

Gauge:

See notes in pattern for checking gauge after round 3.

Stitches Used:

- (ch) Chain
- (dc) Double Crochet
- (sl st) Slip Stitch

Pattern Notes:

Beginning chain of each round does not count as a stitch.

I tend to crochet tightly. So be sure to check your gauge according to the notes after round 3 and if you are crocheting more loosely than me you can move to a smaller hook (or larger if you crochet even more tightly). Some people even need to go down two hook sizes to match my gauge. Alternatively, you can just crochet enough rounds to reach the finished diameter noted after round 12 and not worry about gauge.

Because of the large circumference of this piece that gets cinched shut, it does not close up completely on top and tightness may depend on the kind of yarn used (a softer yarn will have more flex). The ruffled top is intended to give a little extra coverage to the opening, but ultimately this bag will do a good job holding standard makeup items, but may not be good for carrying tiny items (like jewelry or safety pins, etc) that might escape more easily.

Pattern:
Ch 5. Join with a sl st to the first chain to create a circle. (or if you prefer, start with a magic circle)

- **Round 1:** Ch 2. Dc 12 times in the circle (If you crochet around the tail as well, you can use this as a draw string to tighten the hole in the center). Join with a sl st to the first dc of the round. (12)
- **Round 2:** Ch 2. 2 dc in the same stitch and each stitch around. Join with a sl st to the first dc of the round. (24)
- **Round 3:** Ch 2. 1 dc in the same stitch. 2 dc in the next. *1 dc in the next stitch. 2 dc in the next.* Repeat from * to * around. Join with a sl st to the first dc of the round. (36)

You can stop and check your gauge here. At this point my circle was 3.6” across (diameter). See photo. If your gauge is larger or smaller, this is a good point to start over with a larger or smaller hook. OR if you're happy with the fabric drape, you can just keep going at your gauge and then stop increasing when you reach the width desired on the last round, as opposed to ending at the exact number of rows stated in pattern.

diameter after round 3 = 3.6"

- **Round 4:** Ch 2. 1 dc in the same stitch. 1 dc in the next stitch. 2 dc in the next. *1 dc in each of the next 2 stitches. 2 dc in the next.* Repeat from * to * around. Join with a sl st to the first dc of the round. (48)
- **Round 5:** Ch 2. 1 dc in the same stitch. 1 dc in each of the next 2 stitches. 2 dc in the next. *1 dc in each of the next 3 stitches. 2 dc in the next.* Repeat from * to * around. Join with a sl st to the first dc of the round. (60)
- **Round 6:** Ch 2. 1 dc in the same stitch. 1 dc in each of the next 3 stitches. 2 dc in the next. *1 dc in each of the next 4 stitches. 2 dc in the next.* Repeat from * to * around. Join with a sl st to the first dc of the round. (72)
- **Round 7:** Ch 2. 1 dc in the same stitch. 1 dc in each of the next 4 stitches. 2 dc in the next. *1 dc in each of the next 5 stitches. 2 dc in the next.* Repeat from * to * around. Join with a sl st to the first dc of the round. (84)
- **Round 8:** Ch 2. 1 dc in the same stitch. 1 dc in each of the next 5 stitches. 2 dc in the next. *1 dc in each of the next 6 stitches. 2 dc in the next.* Repeat from * to * around. Join with a sl st to the first dc of the round. (96)
- **Round 9:** Ch 2. 1 dc in the same stitch. 1 dc in each of the next 6 stitches. 2 dc in the next. *1 dc in each of the next 7 stitches. 2 dc in the next.* Repeat from * to * around. Join with a sl st to the first dc of the round. (108)
- **Round 10:** Ch 2. 1 dc in the same stitch. 1 dc in each of the next 7 stitches. 2 dc in the next. *1 dc in each of the next 8 stitches. 2 dc in the next.* Repeat from * to * around. Join with a sl st to the first dc of the round. (120)
- **Round 11:** Ch 2. 1 dc in the same stitch. 1 dc in each of the next 8 stitches. 2 dc in the next. *1 dc in each of the next 9 stitches. 2 dc in the next.* Repeat from * to * around. Join with a sl st to the first dc of the round. (132)
- **Round 12:** Ch 2. 1 dc in the same stitch. 1 dc in each of the next 9 stitches. 2 dc in the next. *1 dc in each of the next 10 stitches. 2 dc in the next.* Repeat from * to * around. Join with a sl st to the first dc of the round. (144)

Note: At this point my circle was about 13.5" across (diameter). You can choose to add or remove rows here to obtain this diameter, especially if your gauge is different than mine. Many of my testers found they had reached this measurement after round 11, so they skipped round 12 and moved to round 13. For each row of increase, just add one more stitch to the number of stitches between each instance of where 2 dc are placed in one stitch.

