

Cluster Stitch Bag/Hat

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Video tutorial - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BO5kYGJ7tDg>



EASY

Materials

- Yarn (see note below)
- Hook (see note below)
- Scissors and yarn needle
- Tape measure for hat only
- 4 stitch markers (bag only)

Note:

- The size of your bag will depend on the amount of yarn that you need. I used 200gm/7oz of yarn to make a small bag – I held 2 strands together
- You can use any yarn that you like.
- My bag used 2 strands of 8ply/DK/Sports weight yarn held together and a 6mm/J hook,
- You could use 1 strand of medium worsted weight yarn and a 5.5mm/I hook
- 1 strand of 8ply/DK/Sports weight yarn will need a 4mm hook
- I did 4 rows for base of bag and 7 rows of cluster stitch
- Bag and hat are started the same way – the only difference is the handles

Mathematical formula to make your hat fit

Head circumference measurement divided by 3.14 = the measurement from 1 edge to the other. Keep increasing until you have that measurement

For example:

- 58cm divided by 3.14 = 18 cm (The answer is 18.4cm, you need to round down your answer to nearest whole number)
- Keep increasing the hat crown until it is 18cm
- The formula will also work for inches

Base of bag/crown of hat

Using 2 strand of 8ply/DK/Sports weight yarn or 1 strand of medium worsted weight yarn

Note: you can stop increasing the base of your bag base when you have the width you want

Chain 4, join with a slip stitch into the 1st chain to make a ring or make a magic ring

1. Chain 3 (chain 3 does not count as a stitch for the base of bag/crown of hat) 12 dc into ring, join with a slip stitch into the 1st double crochet
2. Chain 3, 2 double crochets into the same stitch, 2 double crochets in each stitch around, join with a slip stitch into the 1st double crochet
3. Chain 3, 1 double crochet into the same stitch, 2 double crochets into the next stitch, *1 double crochet into the next stitch, 2 double crochets into the next stitch* repeat from * to * around , join with a slip stitch into the 1st double crochet
4. Chain 3, 1 double crochet into the same stitch, 1 double crochet into the next stitch , 2 double crochets into the next stitch, *1 double crochet into the next 2 stitches, 2 double crochets into the next stitch* repeat from * to * around , join with a slip stitch into the 1st double crochet

If you are making an infant hat check your measurements for your hat to make sure you have made enough increase rounds. If you have enough skip the next 3 rounds, go straight to the cluster stitch round

5. Chain 3, 1 double crochet into the same stitch, 1 double crochet into the 2 next stitch , 2 double crochets into the next stitch, *1 double crochet into the next 3 stitches, 2 double crochets into the next stitch* repeat from * to * around , join with a slip stitch into the 1st double crochet

Stop here for a small bag and ignore the next 2 rounds, go straight to the cluster stitch round

6. Chain 3, 1 double crochet into the same stitch, 1 double crochet into the 3 next stitch , 2 double crochets into the next stitch, *1 double crochet into the next 4 stitches, 2 double crochets into the next stitch* repeat from * to * around , join with a slip stitch into the 1st double crochet

Check your measurements for your hat to make sure you have made enough increase rounds. If you have enough skip the next round, go straight to the cluster stitch round

If you need another increase round follow next row if not ignore the next row

7. Chain 3, 1 double crochet into the same stitch, 1 double crochet into the 4 next stitch , 2 double crochets into the next stitch, *1 double crochet into the next 5 stitches, 2 double crochets into the next stitch* repeat from * to * around , join with a slip stitch into the 1st double crochet

Cluster stitch rounds

A cluster stitch is worked leaving the last 2 loops of the double crochet on the hook

(The following is a lot of words for not a lot of work ☺) you already know how to make a double crochet so you find it really easy !

1. Chain 3, the chain 3 COUNTS as 1st stitch, Yarn over, insert the hook into the same stitch, yarn over, draw the yarn through the stitch, yarn over, draw the yarn through 2 loops on the hook, two loops remain on the hook, , Yarn over, insert the hook into the same stitch, yarn over, draw the yarn through the stitch, yarn over, draw the yarn through 2 loops on the hook, three loops remain on the hook, yarn over and pull through all loops on hook.

*Skip a stitch, chain 1, Yarn over, insert the hook into the next stitch, yarn over, draw the yarn through the stitch, yarn over, draw the yarn through 2 loops on the hook, two loops remain on the hook, , Yarn over, insert the hook into the same stitch, yarn over, draw the yarn through the stitch, yarn over, draw the yarn through 2 loops on the hook, three loops remain on the hook, , Yarn over, insert the hook into the same stitch, yarn over, draw the yarn through the stitch, yarn over, draw the yarn through 2 loops on the hook, four loops remain on the hook, yarn over and pull through all loops * repeat from * to * slip stitch to join into the top of the cluster stitch

2. If using same colour for next row - Slip stitch across to chain space

If using different color, finish off old colour and attach new colour in any chain space space

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3. Repeat row 2 for as many rows as you need – I did 7 rows

