

01 Front and Back Post

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Specifications

Gauge

Sc 17 sts x 16 rows = 4 inches (10 cm)

Difficulty Level

Advanced Beginner / Intermediate

Terminology

This pattern is written in US terms

Finished Size

5.5" x 6.5"

Yarn Used

Soho Cotton Chic, Rose



Materials

Hook - The recommended hook size for these patterns is size G, 4.00mm.

Beads - This pattern requires a large-holed bead to cinch the drawstring open and closed. The beads used are typically 5mm in hole size, made of wood, glass (lampwork), and metal Tibetan spacer beads.

Scissors - When selecting embroidery scissors, choose a small, foldable pair for better portability and safety.

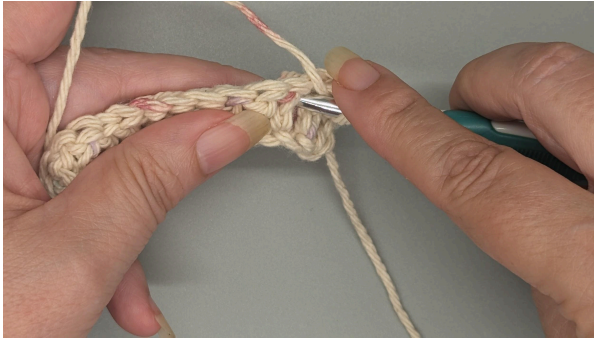
Tapestry Needle - When finishing a crocheted or knitted bag, use a blunt-ended tapestry needle to weave in the ends for a more professional look.

Stitch Markers - Stitch markers are recommended for keeping track of rows or stitches in a round. They come in various styles and are made of plastic, metal, or yarn scraps.

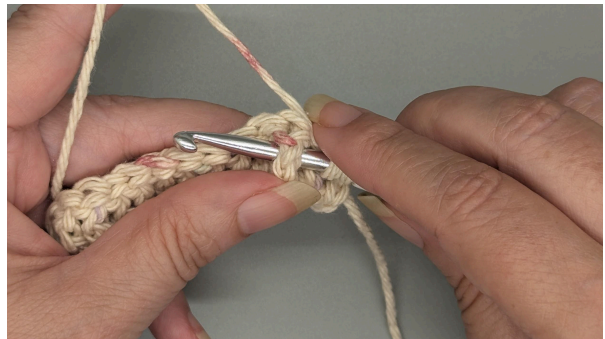
Special Stitches

(FPdc) Front post double crochet

1. YO. Insert the hook in the space to the right of the DC post below.



2. Wrap the hook around the post and exit out to the front of the space to the left of the DC post below.



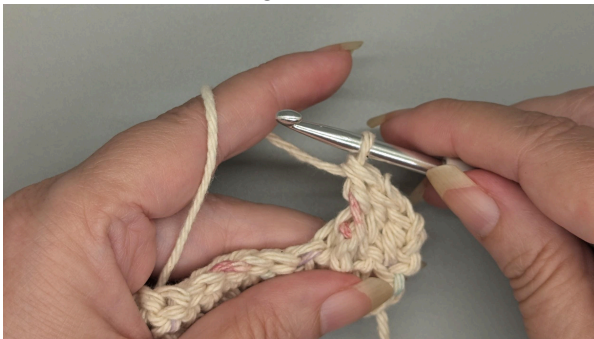
3. Draw up a loop.



4. YO and pull through 2 loops on the hook.



5. YO and pull through the last 2 loops on the hook.



(BPdc) Back post double crochet

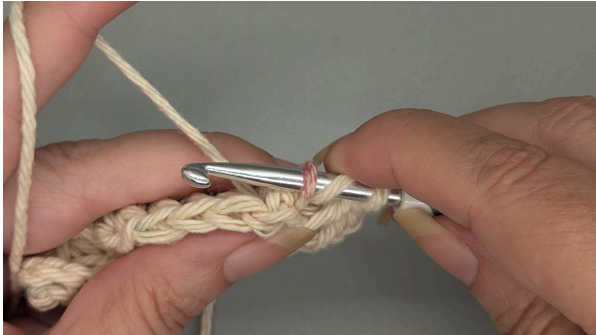
1. Insert hook from back to front in the space to the right of DC below.



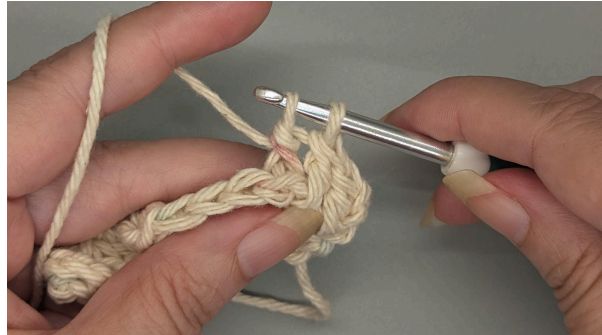
2. Wrap the hook around the post and exit out to the back of the space to the left of the DC post below.



