

Star of the Market Bag

Nifty Cotton

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Crochet Pattern W887 - Intermediate

Materials:

- Cascade Yarns® Nifty Cotton: 100% cotton; 100 g (3.5 oz)/ 185 yds (169.5 m); 4 skeins color #43 Blue Iris
- US H (5 mm) crochet hook or size to obtain gauge
- Yarn needle

Finished Measurements:

14.5" wide x 17.5" long

Gauge:

10 sts x 5 rows = 3" (7.5 cm) Blocked in double crochet stitch Pattern



Abbreviations:

Ch = chain stitch
Dc = double crochet
Hdc = half double crochet
Sc = single crochet
Lp(s) = loop(s)
RS = right side of work
WS = wrong side of work
Rep = repeat
Fptr = front post treble crochet
Bptr = back post treble crochet

Special Stitches:

- Beginning Star Stitch (beg star st): Ch 2, draw up lp in 2nd ch from hook, draw up lp in same st as ch 2, and in each of next 2 sts; draw new lp through all 5 lps on hook, ch 1 loosely.
- Star Stitch (star st): Draw up new lp in side of previous star st, in same st as base of previous star st, and in each of next 2 sts; draw new lp through all 5 lps on hook, ch 1 loosely.
- Reverse single crochet (reverse sc): Working left to right (opposite direction), insert hook in next st, pull up a lp, draw new lp through both lps on hook.



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Notes:

1. Bag is worked lengthwise in 1 rectangular panel that is folded in half to form the bag shape, with a folded down cuff that also holds the drawstring handles.

2. First ch 2 does not count as first st.

Begin Pattern: Ch 137

Row 1 WS: Work beg star st (see special stitches), work star st across; ch 2, turn. 68 star sts

Row 2 RS: Work 2 dc in each star st hole across, dc in end of last star st. 137 dc

Rows 3-30: Rep rows 1-2 14 times. Fasten off.

Short End Cuff: (work 2)

With WS facing, join yarn in tip of short end to work across ends of rows.

Row 1: Ch 2, work 48 dc evenly spaced across ends of rows; ch 2, turn. 48 dc

Row 2: Dc in first dc, (bptr in next 2 dc, dc in next 2 dc) 11 times, bptr in next 2 dc, dc in last dc; ch 2, turn. 24 dc, 24 bptr

Row 3: Dc in each dc and fptr in each bptr across; ch 2, turn.

Row 4: Dc in each dc and bptr in each fptr across; ch 2, turn.

Row 5: Rep row 3. Ch 1, do not turn.

Row 6: Work reverse sc (see special stitches) In each st across. Fasten off, leaving long end for sewing.

Bag Assembly:

Fold panel in half WS together. Insert hook in star rows starting under cuff, evenly sc both sides together to seam side of bag. Fasten off.

Repeat on opposite side.

Fold down cuff against outside of bag; with needle threaded on long sewing ends, stitch cuff along row 5 to bag, leaving cuff ends open

Drawstring Cord (make 2):

Ch 2, hdc in 2nd ch from hook. (Ch 1, hdc in side of last hdc) until string measures 46" long - tugging to settle stitches before you measure. Fasten off.

Finishing:

Insert 1 end of cord through open cuff, pass around bag and tie in a knot with its other end. Repeat with second cord, starting on opposite side of bag cuff. Pull both to close.

Weave in all ends.