Bag and Hat

1. Chain 1, half double crochet into the same stitch, half double crochet into the chain 1 space

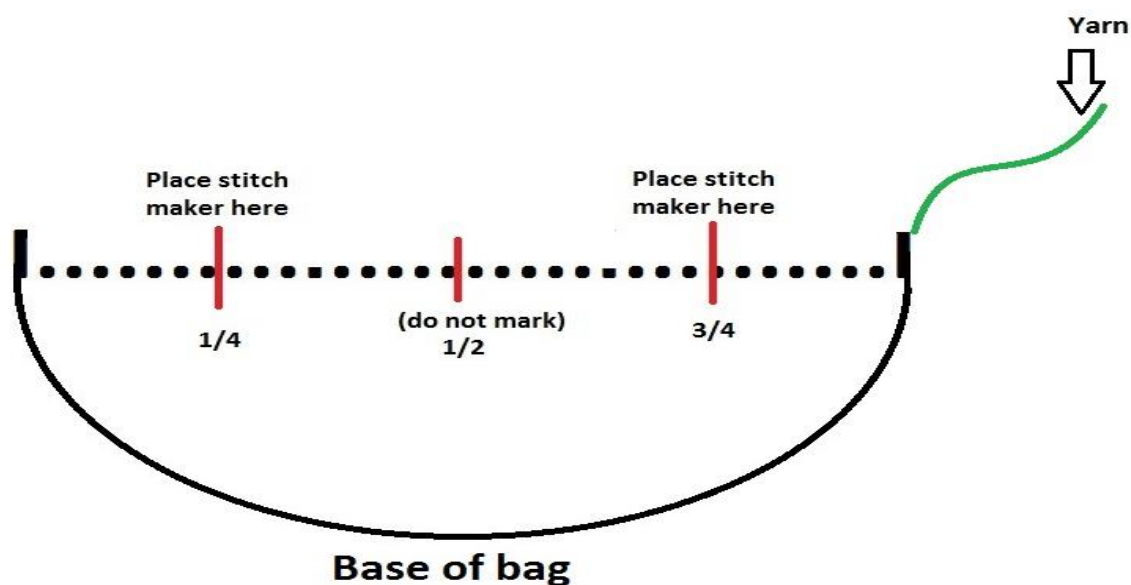
half double crochet into the top of the cluster stitch, half double crochet into the chain 1 space repeat from * to * join with a slip stitch to 1st half double crochet

For the hat you can work as many half double crochet rounds as you need, finish off and sew in ends. I did 2 rounds but as always you can do as many rows as you like ☺

Handles

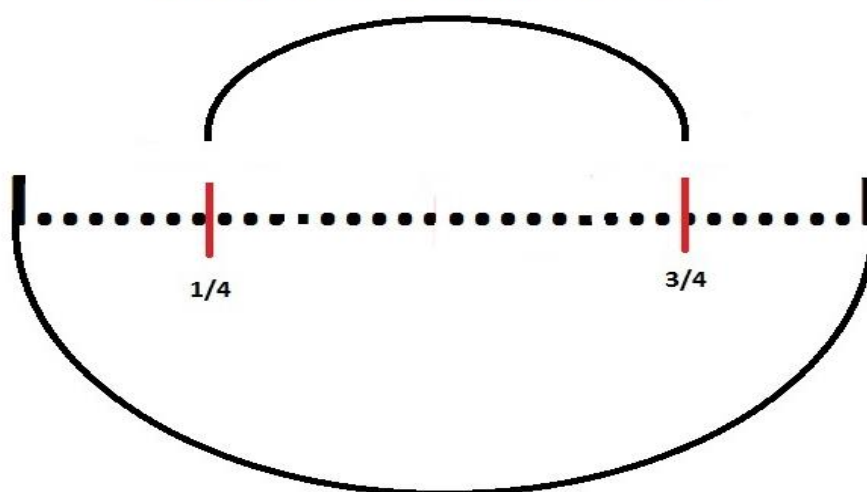
Lay bag flat so your yarn is attached with the yarn on the right hand fold

Using your 4 stitch markers, mark the $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ points on the front and back



1. Chain 1, half double crochet into the same stitch, half double crochet into each stitch until the next stitch marker, make a chain the length you want your handles (the amount of chains needed will have to be at least the same amount of stitches that are skipped, see image below)

We do NOT crochet inbetween these markers



Write down the amount of chains that you made so that you can make the same amount of chains for the next handle

2. Half double crochet into the next marked stitch, half double crochet into each stitch until the next marked stitch, make the same amount of chains that you did for the first handle, half double crochet into the next stitch marker and each remaining stitch. Slip stitch to the first half double crochet to join
3. Chain 1, half double crochet into each half double crochet and chain stitch, join to the 1st half double crochet
4. If you want to make the handles wider
Chain 1, half double crochet into each half double crochet, join with a slip stitch to the first half double crochet

Thank you for choosing my pattern ☺

Clare xx