- **Round 13:** Ch 2. (all stitches in this round are done in front loop only. See photo below) 1 dc in the same stitch. 1 dc in the next stitch. 2 dc in the next. *1 dc in each of the next 2 stitches. 2 dc in the next.* Repeat from * to * around. Join with a sl st to the first dc of the round. (192)

Finish off and weave in ends.

Create a drawstring by chaining your yarn until your chain is about 35 inches. Finish it off.

Some notes about drawstring:

- *Length:* The length of the drawstring depends on whether you want to be able to completely open up the bag to a full flat circle again. If so, the 35 inches will allow for this (see photo below). However, it will make your string a little long when pulled all the way tight. If you want it a little shorter, it will still work, you just may not be able to completely open up the bag to a flat position again.
- *Material:* I used the same yarn for the drawstring that I used for the bag. However, this yarn in particular breaks easily when pulled. It is stronger when chained, but for an even stronger drawstring an alternative option would be a decorative cord or similar item.

To insert the drawstring:

Attach a yarn needle to one end of the chain. Weave the chain in and out around the stitches of round 12 (not round 13 – round 13 is meant to be a ruffle above the drawstring). I wove in and out around every 2 stitches. Start by going "in" from the right side of the project and the last exit should come out the right side of the project, a few stitches away from the original entry. Pull the drawstring tight to close the bag and tie shut. It will not close up the top completely, but the ruffled outer edge should help seal the opening so that standard makeup items should not slip out.

Panda Backpack

Skill level: Easy

Finished size

      9″ height without ears x 8.75″″ wide without hands and legs.

Materials

- #4-Medium / Worsted / Cotton / Approx: 175 yards
- White 75 yards
- Black100 yards
- Small amount of sport or DK weight black yarn and 3mm crochet hook
- I-9, 5.5mm crochet hook
- 1 triangle shaped button for the nose.
- 2 safety eyes
- Stitch markers
- Fiberfill
- 20″ long cord for the drawstring / 50″ long strap (I used the straps on old school bag)
- Tapestry needle for weaving ends.

Gauge: 13 sc x 14 rows = 4″ with I-9, 5.5mm crochet hook

Abbreviations

- ch = chain
- sc = single crochet
- st = stitch
- sk = skip
- sl st = slip stitch
- ch-sp = chain space
- beg = beginning
- to ; = repeat * to the instructions.
- [] = work instructions within brackets as many times as directed
- (RS) = right side
- (WS) = wrong sie
- (C1) = color 1
- (C2) = color 2
- sc2tog =[Insert hook in next st and draw up a loop] 2 times, yarn over, pull back through all 3 loops on hook at once.

Notes

Beg ch does not count as st.

With (C1), ch 16,

- **Round 1: (RS)** 3 sc in second ch from the hook, sc in each of next 13 st, 3 sc in last st, working on opposite side of the foundation chain. sc in each of next 13 st, sl st to the first st. (32 sts)
- **Round 2:** ch 1, 2 sc in first st and each of next 2 sts, sc in each of next 13 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in each of next 13 sts, sl st to the first st. (38 sts)
- **Round 3:** ch 1, sc in first st, 2 sc in next st, [1 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 2 times, sc in each of next 13 sts, [1sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times, sc in each of next 13 sts, sl st to first st. (44 sts)
- **Round 4:** ch 1, sc in first st and each of next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, 1 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 19 sts, 2 sc in next st, 1 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 16 sts, sl st to the first st. (48 sts)
- **Round 5:** ch 1, sc in first st and each st around, sl st to the first st. (48 sts)
- **Round 6:** ch 1, sc in first st and next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, 1 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 21 sts, 2 sc in next st, 1 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 17 sts, sl st to the first st. (52 sts)
- **Round 7:** ch 1, sc in first st and each st around, sl st to the first st. (52 sts)
- **Round 8:** ch 1, sc in first st and next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, 1 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 23 sts, 2 sc in next st, 1 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 18 sts, sl st to the first st. (56 sts)
- **Round 9:** ch 1, sc in first st and each st around, sl st to the first st. (56 sts)
- **Round 10:** ch 1, sc in first st and next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, 1 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 25 sts, 2 sc in next st, 1 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 19 sts, sl st to the first st. (60 sts)
- **Round 11:** ch 1, sc in first st and each st around, sl st to the first st. (60 sts)
- **Round 12 to 20:** repeat round 11.
- **Round 21 to 33:** repeat round 11 with (C2)
- **Round 34:** ch 1, sc in first st and next st, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, sc in each of next 4 sts, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, sc in each of next 8 sts, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, sc in each of next 4 sts, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, sc in each of next 6 sts, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, sc in each of next 4 sts, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, sc in each of next 8 sts, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, sc in each of next 4 sts, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, sc in each of next 4 sts. (8 ch-sp(s) / 44 sc total)
- **Round 35:** ch 1, sc in each st across including chain spaces (crochet 2 sc in each ch-sp). (60 sts)
- **Round 36:** ch 1, sc in first st and each st around, sl st to the first st. (60 sts) Attach stitch markers on the 8th st and 51st st.

