

FREE CROCHET PATTERN

Simple Market Bag

A stretchy mesh market bag worked bottom-up in the round, with a flat base and built-in handles. Folds up tiny and holds a surprising amount.



SKILL LEVEL Easy	FINISHED SIZE About 13 in (33 cm) wide and 14 in (35.5 cm) tall before the handles, unstretched	YARN WEIGHT Medium / Worsted
HOOK 5 mm (US H-8)	TIME About 4–5 hours	TERMS US terms

Gauge: Rounds 1–6 of the base measure about 6.5 in (16.5 cm) across. Mesh is forgiving, but gauge still affects the size and yardage.

Materials

- ☐ Worsted-weight cotton yarn — About 300–380 yd (275–350 m) (Estimated)
- ☐ 5 mm (US H-8) crochet hook
- ☐ Stitch marker and tapestry needle

Abbreviations

MR — magic ring

dc — double crochet

sl st — slip stitch

ch-sp — chain space

st(s) — stitch(es)

beg — beginning

***** — repeat from the asterisk as instructed

ch — chain

sc — single crochet

sk — skip

sp(s) — space(s)

rnd(s) — round(s)

rep — repeat

() — stitch count at the end of a round or row, or a group worked into one stitch

Notes before you start

- Every round is joined with a slip stitch and worked with the right side facing you — do not turn.
- In the base, the beginning ch 3 counts as the first double crochet. Join each base round with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch-3.
- In the mesh rounds, the beginning chains count as the first double crochet plus a chain space.
- In the top band and handle rounds, the ch 1 does not count as a stitch. Work the first sc into the same stitch as the join.

The pattern

Base

- ☐ **Rnd 1:** Make a magic ring (or ch 4 and join to form a ring). Ch 3 (counts as dc), work 11 dc into the ring. Join with a sl st to the top of the ch-3. **(12)**
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** Ch 3, dc in the same st, 2 dc in each st around. Join. **(24)**
- ☐ **Rnd 3:** Ch 3, 2 dc in the next st, *dc in the next st, 2 dc in the next st; rep from * around. Join. **(36)**
- ☐ **Rnd 4:** Ch 3, dc in the next st, 2 dc in the next st, *dc in the next 2 sts, 2 dc in the next st; rep from * around. Join. **(48)**
- ☐ **Rnd 5:** Ch 3, dc in the next 2 sts, 2 dc in the next st, *dc in the next 3 sts, 2 dc in the next st; rep from * around. Join. **(60)**
- ☐ **Rnd 6:** Ch 3, dc in the next 3 sts, 2 dc in the next st, *dc in the next 4 sts, 2 dc in the next st; rep from * around. Join. **(72)**

Mesh body

- ☐ **Rnd 7:** Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch 1), sk the next st, *dc in the next st, ch 1, sk the next st; rep from * around. Join with a sl st to the 3rd ch of the beg ch-4. (36 dc and 36 ch-1 spaces)

- ☐ **Rnd 8:** Ch 5 (counts as dc and ch 2), *dc in the next dc, ch 2; rep from * around. Join with a sl st to the 3rd ch of the beg ch-5. (36 dc and 36 ch-2 spaces)
- ☐ **Rnds 9–26:** Repeat Rnd 8 until the mesh measures about 12 in (30 cm) from the edge of the base.

Top band and handles

- ☐ **Band Rnd 1:** Ch 1, sc in each dc and 2 sc in each ch-2 space around. Join with a sl st to the first sc. **(108)**
- ☐ **Band Rnds 2–3:** Ch 1, sc in each st around. Join. **(108)**
- ☐ **Handle round:** Ch 1, sc in the first 12 sts, ch 50, sk the next 42 sts, sc in the next 12 sts, ch 50, sk the last 42 sts. Join with a sl st to the first sc.
- ☐ **Next round:** Ch 1, sc in each sc and in each chain around. Join. **(124)**
- ☐ **Final 2 rounds:** Ch 1, sc in each st around. Join. Fasten off after the second round. **(124)**

Finishing

- ☐ **Ends:** Weave in all ends securely, especially at the handle joins.

Tips

- If the base ruffles, your stitches are a little loose — try a smaller hook for the base. If it cups, try a larger one.
- Count the double crochet at the end of each base round; a flat base keeps the bag stable.
- Cotton stretches less than acrylic and holds up better to heavy shopping.

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