

A Bucket of Sea Shells

This is a medium sized shoulder bag shaped like a bucket with a hexagonal base and is shell stitched in the round.

I used Sport weight cotton held in a double strand and a 4.5mm hook. You can use whatever you like. Gauge is not important in this project.

Finished Size: It measures 7 inches wide at the bottom and 8.5 inches tall without the handles.

Yardage: About 2.25 skeins of 50gms cotton (125 metres/skein)

Abbreviations:

sc = Single crochet

scInc = 2 single crochet stitches in same stitch

dc = double crochet

hdc = Half double crochet

tc = treble crochet

... = repeat stitches between the asterisks

[...] = total number of stitches

(...) = number of repeats



For the handles I crocheted an i Cord and used it to cover some thick electrical wires. You can use bamboo handles or any other handles you like.

This pattern is written in US terms.

Pattern.

Base

Round 1 Chain 2 and sc 6 in the second chain from the hook. (You can also sc 6 in a magic ring but I find that in bags the ring eventually needs to be darned so that there isn't a hole.) Slip stitch into first sc , turn and chain 1.

Round 2 *scInc.* (6 times) Slip stitch into first sc , turn and chain 1. [12 sc]

Round 3 *scInc, 1 sc in next stitch .* (6 times) Slip stitch into first sc , turn and chain 1. [18 sc]

Round 4 *scInc, 1 sc in next 2 stitches .* (6 times) Slip stitch into first sc , turn and chain 1. [24 sc]

- Round 5** *scInc, 1 sc in next 3 stitches .* (6 times) Slip stitch into first sc , turn and chain 1. [30 sc]
Round 6 *scInc, 1 sc in next 4 stitches .* (6 times) Slip stitch into first sc , turn and chain 1. [36 sc]
Round 7 *scInc, 1 sc in next 5 stitches .* (6 times) Slip stitch into first sc , turn and chain 1. [42 sc]
Round 8 *scInc, 1 sc in next 6 stitches .* (6 times) Slip stitch into first sc , turn and chain 1. [48 sc]
Round 9 *scInc, 1 sc in next 7 stitches .* (6 times) Slip stitch into first sc , turn and chain 1. [54 sc]
Round 10 *scInc, 1 sc in next 8 stitches .* (6 times) Slip stitch into first sc , turn and chain 1. [60 sc]
Round 11 *scInc, 1 sc in next 9 stitches .* (6 times) Slip stitch into first sc , turn and chain 1. [66 sc]
Round 12 *scInc, 1 sc in next 10 stitches .* (6 times) Slip stitch into first sc , turn and chain 1. [72 sc]
Round 13 *scInc, 1 sc in next 11 stitches .* (6 times) Slip stitch into first sc , turn and chain 1. [78 sc]
Round 14 *scInc, 1 sc in next 12 stitches .* (6 times) Slip stitch into first sc , turn and chain 1. [84 sc]
Round 15 *scInc, 1 sc in next 13 stitches .* (6 times) Slip stitch into first sc , turn and chain 1. [90 sc]

If you would like a larger base continue rounds increasing the number of single scs between the increases by one in each round. Keep in mind that for every extra row, you will have an extra shell.

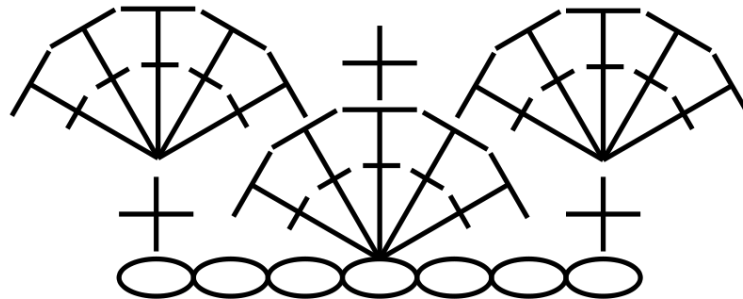
Sides

The sides are also worked in the rounds.

Round 1: 1 sc in first stitch, skip 2 sc, 5 dc, skip 2 sc, sc in next stitch. *Skip 2 sc, 5 dc, skip 2 sc, sc in next stitch* 14 times 15 shells. Chain 3 slip stitch into the top of the shell (the third dc in the first shell).

Round 2 - n : *Skip 2 stitches, 5 dc, skip 2 stitches, sc in next stitch* (14 times). Skip 2 stitches, 4 dc in next stitch, slip stitch in third chain on the chain 3 in last row. sc in next stich (top of first shell in the previous row).

Repeat row 2 until the bag is the height you want. I did 16 rounds.



This is the chart for the shell stitch

Handles

The handles loop holders are four loops spaced almost equally apart. They are all 11 scs wide and have 11 or 12 scs between them.

The first round just straightens the top of the bag then 3 rows of scs are made to make it sturdier and easier to add a lining if you want to later on.

- Round 1** *SC, HDC, DC, TC, DC, HDC* (15 times)[90 stitches]. Slip stitch into first sc, turn and chain 1.
Round 2 - 4 SC in each sc. Slip stitch into first sc, and chain 1.

Round 4 *sc 11 (this will become the space between the loops), sc 11 in the back loop only, turn chain 1 and sc 1 in each of the 11 scs, turn and chain 1 for 7 rows, you will have a strip 11 scs wide and 7 rows high so that you can fold over and make a loop. If you are using bamboo handles fold over the handle if you are going to use i cord then you can close the loops and insert the handles later and close the loop onto it. Sc into each sc joining with the front loops you left in the first row. You should now be back in the round itself. Sc 12 (this will become the space between the loops), sc 11 in the back loop only, turn chain 1 and sc 1 in each of the 11 scs, turn and chain 1 for 7 rows. Fold over and sc into each sc joining with the front loops you left in the first row.* Repeat twice.

You should now have 4 loops to hold your handles.

Finish off and weave in ends. If you used a magic ring to start off, remember to sew it shut just in case.

I cord Handles.

Chain 2. 6 sc in second chain from the hook. Sc in each sc. Keep working spirally until the cord covers your wire. Insert wire in the tube and sew it shut. Cord is really stretchy so make sure it fits snugly. If the i cord is too tight then you can chain more than 6 or less than 6 if it is too big.

This pattern was made lovingly. It took time and energy please do not sell the pattern or claim it as your own. You can sell the bags themselves since you are going to crochet them lovingly yourself.

Enjoy.

If you have any comments or questions please do not hesitate to email me jessyz@chocolatemintsinar.com.

I would love to see your finished bags too, so if you have made one I would be so happy to see a picture.



You can see how the two loops hold the handle here.



Hexagonal base