Flap (Between marked stitches)

- **Row 1:** with (C1), right side facing out, start at the one of marked st, ch 1, sc in first st and each 18 sts (the last st should be on the next marked st), turn. (18 sts)
- **Row 2:** ch 1, sc in first st and each st across, turn. (18 sts)
- **Row 3 to 13:** repeat row 2.
- **Row 14:** ch 1, sc in first st, sc2tog, sc in each of next 12 sts, sc2tog, sc in last st, turn. (16 sts)
- **Row 15:** ch 1, sc in first st and each st across, turn. (16 sts)
- **Row 16:** ch 1, sc in first st, sc2tog, sc in each of next 5 sts, ch 3, sc in each of next 5 sts, sc2tog, sc in last st, turn. (14 sts)
- **Row 17:** ch 1, sc in first st, sc2tog, sc in each of next 4 sts, sl st to ch-sp, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in last st, turn. (12 sts)
- **Row 18:** ch 1, sc in first st, sc2tog, sc in each of next 6 sts, sc2tog, sc in last st, turn. (10 sts)
- **Row 19:** ch 1, sc in first st, sc2tog, sc in each of next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in last st, turn. (8 sts)
- **Edging:** Right side facing, start at row 1 of the flap. Crochet sc around the edge of the flap. 2 sc in random stitch on curve side to make a smooth edge. Fasten off weave the end.

Ears (make 2)
With (C2) make a magic ring.

- **Round 1:** ch 1 (does not count as st), 5 sc into the ring, sl st to the first st. (5 sts)
- **Round 2:** ch 1 (does not count as st), 2 sc in each st around, sl st to the first st. (10 sts)
- **Round 3:** ch 1 (does not count as st), sc in each st around, sl st

to the first st. (10 sts)
- **Rounds 4 and 5:** repeat round 3. Leaving 10 – 12" long yarn tail cut the yarn and fasten off.

Arms (make 2)

With (C2) make a magic ring.

- **Round 1:** ch 1 (does not count as st), 6 sc into the ring, sl st to the first st. (6 sts)
- **Round 2:** ch 1 (does not count as st), 2 sc in each st around, sl st to the first st. (12 sts)
- **Round 3:** ch 1 (does not count as st), sc in each st around, sl st to the first st. (12 sts)
- **Rounds 4 to 10:** repeat round 3. Leaving 10 – 12" long yarn tail cut the yarn and fasten off.

Legs (make 2)

With (C2) make a magic ring.

- **Round 1:** ch 1 (does not count as st), 6 sc into the ring, sl st to the first st. (6 sts)
- **Round 2:** ch 1 (does not count as st), 2 sc in each st around, sl st to the first st. (12 sts)
- **Round 3:** ch 1 (does not count as st), sc in first st, *2 sc in next st, 1 sc in next st; repeat * to around, sl st to the first st. (18 sts)
- **Round 4:** ch 1 (does not count as st), sc in first 2 sts, *sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts; repeat * to around, sl st to the first st. (14 sts)
- **Round 5:** ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st to the first st. (14 sts)
- **Round 6:** ch 1 (does not count as st), sc in first 2 sts, *sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts; repeat * to around, sl st to the first st. (11 sts)
- **Round 7:** ch 1 (does not count as st), sc in each st around, sl st to the first st. (11 sts)
- **Round 8 to 9:** repeat round 7. Leaving 10 – 12" long yarn tail cut the yarn and fasten off.

