

Peapod Drawstring Handbag

Materials for 3 inch diameter, 4 inch height basket.

E crochet hook

Main Color sport weight cotton

Contrast Color A 10 yards sport weight cotton

Contrast Color B 10 yards sport weight cotton

Note

For the Peapod in the picture , we used 125 yards of the main color and 10 yards for each of the contrasting colors. The basket has a diameter of 3 inches and a height of 4 inches.

Or

Scrap Yarn

Tapestry needles to weave in ends.

Sewing needle

1 spool of nylon thread

Abbreviations

MC = Main Color

CCA = Contrasting Color A

CCB = Contrasting Color B

ch(s) = chain(s)

sl st = slip stitch

sc(s) = single crochet(s)

hdc(s) = half double crochet(s)

dc(s) = double crochet(s)

dec = decrease

inc = inc

sts(s) = stitch (es)

Notes

1) Since your basket may be larger than ours, we have written the instruction for any size basket width. To lengthen the sides, use dcs instead of hdc. If the whole peapod needs to be larger, move up to a larger size yarn and use the appropriate size hook. Adjust the yarn requirements accordingly.

2) To change colors, use new color to finish the last step of the last stitch of the old color, and then continue working with new color.

Peapod Skirt

With Main Color (MC), crochet a chain long enough to go around your basket 1 and ½ times.

Round 1 - Turn and hdc in 3rd ch (turning ch and 1st st) and in the following chs until there are enough stitches to fit around the top of your basket (snug but not tight). Make sure

you have a multiple of 6 sts including the turning chain. Join to top of turning chain. For now just let any remaining ch sts hang.

Round 2 - Ch 2 (turning ch) and hdc in each st. Join and ch 1 with CCA

Round 3 - Sc around Join and ch 1 with MC

Round 4 - Sc around Join and ch 1 with CCB

Round 4 - Sc around and join. Ch 3 with MC

Round 5 - *DC in next st, *ch 3 skip next st on row below, 1 dc in each of next 2 sts.

Repeat from * ending with 1dc and join to turning chain. If you don't come out exactly even, fudge it. Or go back to Round 4 and adjust number of sc

Round 6 - Ch 2 (turning ch) * 7 dcs in next ch 3 loop (shell made), sc in following loop.

Repeat from * , ending with sc in top of turning ch to join.

Round 7 - Change to CCB, chain 1 and sc around, join to top of turning chain

Round 8 – Repeat row 6, making 9 dc in each shell.

Round 9 - Change to CCA, chain 1 and sc in each st, join to top of turning chain

Round 10 – Repeat row 6, making 11 dc in each shell

Round 11 – Change to CCB, chain 1 and sc around. Join and cut yarn leaving a 6 inch tail.

Ties

Make 2 chains long enough to go around basket 2 and ½ times.

Hood

Join MC to any st on 1st row of peapod. Chain to a stitch on the other side of peapod, sc in opposite st on 1st row You are dividing the circumference of the first row in half. Sc in same st. Turn.

Row 1 – Sc in each st of chain you just made. When you get to the end of the row, pull up a loop in the last stitch on cast on chain, pull up a loop in next stitch in peapod, pull yarn through all loops (dec made). Turn.

Row 2 – Sc back across cast on chain. When you get to the end of the row, pull up a loop in the last stitch on cast on chain, pull up a loop in back of the next stitch in peapod, pull yarn through all loops (dec made). Turn.

Repeat Row 2 until you are at the middle loop (loops) of top of peapod. Pull yarn through last loop(s) of peapod. Fasten off.

With one of the Contrasting Colors, sc in other loops of the sts you just picked up from the top of the peapod.

Note

Depending on the size of the yarn you use, the hood may become too flat. You can solve this by decreasing at the beginning of the row but not at the end. If hood is too high, decrease another st in the middle of every other row.

Finishing

1. Using an overcast stitch and the nylon thread, sew top of the peapod to basket. You need to make sure that the nylon thread goes through the spaces in the basket.

Sometimes you need to wiggle the needle until it finds a space.

2. Thread 1 tie through spaces in round 5 over the first dc in each group of two. When you finish, both tie ends should be coming out of same space. Fudge if necessary. Make ends of ties even.

3. Thread 2nd tie down into space exactly opposite where you began to thread first tie, going UNDER first dc in each group. When you finish, both tie ends should be coming out of same space. Fudge if necessary. Make ends of ties even.
4. Carefully unravel extra chains on starting chain. Join to first starting chain with a sl st.
5. Weave in all ends.