

## BobWilson123 Cluster Bag

UK version of the original pattern by Clare Sullivan

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### Bag base

#### Round 1

- Make 4 chains.
- Join with a slip stitch
- Chain 2 then make 12 trebles into the circle. Close the circle with a slip stitch and break off yarn or use a neat joining technique. [12 stitches]

#### Round 2

- Join new yarn and work a standing stitch treble into the top of one of the stitches from round 1.
- Work an ordinary treble into the same stitch.
- Work around the circle making 2 trebles into each stitch.
- Close the circle with a slip stitch and break off yarn or do a neat join. [24 stitches]

#### Round 3

- Join new yarn and work a standing stitch treble into the top of one of the stitches from round 2.
- Work an ordinary treble into the same stitch. Work one single treble into the next stitch.
- Work around the circle making two trebles in the next stitch and one single treble in the one after.
- Close the circle with a slip stitch and break off yarn or do a neat join [36 stitches]



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## Round 4

- Join new yarn and work a standing stitch treble into the top of one of the stitches from round 3.
- Work an ordinary treble into the same stitch. Work one single treble into the next two stitches.
- Work around the circle making two trebles in the next stitch and one single treble in the two after.
- Close the circle with a slip stitch and break off yarn or do a neat join [48 stitches]

## Round 5

- Join new yarn and work a standing stitch treble into the top of one of the stitches from round 4.
- Work an ordinary treble into the same stitch. Work one single treble into the next 3 stitches.
- Work around the circle making two trebles in the next stitch and one single treble in the 3 after.
- Close the circle with a slip stitch and break off yarn or do a neat join [60 stitches]

## Round 6

- Join new yarn and work a standing stitch treble into the top of one of the stitches from round 5.
- Work an ordinary treble into the same stitch. Work one single treble into the next 4 stitches.
- Work around the circle making two trebles in the next stitch and one single treble in the 4 after.
- Close the circle with a slip stitch and break off yarn or do a neat join [72 stitches]
- Continue for further rounds if you want a bigger bag. Increase the number of single trebles between your increases by one each round.





# Crafternoon Treats

## Cluster stitch sides

### Round 1

- Join your next colour into the top of one of the stitches from the last round of you bag base.
- Use a standing stitch treble to start but do not complete it. Leave two loops on the hook. Insert your hook again into the same stitch and work an ordinary treble but do not complete it. Leave the last two loops on your hook. In total you will now have 4 loops on the hook. Make a third treble and pull through two loops. You will now have 6 loops on your hook. Yarn over and pull through all 6 loops. Make a chain.
- Miss the next stitch
- Make your next cluster stitch into the next stitch, using three trebles worked together. Work the first treble leaving two loops on the hook. Insert your hook into the same stitch and work the second treble, leaving the last two loops on the hook. You will now have four loops on your hook. Insert your hook into the same stitch again and work the third treble, leaving the last two loops on the hook. You will now have 6 loops on your hook. Yarn over and draw the yarn through all six loops.
- Make a chain
- At the end of round one of your first cluster stitch row, make a chain and then join with a slip stitch into the main loop at the top of the first cluster stitch.

### Round 2 and onwards

- Start in the same way with a cluster stitch starting with a standing treble into one of the spaces between the cluster stitches of the first round. Continue making cluster stitches all round in the spaces. Close with a slip stitch in the same way.
- Make as many rounds as you like for the size of the bag you want. In total I made 14 cluster stitch rounds.

## Top of the bag

- If you are changing yarn colour, join through the top two loops of the stitch at the top of one of your cluster stitches in the last round.
- Make 2 chains and one half treble into the same stitch.

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- Then make a half treble into the chain separating the cluster stitches.
- Continue all around, making half trebles, one into the top of each cluster stitch and one into each of the chains between them.
- Repeat your half treble round as many times as you like. I did three rounds before I started the handles.

## Bag handles

- Mark the position of the bag handles using stitch markers. See the original pdf from BobWilson123.org for diagrams that really help here. She uses a slightly different method, but both get you the same result.
- Lay the bag flat with the front facing up. Count the number of stitches on both sides of the bag. They should be equal.
- Divide the number of stitches on one side of the bag by three. Position two stitch markers on the front of the bag so that they are both this number of stitches in from the edges.
- Repeat for the back of the bag
- Join the yarn for your handles at the side of the bag. When you reach the stitch marker that shows the start of the first handle, miss the required number of stitches and make the same number of chains.
- Join again to the top of the bag at the position of the next stitch marker.
- Continue round the side of the bag until you reach the stitch marker that shows the start of the second handle. Miss the required number of stitches again, and make the same number of chains.
- Join again to the top of the bag at the position of the next stitch marker.
- Continue around the bag until you reach the start of the round. Join with a slip stitch.
- Continue for a second round, crocheting into each stitch and then into each chain stitch when you reach the chain you have made for the handles.
- Continue for a third round, fasten off and weave in all your ends.

## Optional

- For a sturdier handle you can sew over the top of the stitches of the final round, securing to the base of the stitches you made at the start of the handle.
- You can make your handles longer
- You can also decorate your bag with flowers or other embellishments.