Eyepatch (make 2)

With sport or DK weight black yarn and 3mm crochet hook, crochet ch 3,

- **Round 1:** 3 sc in 2nd ch from the hook, 3 sc in last st, sl st to the first st. (6 sts)
- **Round 2:** ch 1, 2 sc in first st, 2 sc in each st around, sl st to the first st. (12 sts)
- **Round 3:** ch 1, 2 sc in first st, *sc in next st, 2 sc in next st; repeat * to around, sl st to the first st. Fasten off and weave the end. (18 sts)

Assembly

RS facing, place eye patches between rows 9 and 14 on the flap and sew. Attach safety eyes to the eye patches.
And stitch mouth below the buttonhole.

Ears: insert the yarn tail through the needle and sew each ear on two sides of the first row of the flap and angled a little bit.

Arms: Add fiberfill first, insert the yarn tail through the needle and sew each arm on two sides of the bag (5 rounds below from the top of the bag).

Legs: Add fiberfill first, insert the yarn tail through the needle and sew each leg on two sides of the first round of the bag.

Drawstring: Cut a 20″ long cord and weave in and out of Round 34 every chain spaces.

Sew triangle shape button between rows 25 and 26 in the middle of the front side of the bag.

Shoulder straps: Cut 19″ long 2 handles and sew well onto the back of the bag. Be sure not to twist the handles. I used two handles from old school bag.

Strawflower Hexagon Tote

Materials:

- 4 balls of dishcloth yarn, colors of your choice
- (5.5 mm) crochet hook
- 4 decorative buttons (totally optional, for decoration only)
- Tapestry Needle
- Yarn Needle

Sizing:

Finished tote as shown is 13 inches tall (includes handles) and 9 inches wide
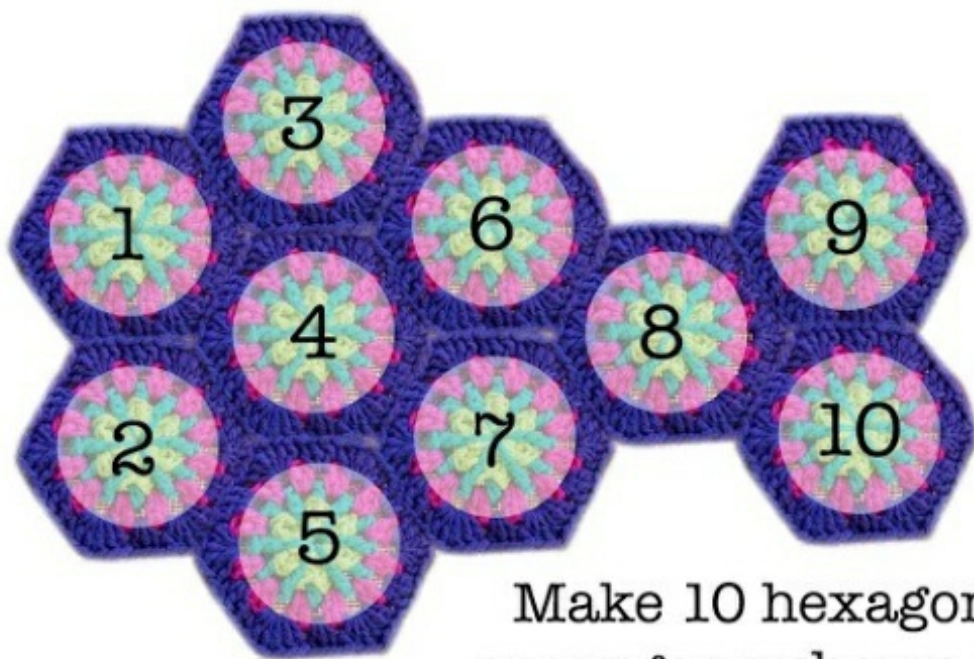
Instructions:

