CROCHET MARKET BAG: WILLOW MESH MARKET BAG (MEDIUM SIZE)

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Printable pattern, adapted in my own words from the free Briana K Designs pattern listed in sources.txt. US crochet terms.

SKILL LEVEL

Easy

MATERIALS

- Herrschners Cottage Cotton, 60 percent cotton and 40 percent acrylic, 207 yards per 100 g ball. Medium size needs about 310 yards, about 2 balls.
- Crochet hook: size I (5.5 mm) for the base and body; size H (5.0 mm) for the top trim and handles
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Removable stitch marker
- Blocking mat and pins (optional, for steam blocking)

GAUGE

12 stitches and 7 rows = 4 inches by 4 inches in the stitch pattern repeat, blocked. The source notes gauge is not critical for this bag; a small difference gives a slightly bigger or smaller bag.

FINISHED SIZE

Medium: about 22 inches wide by 14 inches long, measured laid flat and unstretched. The mesh stretches, and the bag grows about 2 to 4 inches longer when it is filled.

ABBREVIATIONS

ch: chain

dc: double crochet

fpdc: front post double crochet

sc: single crochet

sl st: slip stitch

st: stitch

Stsc: stacked single crochet

FPStsc: front post stacked single crochet

PATTERN NOTES

- The bag is worked bottom up in the round in one piece: a flat double crochet base, then the Willow Mesh body, then a firm top trim and no-sew handles.
- A stacked single crochet (Stsc) is used in place of a turning chain at the start of a round. To work a Stsc, single crochet in the first stitch, then single crochet into the left leg of that single crochet.
- The turning chain never counts as a stitch. Join each round with a slip stitch unless the instructions say to work continuously.
- The base increases by 12 stitches every round. Stop the increases at Round 8 for the Medium size given here. The source also gives Small (stop at Round 7, 84 stitches, 20 by 12 inches, 250 yards) and Large (stop at Round 9, 108 stitches, 24 by 16 inches, 400 yards).
- The Willow Mesh stitch is a 12 stitch repeat of paired double crochets with chain spaces and a front post double crochet anchor.

BAG BASE

Work with the I (5.5 mm) hook.

Rnd 1: Work 12 dc into a magic circle. Join with a sl st to the first dc. (12 sts)

Rnd 2: Stsc in first st, dc in same st, 2 dc in each st around. Join. (24 sts)

Rnd 3: Stsc in first st, dc in same st, dc in next st, *2 dc in next st, dc in next st; repeat from * around. Join. (36 sts)

Rnd 4: Stsc in first st, dc in same st, dc in next 2 sts, *2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts; repeat from * around. Join. (48 sts)

Rnd 5: Stsc in first st, dc in same st, dc in next 3 sts, *2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts; repeat from * around. Join. (60 sts)

Rnd 6: Stsc in first st, dc in same st, dc in next 4 sts, *2 dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts; repeat from * around. Join. (72 sts)

Rnd 7: Stsc in first st, dc in same st, dc in next 5 sts, *2 dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts; repeat from * around. Join. (84 sts)

Rnd 8: Stsc in first st, dc in same st, dc in next 6 sts, *2 dc in next st, dc in next 6 sts; repeat from * around. Join. (96 sts)

BAG BODY

Work with the I (5.5 mm) hook.

Rnd 1: Stsc in first st, *skip 2 sts, (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next st, ch 2, skip 2 sts, sc in next st, ch 2, skip 2 sts, (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next st, skip 2 sts, dc in next st; repeat from * to last 11 sts, skip 2 sts, (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next st, ch 2, skip 2 sts, sc in next st, ch 2, skip 2 sts, (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next st, skip last 2 sts. Join. (128 sts including chains)

Rnd 2: FPStsc in first st, *(2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-1 space, [ch 2, sc in next ch-2 space] twice, ch 2, (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-1 space, fpdc in next st; repeat from * to last 15 sts, skip 2 sts, (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-1 space, [ch 2, sc in next ch-2 space] twice, ch 2, (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-1 space, skip 2 sts. Join. (152 sts including chains)

Rnd 3: FPStsc in first st, *(2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-1 space, ch 2, skip first ch-2 space and sc in next ch-2 space, ch 2, skip ch-2 space, (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-1 space, fpdc in next st; repeat from * to last 18 sts, skip 2 sts, (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-1 space, ch 2, skip first ch-2 space and sc in next ch-2 space, ch 2, skip ch-2 space, (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-1 space, skip 2 sts. Join. (128 sts including chains)

Rnds 4-17: Repeat Rnds 2-3. End on an odd round.

Even-out round: Ch 1, sc in first st, *ch 2, sc in next ch-1 space, ch 2, dc in next sc, ch 2, sc in next ch-1 space, ch 2, sc in next fpdc; repeat from * to last 15 sts, ch 2, sc in next ch-1 space, ch 2, dc in next sc, ch 2, sc in next ch-1 space, ch 2, skip last 2 sts. Do not join. Work continuously for the rest of the pattern. Place a stitch marker to track the rounds. (96 sts including chains)

TOP TRIM

Work with the H (5.0 mm) hook.

Rnds 1-3: Sc in each st (and ch) around. Do not join. Work continuously. (96 sts per round)

STRAP

Work with the H (5.0 mm) hook.

Rnd 4: Sc 11, ch 60, skip 26 sts, sc 22, ch 60, skip 26 sts, sc 11. (164 sts)

Rnds 5-7: Sc in each st (and ch) around. (164 sts per round)

FINISHING

- Fasten off and use the tail to make an invisible join. Weave in all ends.
- Steam block lightly: pin the bag flat, hold a steamer or iron 1 to 2 inches above the fabric without touching it, and leave the bag pinned until it is fully dry, so the lace opens and sets.

Source credit: adapted from Briana K Designs, Willow Mesh Crochet Market Bag. See sources.txt for the full link.

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