



The Kohl Bag

This is a lovely bag with a simple single crochet bottom, double crochet sides. The drawstring turns into a built in strap that draws up the bag when you close it and becomes a handle to throw over your shoulder.

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The red bag is made with Simply Soft paired with a variegated sock yarn of unknown origin. The black bag was made with Vanna's Glamour in black and the same sock yarn as the red. I like to line my bags. I did so by laying it flat, measuring across the bag and cutting a piece of fabric twice the width, and about 2 inches taller than the height. For the bottom, I cut a circle about 1/2 inc larger than the bottom. Sew side seam and then sew bottom to the sides. Fold top to inside and hand sew just above and below drawstring, making a casing. You can also sew pockets into the sides before seaming if you like.

Materials

- Size H Crochet hook
- 250 yards of solid sport weight yarn
- 250 yards of variegated fingering weight yarn
- Yarn needle
- Fabric for lining if desired

Instructions

The bottom of the bag is worked in continuous rounds, once you move up to the sides you will still work in the round, but you will join the end to the beginning, and start the next round with CH 3 which will count as the first double crochet.

Round 1: Ch2, 6 SC in second CH from hook, do not join.

Round 2: 2 SC in next 6 SC. Mark last stitch to note end of round, move this marker at the end of every row.

Round 3: SC in next, 2 SC in next 6 times.

Round 4: SC in next 2, 2 SC in next 6 times.

Round 5: SC in next 3, 2 SC in next 6 times

Round 6-17: Continue in this manner until you get to SC in next 15, 2 SC in next 6 times.

Round 18: SC around (96 stitches)

Round 19: SC around through back loop.

Round 20 -? CH 3 (counts as 1st dc) DC in each SC around, join with slip. Repeat this round until you have 21 rounds, or as many to make the bag as tall as you want it.

Drawstring Round 1: CH 1 (counts as 1st SC) SC in next, *CH 1, SK next stitch, SC in next 2* around. Join with a slip.

Drawstring Round 1: CH 3, DC in each stitch and CH 1 space around. Join at top of CH 3 and fasten off.

Strap/drawstring

The straps and drawstring are worked in rows. The base of the strap will be one row less than the height of the bag therefore if you completed 21 rows for the bag, complete 20 rows of the strap.

Row 1: Follow the back seam down to the first row of double crochet. Place a slip knot on the hook and double crochet around the two DC before the join, and the 2 DC after the join (4 DC) (NOTE: You can also join in the base of the stitch and CH3 for the first stitch, but I prefer the double crochet method of joining.)

Row 2-?: C h3 and turn (CH 3 count as first DC) DC in each stitch across (4DC)

Split for Drawstrings

Work double crochet pattern from strap on only two stitches for 1 inch longer than the width of the bag and tie off. This will feed through the drawstring holes. Fasten off and weave through half the bag to come out the front holes making sure not to twist the strap. Repeat on remaining stitches of strap and leave a long enough tail for two rows of single crochet. Weave through other half of bag. Using tail, single crochet two rows across both straps (4 SC across) to attach the two straps back together. Cut tail and weave all ends.

Sew in optional lining.