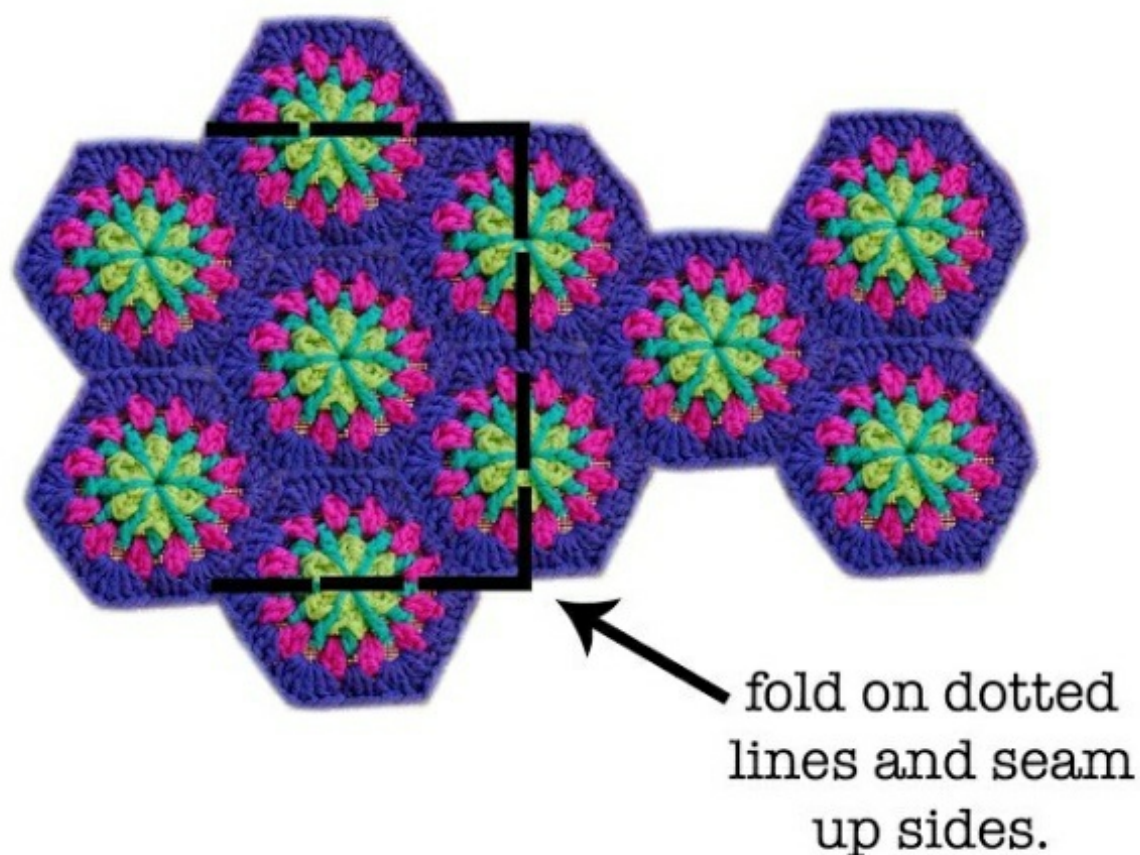Step 1: Make 10 hexagons using the Strawflower Hexagon Motif pattern.

Step 2: Arrange hexagons as shown in the diagram below. Be sure all hexagons are facing up. If doing multicolor hexagons like the bag shown above, avoid putting two of the same colors side by side.

Make 10 hexagons, arrange as shown and seam.

Step 3: Seam together with hexagons facing up with a single crochet seam (sandwich sides together and work a single crochet through both layers of hexagons).

Step 4: After seaming all hexagons together, fold as shown below and seam up sides with a sc stitch (sandwich sides together and work a single crochet through both layers). I did each side working from the bottom then upwards and repeating for the other side.

fold on dotted lines and seam up sides.

Step 5: With the same color yarn as used for seaming, work the top edge of bag in sc. To do this, tie yarn into stitch next to the side seam, ch 1 and work a sc in each st around. Join with a sl st to close round. Fasten off.

Step 6: Weave in all ends that remain on bag with a tapestry needle.

Step 7: Make handles.
Ch 5.

- Row 1: In the 2nd ch from the hook, work a sc. Work a sc in each ch across.
- Row 2: Ch 1 and turn. Work a sc in first st and in each st across.

Repeat row 2 until handles are desired length and fasten off. Weave in ends. Repeat for other handle.

Step 8: With a tapestry needle sew handles onto top of bag with a matching piece of yarn.

Step 9 (optional): Sew buttons to bag as shown in the top photo for an added decorative element.

