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SLOUCHY SHOULDER BAG

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This slouchy shoulder bag has enough capacity to carry your essentials, plus a few extras. The handles are comfortable to wear over your shoulder on long trips and the roomy bag is sturdy enough to carry whatever you need.

SKILL LEVEL: EASY

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YOU'LL NEED

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YARN

No. 5 bulky weight yarn
(shown in Paintbox Yarns Simply Chunky)
4 x 100g Vanilla Cream 307

HOOK

6mm (US J/10) hook

HABERDASHERY

Large-eyed sewing needle





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SIZE

12in (30cm) diameter of base x 14in (36cm) high.

TENSION

12sts and 10 rows to 4in (10cm), measured over double crochet using a 6mm hook.

METHOD

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

The bag is worked in the round, in a continuous spiral with the RS always facing out. Do not turn at the end of each round. Place a stitch marker and move it up at the end of each round to keep count of the sts.

BASE

Using the 6mm hook, make 4ch and join with a ss in the first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 (RS): 1 ch; 8dc in ring. 8sts.

Round 2: 2dc into each dc. 16sts.

Round 3: *1 dc into next dc, 2dc into next dc; repeat from * to end. 24sts.

Round 4: 1 dc into each dc.

Round 5: *1 dc into next dc, 2dc into next dc; repeat from * to end. 36sts.

Round 6: 1 dc into each dc.

Round 7: *1 dc into each of next 2dc, 2dc into next dc; repeat from * to end. 48sts.

Round 8: 1 dc into each dc.

Round 9: *1 dc into each of next 3dc, 2dc into next dc; repeat from * to end. 60sts.

Round 10: 1 dc into each dc.

Round 11: 1 dc into each of first 2dc, 2dc in next dc, *1 dc into each of next 4dc, 2dc into next dc; repeat from * ending with 1 dc into each of the last 2dc. 72sts.

Round 12: 1 dc into each dc.

Round 13: 1 dc into each of first 2dc, 2dc into next dc, *1 dc into each of the next 5dc, 2dc into next dc; repeat from * ending with 1 dc into each of the last 3dc. 84sts.

Round 14: 1 dc into each dc.

Round 15: 1 dc into each of first 2dc, 2dc into next dc, *1 dc into each of next 6dc, 2dc into next dc; repeat from * ending with 1 dc into each of last 4dc. 96sts.

Round 16: 1 dc into each dc.

Round 17: 1 dc into each of first 2dc, 2dc into the next dc, *1 dc into each of next 7dc, 2dc into the next dc; repeat from * ending with 1 dc into each of the last 5dc. 108sts.

Round 18: 1 dc into each dc.

Round 19: 1 dc into each of first 2dc, 2dc into next dc, *1 dc into each of next 8dc, 2dc into next dc* repeat from * ending with 1 dc into each of last 6dc. 120sts.

Round 20: 1 dc into each dc. Place a new marker at end of the round.

BAG

Keep moving the first marker up to mark the beginning of rounds and keep the second marker in place to count the rounds.

Rounds 21–50: 120dc around.

STRAPS

Round 51: 1 dc into next 15sts, 55ch, miss next 30sts for first strap, dc into the next 30sts, 55ch, miss the next 30sts for second strap, dc into last 15 sts. 170sts.

Round 52: 1 dc into each dc and ch.

Repeat the previous round 3 more times. Fasten off.

Tip

This is an easy project that can be worked up quickly, thanks to the chunky weight of the yarn. Get creative and use a different coloured yarn for the straps, or add stripes in a variety of colours to use up some of your yarn stash.

