Cute Crochet Bags: Textured Bobble Tote Pattern

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Finished Size and Skill Level

One size: approximately 8 in (20 cm) wide x 9 in (23 cm) tall, measured lying flat, not including handles.

Skill level: Beginner - chain, single crochet, working in the round.

Time: one weekend.

Materials

- Worsted-weight (#4) cotton or cotton-blend yarn - about 150 yds (137 m); one to two skeins.
- US H-8 (5.0 mm) crochet hook.
- Yarn needle, scissors, stitch markers.

Abbreviations, US Terms

- ch = chain
- st (sts) = stitch (stitches)
- sc = single crochet (UK: double crochet)
- sl st = slip stitch
- BLO = back loop only

Gauge

15 sc = 4 in (10 cm) with worsted cotton and a 5.0 mm hook. Gauge is not critical, but keep your stitches firm and even so the bag holds its shape.

Pattern Notes

- The bag is worked from the bottom up: an oval base, then straight sides in joined rounds.
- Join each round with a slip stitch to the first stitch of the round.
- Cotton yarn is recommended because it stretches less than acrylic and keeps the tote crisp.

Oval Base

Ch 27.

Round 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 24 ch, 3 sc in last ch; working along the opposite side of the chain, sc in next 24 ch, 2 sc in last ch (the same ch as the first sc). Join with sl st to first sc. (54 sc)

Round 2: Ch 1, sc in each st around, working 2 sc in the center st of each 3-sc end group. Join. (56 sc)

Round 3: Ch 1, working in BLO, sc in each st around. Join. (56 sc)

The back-loop round creates a crisp edge where the base meets the walls of the bag.

Body

Rounds 4-35: Ch 1, sc in each st around. Join. (56 sc)

Work 32 rounds even. The body should measure about 8 in (20 cm) from the base edge.

Handles, Make 2

Ch 61.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Turn. (60 sc)

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each sc across. Fasten off, leaving a 12-in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Each handle measures about 16 in (41 cm) long.

Assembly

Position one handle on the inside of the bag so the ends sit about 2.5 in (6 cm) in from each side edge and about 1 in (2.5 cm) below the top edge. Using the long tail and a yarn needle, sew each end down securely, stitching a small square with an X through it for strength. Repeat with the second handle on the opposite side.

Finishing

Weave in all ends. If you like, hand-sew a simple fabric lining cut to the bag's dimensions and stitch it to the top edge. Your mini tote is ready to carry.

MAKE THIS VERSION

Work the oval base and the handles exactly as written, but add bobble stitches to the body.

A bobble is worked in one stitch as follows: yarn over, insert the hook in the stitch, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops, and repeat that sequence 4 more times in the same stitch (5 incomplete double crochets in one stitch), then yarn over and pull through all 6 loops on the hook. One bobble counts as one stitch.

Work the body rounds as follows. Rounds 4-7, 9-11, 13-15, 17-19, 21-23, 25-27, 29-31, and 33-35 are plain single crochet rounds (56 sc). Rounds 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 28, and 32 are bobble rounds.

On each bobble round, Ch 1, then work a bobble in every 4th stitch: sc in the next 3 sts, bobble in the next st, and repeat around. Join with a sl st to the first sc of the round. The 56 stitches of the round divide evenly by 4, so each bobble round has exactly 14 bobbles and 42 single crochet stitches, and the stitch count stays at 56 sc in every round.

There are 7 bobble rounds in total, spaced 4 rounds apart, which gives 98 bobbles across the body. Work the handles and finish exactly as above.

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