Summer Retro Tote Bag

Materials:

- Yarn: Worsted Weight / 4 Cotton Yarn / 21 yards
- Main Color (ecru): 440 yards
- Contrasting Colors 1 – 6: 60 yards each color
- Crochet Hook: H/8/5.00mm or size needed to obtain gauge.
- Scissors
- Yarn Needle
- Locking Stitch Markers
- 1.5″ diameter buttons

Abbreviations:

- ch(s): chain(s)
- sl st: slip stitch
- st(s): stitch(es)
- sp(s): space(s)
- sc: single crochet
- hdc: half double crochet
- dc: double crochet
- dc3tog: double crochet decrease by 2
- 2 dc-cl: 2 double crochet cluster
- Alt-dc: alternate chainless double crochet
- standing sc: standing single crochet
- standing dc: standing double crochet
- RS/WS: right side / wrong side
- Rep: repeat
- Rnd(s): round(s)
- yo: yarn over

- MC: main color
- CC: contrasting color
- One Size: 9″ W x 4.25″ D x 12.5″ H *(not including strap)*

Gauge:

See each specific section. Dimensions are given as you work.

Notes:

- Beginning chain(s) are not included in stitch count, unless noted otherwise.
- First stitch of each row is worked in the same stitch as the turning chain, unless otherwise specified.
- I tend to crochet on the tighter side. You may need to go down a hook size (or two) to meet gauge if you crochet on the looser side.
- **Yardage:**

  - **Main Color:** ecru, 440 yards
  - **Contrasting Colors 1 – 6:** 60 yards each.

You can use another worsted weight yarn as long as it's similar in thickness and you match gauge.

This bag is constructed by making and seaming (18) 4.5″ hexagons. After the hexagons are seamed, a top edge and bottom is added to create the bag. A strap is added last.

Special Stitches:

2 Double Crochet Cluster (2 dc-cl): Yo, insert hook where indicated, yo, pull up a loop, yo, pull thru 2 loops, yo, insert hook in same st, yo, pull up a loop, yo, pull thru 2 loops, yo, pull thru remaining loops.

Double Crochet 3 Together (dc3tog): (Yarn over, insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up loop, yarn over, draw through 2 loops) 3 times, yarn over, draw through all loops on hook.

Alternate Double Crochet (alt-dc): Do not ch, instead, insert your hook into the first st, yo, pull up a loop, yo, pull thru both loops, insert your hook between the legs of the st just made, yo, pull up a loop, yo, pull thru one loop, yo, pull thru remaining loops.

Instructions (make 18)

Note: Most of this hexagon is worked in a spiral *(continuous rounds)*. There are a few rounds that are joined at the end of them. Pay close attention to the instructions.

Tip! I highly suggest using locking stitch markers where noted. They will help to keep you on track while you crochet and they come in very handy when seaming the hexagons together.

Rnd 1 (RS / MC): With a 5.00mm crochet hook & MC yarn, ch 2, work 6 sc into the 2nd ch from your hook. Do not join. *(6 sts)*

Rnd 2 (MC): Alt-dc in the first st, work 1 more dc in the first st, work 2 dc in each remaining st around. Join with a sl st to the alt-dc. Fasten off MC. *(12 sts)*

Rnd 3 (CC): With a 5.50mm crochet hook & CC yarn, join yarn with a

standing dc in the space between the first 2 sts of round 2, work 1 more dc in the same space, work 2 dc in the space between each 2 dc's around. Join with a sl st to the standing dc. Fasten off CC. *(24 sts)*

Rnd 4 (MC): With a 5.50mm crochet hook & MC yarn, skip the first 2 dc, join yarn with a standing dc in the space after the skipped dc's, work 2 more dc in the same space, skip each of the next 2 dc, work (2 dc-cl, ch 2, 2 dc-cl) in the space after the skipped dc's, * skip each of the next 2 dc, work 3 dc in the space after the skipped dc's, skip each of the next 2 dc, work (2 dc-cl, ch 2, 2d c-cl) in the space after the skipped dc's, rep from * around. Do not join. (30 sts + 6 ch-2 sps)

Tip! In rounds 5 & 6, you may find it helpful to place a locking stich marker in the 2nd sc of each 3 sc worked into the corners of the hexagon.

Rnd 5 (MC): Sc in each of the next 4 sts, 3 sc in the next ch-2 sp, * sc in each of the next 5 sts, 3 sc in the next ch-2 sp, rep from * around to the last st, sc in the last st. Do not join. (48 sts)

Rnd 6 (MC): Sc in each of the next 5 sts, 3 sc in the next st, * sc in each of the next 7 sts, 3 sc in the next st, rep from * around to the last 2 sts, sc in each of the last 2 sts. Do not join. (60 sts) Make sure you've placed stitch markers in the 2nd sc of each 3 sc group, in each corner of the hexagon. Approximate size at this point is 4.5″ from flat edge to flat edge.

