

Bridal Keepsake Bag



Every bride needs a small bag to carry a handkerchief in, along with a few other accessories, and this bag is fancy enough without being too much.

This bag can be completed in about five hours and is a nice gift for a bride, your own bridesmaids, or for special occasions like proms, confirmations, and la quinceañera celebrations.

Errata: 5/19/13 - Deleted round 11 and renumbered following rounds so there wasn't a shell on top of a shell. Added row shading.

Sizes and Materials List ...

Size:	4.5" w x 7" l
Hook(s):	US 7 (4.50 mm)
Yarn:	Red Heart Luster Sheen [100% Acrylic, 335 yds/113 g skein]
Colors & Approx. Yardage	White, 84 yds
Notions	Yarn Needle White glass beads (or other nice beads) with opening large enough for two crochet threads to pass through
Gauge:	Gauge is not really important for this project.



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Notes ...

Construction	<p>For a larger bag, continue increasing after round 6 by adding 1 more hdc in ea set, for example, Round 7: hdc in next 5 hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc; Round 8: hdc in next 6 hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc; Round 9: hdc in next 7 hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc; etc.</p> <p>This bag is narrow so if it is too long, skip rounds 12 and 13.</p> <p>To increase the length, rep rounds 9 and 10 until additional length needed is reached, then continue with round 11.</p>
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Stitches Used	<p>Chain (ch) Slip Stitch (sl st) Single Crochet (sc) Half-Double Crochet (hdc) Double Crochet (dc) Treble Crochet (trc)</p>
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Abbreviations	<p>Each (ea) Skip (sk) Stitch(es) (st / sts)</p>
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Special Stitches	<p>V-Stitch Dc in indicated st, ch 1, dc in same st.</p>
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Instructions ...

Base

Round 1	Using the magic circle, 6 hdc in ring, pm in first hdc. Move marker up to first st of ea round as you go. Base worked in the round, do not join with sl st until indicated in round 6. (6 sts)
Round 2	2 hdc in ea hdc around. (12 sts)
Round 3	*Hdc in next hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc,* rep from * to * around. (18 sts)
Round 4	*Hdc in next two hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc,* rep from * to * around. (24 sts)
Round 5	*Hdc in next three hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc,* rep from * to * around. (30 sts)
Round 6	*Hdc in next four hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc,* rep from * to * around to last hdc, join with sl st to marked st. (36 sts)

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Main Bag

Round 7	Ch 1, sc in same st as joining, sk 2 sts, *5 trc in next st, sk 2 sts, sc in next st, sk 2 sts,* rep from * to * around, join with sl st in first sc.
Round 8	Ch 4 (beg trc), 2 trc in same st as joining, *ch 1, sk 2 trc, sc in next trc, ch 1, sk next 2 trc, 5 trc in next sc,* rep from * to * around until you reach the beg trc, ch 1, 2 trc in same st as beg trc, join with sl st to top of beg trc.
Round 9	Ch 1, sc in same st as joining, ch 2, *sk next 2 trc, 5 trc in next sc, ch 2, sk next 2 trc, sc in next trc, ch 2,* rep from * to * around, join with sl st in first sc.
Round 10	Ch 4 (beg trc), 2 trc in same st as joining, *ch 2, sk 2 trc, sc in next trc, ch 2, sk next 2 trc, 5 trc in next sc,* rep from * to * around until you reach the beg trc, ch 2, 2 trc in same st as beg trc, join with sl st to top of beg trc.
Round 11	Ch 1, sc in same st as joining, ch 1, sk 2 sts, *5 trc in next st, ch 1, sk 2 sts, sc in next st, ch 1, sk 2 sts,* rep from * to * around, join with sl st in first sc.
Round 12	Rep round 8.
Round 13	Rep round 11.

Band

Round 14	Ch 1, sc in same st as joining, ch 3, *sk next 2 trc, dc in next sc, ch 3, sk next 2 trc, sc in next trc, ch 3,* rep from * to * around, join with sl st in first sc.
Round 15	Ch 2 (beg hdc), 3 hdc in next ch-3 sp, *hdc in next dc, 3 hdc in next ch-3 sp, hdc in next sc, 3 hdc in next ch-3 sp,* rep from * to * around, join with sl st in top of beg hdc. (48 hdc)
Round 16	Ch 2, hdc in next hdc and in ea hdc around, join with sl st in top of beg hdc.
Round 17	Ch 4 (beg dc plus 1 ch), *sk next hdc, dc in next hdc, ch 1,* rep from * to * around, join with sl st in top of beg dc. (24 dc, 24 ch-1 sp)
Round 18	Ch 2, hdc in next ch-1 sp, *hdc in next dc, hdc in next ch-1 sp,* rep from * to * around, join with sl st in top of beg hdc. (48 hdc)

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Edging

Round 19 Ch 4 (beg dc plus 1 ch), dc in same st as joining, ch 1, *sk next st, V-stitch in next st, ch 1,* rep from * to * around, join with sl st in top of beg dc.

Round 20 *Sc in next ch-1 sp, (dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp, sc in next ch-1 sp* rep from * to * around, join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Strap (make 2)

Ch 100, fasten off. Leave 6" tail on each end of strap.

Finishing ...

Weave in ends. Wash and block.

Weave straps in between dc of round 18, one on ea side of bag. Knot ends of straps together at ea side of bag. String a fancy bead or two on the ends, knot ends to keep beads from coming off and trim leaving about 1/4" to 1/2" of thread hanging past the knot.

If needed, line the bag with satin or cotton. To close, pull the two sides of the handles then wrap the handles around the top and tie in a small bow leaving enough of a loop on each end for the bride's hand to go through.

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