

Moss Stitch Crochet Bag

Overview

Since I made this bag, I have literally not used another one in my collection. I struggled to design a good crochet bag because they're mostly very heavy so I had to find just the right yarn and stitches to create something that was light and useful. I'm also continuing my love affair with mustard yellow in this design but you can use any colours you like. This bag would look great in navy blue with black straps or nude with brown straps too. This bag is light and stretchy - perfect for books, magazines, tablets and small laptops.

Finished Size

30cm from base to top

27cm from side to side

30cm by 7cm base

Fit Information

NA

Notes

You can get some leather punch tools and attach the straps yourself or you can go to a shoe repairer and have them attach the straps for you.

What You Need

3 x 100gms balls of 50% acrylic/50% cotton yarn appropriate to use with 7mm needles (I used Moda Vera Elenna from Spotlight)

4.5mm crochet hook

Yarn needle

Scissors

2 leather skinny belts for handles

Skills

Chain stitch

Single crochet

Back loop single crochet

Back loop single crochet two together

Moss stitch - (video will be available)

Abbreviations

All stitches are in US terminology

ch - Chain stitch

sc - Single crochet

blsc - Back loop single crochet

blsc2tog - Back loop single crochet two together

pm - Place marker

Instructions

ch 9.

Row 1

sc in 2nd chain from hook, sc in each stitch across, turn. (8 stitches)

Row 2

ch 1, sc in each stitch across, turn. (8 stitches)

Row 3 to 43

Repeat Row 2.

Row 44

ch 1, sc in the first stitch (pm), 1 sc in each of the next 7 stitches, do not turn your work.

We will now be working in the round.

Round 1

Working down the length of the piece, work 1 sc into the side of each row (44 sc), 2 sc in corner stitch each of the next 7 stitches (8 sc), 1 sc into the side of each row (44 sc), 2 sc in corner stitch, 1sc each of the next 6 stitches. (103 stitches)

Round 2

Working in the back loops only, blsc2tog in the first 2 stitches (pm), 1 blsc in the next 42 stitches, blsc2tog, 1 blsc in the next 7 stitches, blsc2tog, 1 blsc in the next 40 stitches, blsc2tog, 1 blsc in the next 6 stitches, 1 blsc in marked stitch . Place marker in final stitch. (100 stitches)

Round 3

Working in both loops again, sc in the first stitch (pm), *ch 1, skip 1 stitch, sc in next stitch*, continue from * to * until you complete 1 sc in the stitch before your marker. (100 stitches)

You can stop using your marker as we're now working in a spiral.

Round 4 to 45

ch 1, sc in next stitch, *ch 1, skip next stitch, sc into first chain from previous row*; repeat from * to * in a continuous spiral until bag measures 30cm from edge of base to top.

Finish bag with a clean finish.

Weave in ends. Attach straps.