Fasten off. Weave in ends. Continue on to Layout & Seaming.

Layout and Seaming Hexagons

- Step 1: Use the layout shown in the photo below to arrange your hexagons with the right sides facing up.
- Step 2: Use locking stitch markers or scrap pieces of yarn to hold the hexagons together while you seam. Make sure to place the stitch markers in the middle single crochet at each corner to keep your pieces lined up.
- Step 3: Use a 5.00mm crochet hook & a flat slip stitch seam to seam your hexagons together. Create 3 strips of 6 hexagons, working all vertical seams between the hexagons first. Then work 2 longer zig zag seams to join the 3 strips of 6 hexagons.

Weave in all ends. Continue on to Folding & Seaming.

Folding and Seaming

- Step 1: Flip the seamed hexagons over so that the right sides are facing down.
- Step 2: Fold the seamed hexagons inward until they fit together like pieces in a puzzle and form a tube. See photo on the right.
- Step 3: Seam the last zig zag section to form a tube. Work the last zig zag seam from the pink arrow to the green arrow.

Weave in ends. Continue on to Top Edging.

Top Edging

- Rnd 1 (MC): With a 5.00 mm crochet hook and MC, join yarn with a standing sc in any middle sc from any of the hexagons' points around the top edge, sc in the next st, hdc in each of the next 2 sts, dc in each of the next 5 sts, dc3tog, dc in each of the next 5 sts, hdc in each of the next 2 sts, sc in the next st, * sc in each of the next 2 sts, hdc in each of the next 2 sts, dc in each of the next 5 sts, dc3tog, dc in each of the next 5 sts, hdc in each of the next 2 sts, sc in the next st, work from * 5 times. Do not join. (108 sts)
- Rnd 2: * sc in each of the next 2 sts, hdc in each of the next 2 sts, dc in each of the next 4 sts, dc3tog, dc in each of the next 4 sts, hdc in each of the next 2 sts, sc in the next st, repeat from * around. Do not join. (96 sts)
- Rnd 3: * sc in each of the next 4 sts, hdc in each of the next 9 sts, sc in each of the next 3 sts, rep from * around. Do not join. (96 sts)
- Rnd 4 (CC): Sl st in each st around. Join using special join technique. (96 sts)

Fasten off. Weave in ends. Continue on to Bottom Edging.

Bottom Edging

- Rnd 1 (MC): With a 5.00 mm crochet hook and MC, join yarn with a standing sc in any middle sc from any of the hexagons' points around the bottom edge, sc in the next st, hdc in each of the next 2 sts, dc in each of the next 5 sts, dc3tog, dc in each of the next 5 sts, hdc in each of the next 2 sts, sc in the next st, * sc in each of the next 2 sts, hdc in each of the next 2 sts, dc in each of the next 5 sts, dc3tog, dc in each of the next 5 sts, hdc in each of the next 2 sts, sc in the next st, work from * 5 times. Do not join. (108 sts)
- Rnd 2: * sc in each of the next 2 sts, hdc in each of the next 2 sts, dc in each of the next 4 sts, dc3tog, dc in each of the next 4 sts, hdc in each of the next 2 sts, sc in the next st, repeat from * around. Do not join. (96 sts)
- Rnd 3: * sc in each of the next 4 sts, hdc in each of the next 9 sts, sc in each of the next 3 sts, rep from * around. Do not join. (96 sts)
- Rnds 4 – 10: Sc in each st around. (96 sts)

