



Crochet Hobo Bag

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Bag measures 16" wide x 21" tall, including strap.

RED HEART® "Artesano™": 2 Balls 4375 Exotic.

Crochet Hook: 5.5mm [US I-9].

12" Two-Slider Zipper (Coats & Clark Art.F.53), yarn needle, sewing needle and matching thread.

GAUGE: 14 sc = 4"; 10 rows = 4" in sc. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

Special Abbreviations:

sc2tog (sc dec) = Insert hook into st and draw up a loop. Insert hook into next st and draw up a loop. Yarn over, draw through all 3 loops on hook.

BAG (Front and Back Alike)

Ch 27.

Row 1 (Right Side): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next ch, [2 sc in next ch, sc in next 2 ch] 8 times – 34 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across.

Row 3: Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in first sc, sc across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc – 36 sc.

Rows 4-13: Repeat Rows 2-3 for 5 more times – 46 sc.

Rows 14-16: Repeat Row 2.

Row 17: Repeat Row 3 – 48 sc.

Repeat Rows 14-17 twice more – 52 sc.

Work even piece measures 10" from beginning, end with a wrong side row.

Shape Top

Left Side

Row 1: Ch 1, turn, sc in first 18 sc, slip st in next sc. Leave remaining sts unworked.

Row 2: Ch 1, turn, skip slip st and next sc, slip st in next sc, sc across – 16 sc.

Row 3: Ch 1, turn, sc to last sc, slip st in last sc – 15 sc.

Rows 4-7: Repeat Rows 2-3 twice more – 9 sc.

Rows 8-10: Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across.

Fasten off.

Right Side

Row 1: With right side facing, skip center 14 sc, join yarn with slip st in next sc, sc in each sc to end – 18 sc. Work as for Left Side, reversing shaping.

FINISHING

Sew Front and Back together along bottom and side edges.

Strap

Row 1: With right side facing, join yarn in first sc on last row of one Top edge, ch 1, work 18 sc across both sides of Top edge.

Row 2: Ch 1, turn, sc in first sc, sc2tog, sc across to last 3 sc, sc2tog, sc in last sc – 16 sc.

Rows 3-5: Repeat Row 2 – 10 sc.

Work even until Strap measures 18" from Top edge, end with a right side row.

Increase Row: Ch 1, turn, sc in first sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc across to last 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in last sc – 12 sc.

Repeat Increase Row 3 more times – 18 sc.



Last Row: Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across.
Fasten off, leaving a long end for sewing.

Sew end of Strap to last row of opposite Top edge. Fold long edge of Strap in half to wrong side and sew closed.

Top Opening

Sew Top edge of Front and Back together for 2" from each Strap on either side for opening for zipper.

Zipper Edge Round

With right side facing, join yarn at zipper opening, ch 1, sc evenly around, slip st in first sc.

Fasten off.

Sew zipper into zipper opening.



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(172m) balls.

ABBREVIATIONS: **ch** = chain; **mm** = millimeters;
sc = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **[]** = work directions
in brackets the number of times specified.