

# Big Dots Bag

- \* Please read the entire pattern before you start knitting.
- \* Each Square is crocheted on its own, then they are joined together.
- \* I like to finish all the circles, then all the frames, then weave in all the ends. What can I say, I like having a system. This works more like an assembly line and saves the time of stopping, putting down the hook, changing yarn, finding scissors and all that.
- \* Each square measured 7.5 cm on the side, the handles measure 32 cm long from tip to tip. The bag itself is 29 cm at the widest point and 24 cm at its highest point.
- \* I didn't line my bag because I plan to use it mostly for quick errands or for holding my projects.
- \* I used DK weight yarn and a 4 mm hook. The yarn is a cotton acrylic blend, because cotton on its own tends to sag and lose its shape quickly. I also prefer cotton bags because the weather here is warm most of the year so this makes the bag more usable. You are of course welcome to use whatever yarn blend that makes your heart sing. You might also choose to use a thicker or thinner yarn, just use a suitable hook for it.
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## Reading the pattern

Stitches between asterisks \*...\* are to be repeated.

Numbers between square brackets indicate the number of stitches in the round.

## Pattern

### To make the squares:

**Round 1:** Make a magic circle, chain 3 and DC 12 into it. I will be ignoring the chain 3 and skip them when I slip into the first DC to close a round. I found that this worked better for the circles.

Slip stitch in the first DC to complete the round. [12 stitches]

**Round 2:** CH 3, DC 2 into each stitch. Slip stitch in the first DC to complete the round. [24 stitches]

**Round 3:** CH 3, DC 2 into same stitch, DC 1 in next stitch, \*DC 2 in next stitch, DC 1 in next stitch\*. Slip stitch in the first DC to complete the round. [36 stitches.]

You should now have a circle made up of three rounds. If you are using the same color yarn for the frame then continue if not then cut off the yarn and join a new one in any stitch.

### Round 4: Squaring the circle (the frame)

CH 1, SC in same stitch, SC, HDC, HDC, DC 2 in next stitch, CH 2, \*DC 2 in next stitch, HDC in next two stitches, SC in next 3 stitches, HDC in next two stitches, DC 2 in next stitch, CH 3\* (repeat 3 times), DC 2 in next stitch, HDC in next two stitches, SC in next stitch. Slip stitch into first SC to complete the round.



Big Dots is a fun little bag that can be used as a beach bag, project bag or a purse. It is cute and easy to make.

Skill Level: Adventurous beginner

Hook Size: 4mm

Yarn Weight: DK weight

Yardage:

130 meters of the solid color and 200 meters of the multicolored yarn.

Other materials needed

Tapestry needle

Abbreviations

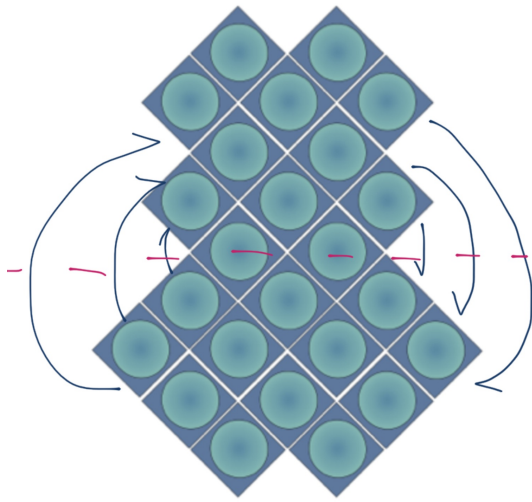
Terms used are all American.

CH chain

SC Single Crochet

DC Double crochet

HDC Half double crochet



Make 24 squares in total.

### Joining

You can use whichever method of joining that makes you comfortable. I used a slip stitch with the wrong sides facing together because I wanted the join raised and obvious to give it an interesting textured look. Obviously this is a matter of preference, so do whatever makes you happy.

Use the diagram to the left to guide you, the pink line is the fold line and the dark blue lines show you which side of which square joins where.

Join the handles, weave in all the ends and enjoy your new cute bag.



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