Fasten off. Weave in ends. Continue on to Seaming the Bottom of the Bag.
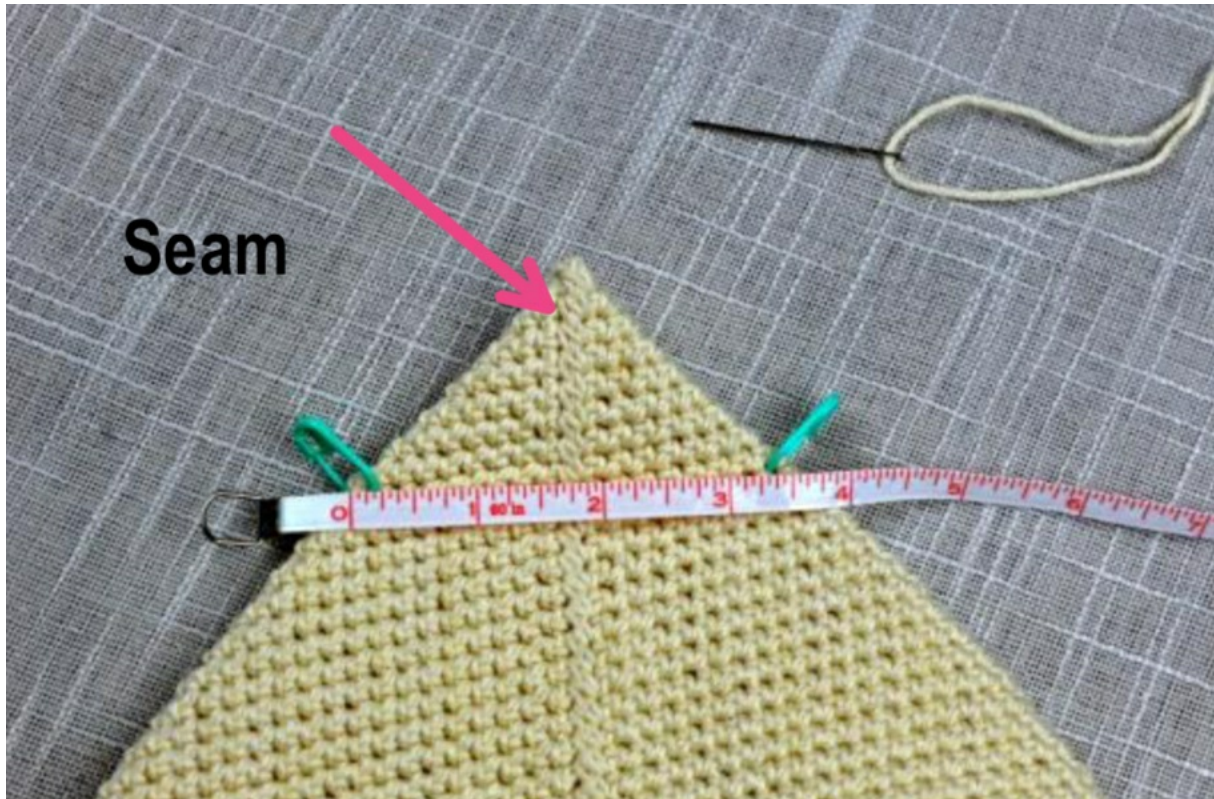
Seaming the bottom of the bag
The bag in the photos is not the Summer Retro Tote Bag, but the seaming technique is the same.

- Step 1: Turn the bag inside out, lay it flat in front of you.
- Step 2: Using a yarn needle and length of yarn approximately 3 times the width of the bag, whipstitch the bottom of the bag closed making sure to work into every stitch. Weave in ends.

- Step 3: Keep your bag inside out and position it so that one corner of the seam becomes the tip of the triangle. Note that the seam is centered vertically in the triangle

- Step 4: Use a measuring tape and find the points on the triangle where it measures 3.5″ across. Mark both the right and left side with a stitch marker.
- Step 5: Use a yarn needle and 12″ piece of yarn and sew from one stitch marker to the next, working through both layers of the bag.

Step 6: Turn your bag right side out. The photo above, center shows what the inside of your bag will look like. The photo above, right shows what the bottom of your bag will look like.

Weave in ends. Continue on to the Strap.

Strap

- Row 1: Using a 5.00 mm crochet hook & MC, ch 6, sc in the 2nd ch from your hook, sc in each ch across. Turn. (5 sts)
- Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each st across. Turn.

Rep Row 2 until strap measures 26″, or desired length.
Do not fasten off. Continue on to Edging.

Edging

- Rnd 1: Continuing on from the strap, work 1 sc into the side of each row and st around, but work 1 extra st at each corner. Stitch count isn't crucial.

Do not join. Continue on to Slip Stitch Edging.

Slip Stitch Edging
Note: Adding the slip stitch edging will help keep your strap from stretching out.

- Rnd 1: Continuing on from the Edging, slip stitch in each st around the perimeter of the strap. Adjust your hook size as needed to keep the tension even. Stitch count isn't crucial.
- Fasten off. Weave in ends. Continue on Attaching the Strap. Finished size of the strap is approximately 2″ W x 26″ L.

Attaching the Strap

- Sew 2″ from one end of the strap to each short side of the upper portion of the bag.
- Add a large 1.5″ button on top of each end of the strap, if desired.
- Fasten off. Weave in ends.