

## **Crochet Handbag Pattern Balloon Stitch Tote**

**US Terms** 

Multiple of 8 Pattern.

The number of stitches given is suitable for a bag base of 76 holes.

## **Abbreviations**

ch – chain

slst - slip stitch

sc – single crochet

dc – double crochet

fpdc - front post double crochet

bpdc – back post double crochet

st – stitch

## **Pattern**

Slip knot pull through a hole of the base Chain 1

- 1st Row: 2sc in each whole and 3sc in each of the 3 holes of every corner. 160 sc Total.
  1slst to join the 1<sup>st</sup> and the last st. of the row.
- 2nd Row: Ch.3, 1dc in each st. . In the end slipstitch into the 3d ch. of the beginning, to join the 1st and the last st. of the row..
- 3d Row: Ch.3, 1 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 1 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 1 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 6 dc into the 8<sup>th</sup> st. and then 1 bpdc, 1 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 1 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 1 bpdc, 6 dc into the 8<sup>th</sup> st. until the end of the row. In the end slipstitch into the 3d ch. of the beginning.
- 4th Row: Ch.3 1 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 1 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 1 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 6 fpdc and then 1 bpdc, 1 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 6 fpdc. until the end of the row. In the end slipstitch into the 3d ch. of the beginning.
- 5th Row: Ch.3 1 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 1 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 1 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 6 fpdc and then 1 bpdc, 1 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 1 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 1 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 1 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 6 fpdc. until the end of the row. In the end slipstitch into the 3d ch. of the beginning.
- 6th Row: Ch.3 1 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 6 dc into the same st., 1 bpdc, 1 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 6 fpdc half worked (pull only 2loops from each, gather 7 loops on your hook, yarn over and pull through all and ch. 1) and then 1 bpdc, 1 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 6 dc into the same st., 1 bpdc, 1 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 6 fpdc half worked (pull only 2loops from each, gather 7 loops on your hook, yarn over and pull through all and ch. 1) until the end of the row. In the end slipstitch into the 3d ch. of the beginning.
- 7th Row: Ch.3, 1 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 6 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 1 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 1 fpdc, 1 fpdc, 6 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 1 bpdc, 6 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 1 fpdc, 1 fpdc, 1 fpdc, 1 fpdc, 1 the end of the row. In the end slipstitch into the 3d ch. of the beginning.



- 8th Row: Ch.3, 1 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 6 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 1 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 1 fpdc, 1 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 6 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 1 bpdc, 1 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 1 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 1 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 1 fpdc, 1 fpd
- 9nth Row: Ch.3, 1 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 6 fpdc half worked (pull only 2loops from each, gather 7 loops on your hook, yarn over and pull through all and ch. 1), 1 bpdc, 1 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 6 dc into the 8<sup>th</sup> st and then 1 bpdc, 1 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 6 fpdc half worked (pull only 2loops from each, gather 7 loops on your hook, yarn over and pull through all and ch. 1), 1 bpdc, 1 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 6 dc into the 8<sup>th</sup> st. until the end of the row. In the end slipstitch into the 3d ch. of the beginning.
- 11nth -35th: Repeat the sequence of Rows 3-9
- 36th Row: Ch.3 1 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 1 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 1 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 6 fpdc half worked (pull only 2loops from each, gather 7 loops on your hook, yarn over and pull through all and ch. 1) and then 1 bpdc, 1 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 1 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 1 fpdc, 1 bpdc, 6 fpdc half worked (pull only 2loops from each, gather 7 loops on your hook, yarn over and pull through all and ch. 1) until the end of the row. In the end slipstitch into the 3d ch. of the beginning.
- 37<sup>th</sup> 48th Row: Ch.2, 1sc in each st. until the end of the row. In the end slipstitch into the 2nd ch. of the beginning.

In the end of 48<sup>th</sup> row cut your yarn and fasten off.

Measure and mark where the zipper will be placed on the edging of the bag (the 12 single crochet rows at the top of the bag). Make a slip knot and pull it through the horizontal bar under the stich at the right of your market, at the inside of the bag.

Ch. 1 , insert your hook into the horizontal bar under your marker (beginning of the zipper) and make a sc.

Plase 1sc. In each stitch until your reach your next marker (end of the zipper). In the end ch. 1 and turn. Repeat for 4 more rows.

Do the same for the other side of the bag.

In the end *ch.* 8 and slip stitch the end of the chain into the 1<sup>st</sup> st. of the flap of the other side, to join tho 2 flaps together.

Ch.1 and place 1 sc in each ch., ch.1 and turn

1sc in each st. plus one in the end placed into the next st. of the flap. Ch.1 and turn

Repeat previews row. Cut your yarn fasten off and weave in.

Repeat the steps from Ch. 8 and on for the other sides of the flaps (other end of the zipper).