3. Draw up a loop.



4. YO and pull through 2 loops on the hook.

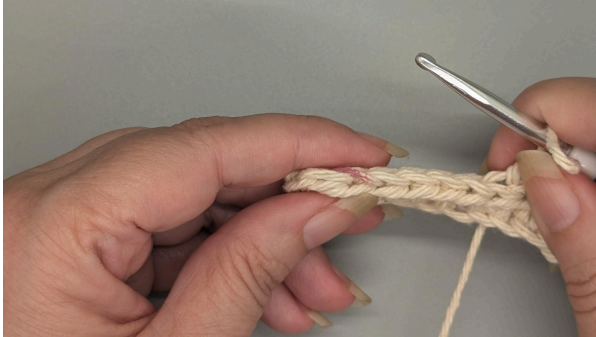


5. YO and pull through the last 2 loops on the hook.

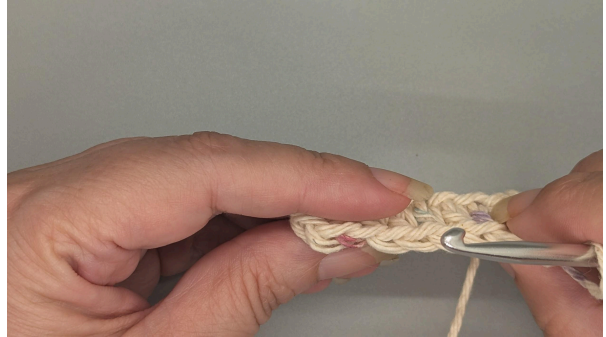


(TLO) How to crochet in the third loop

1. Looking at the top of a stitch, it looks like a 'V.'



2. Looking at the back of the work, you will see a second 'V.'



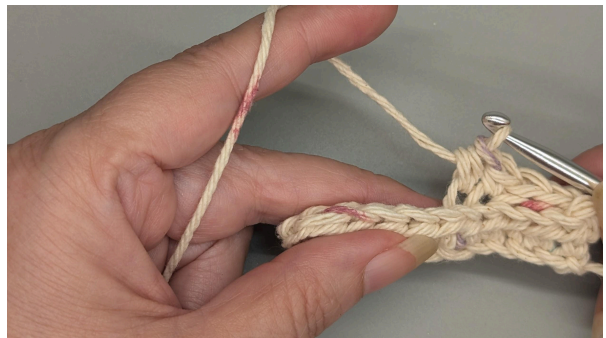
3. Insert the hook into the third loop. Pull up a loop.



4. Complete the stitch.



5. Crocheting in the TLO creates a raised row of ridges in your work. This technique is good for separating other rows or giving your project a nice texture.



Instructions

- ★ Ch 1 or 2 at the end of the round does not count as beg st.
- ★ **RND 5A is optional.** Complete this round to make the bottom of your bag flat instead of rounded.

Gift Bag

RND 1: Form a magic ring and ch 2. 12 hdc in the ring and SL st to first st, ch 2. [12]

RND 2: 2 hdc in beg st and each rem st. SL to beg st, ch 2. [24]

RND 3: 2 hdc in beg st, 1 hdc in the next st. *2 hdc in next st, 1 hdc in next st, repeat from * in rem sts. SL st in beg st, ch 2. [36]

RND 4: 2 hdc in beg st, 1 hdc in next 2 sts. *2 hdc in next st, 1 hdc in next 2 sts, repeat from * in rem sts. SL st to beg st, ch 2. [48]

RND 5: Hdc in beg st and in each rem st. SL st to beg st, ch 1. [48]

RND 5A (optional): Hdc in BLO of beg st and in each rem st. SL st to beg st, ch 2. [48]

RND 6: Sc in the 3rd loop of beg st and each rem st. SL st to beg st, ch 2. [48]

RND 7: Dc in beg st and in each rem st. SL st to beg st, ch 2. [48]

RND 8: FPdc in first 3 sts, BPdc in next 3 sts, *FPdc in next 3 sts, BPdc in next 3 sts, repeat from * in rem sts. SL st to beg st, ch 2. [48]

RND 9: Hdc in beg st and in each rem st. SL st to beg hdc, ch 1. [48]

RND 10: Sc in the third loop of the beg stitch and in each rem stitch. SL st to beg sc, ch 2. [48]

RND 11: Dc in beg st and in each rem st. SL st to beg dc, ch 2. [48]

RND 12-13: FPdc in beg st, BPdc in next st, *FPdc in next st, BPdc in next st, repeat from * in rem sts. SL st to beg st, ch 2. [48]

RND 14: Hdc in beg st and in each rem st. SL st to beg st, ch 1. [48]

RND 15: Sc in the 3rd loop of beg st and each rem st. SL st to beg st, ch 2. [48]

RND 16: Dc in beg st and in each rem st. SL st to beg dc, ch 2. [48]

RND 17: FPdc in beg 3 sts, BPdc in next 3 sts, *FPdc in next 3 sts, BPdc in next 3 sts, repeat from * in rem sts. SL st to beg st, ch 2. [48]

RND 18: Hdc in beg st and in each rem st. SL st to beg hdc, ch 2. [48]

RND 19: Hdc in the 3rd loop of beg st and each rem st. SL st to beg hdc, ch 2. [48]

RND 20: Dc in the beg 2 sts. ch 1, skip next st, *dc in next 3 sts, ch 1, skip next st, repeat from * in rem sts. (End with dc in the last st.) SL st in the top of the beg dc, ch 2. [48]

RND 21: Dc in beg st, hdc in next st, sc in ch 1 space. *hdc in next st, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in ch 1 space, repeat from * in rem sts, ending with a hdc in last stitch. SL st to beg dc, Fasten off, and weave in ends.

Drawstring

Ch 65 or desired length using tight stitches. Weave the drawstring through the spaces in round 20, slide the bead through both ends of the drawstring together, and tie off the ends in a knot so the bead won't slide off. The bag is finished.

Afterword

I hope you enjoyed working on the gift bag pattern! Your support means a lot to me, and I truly hope this project brought you joy and satisfaction. If you could take a moment to leave an honest review, it would be incredibly helpful. Reviews are crucial to the success of my shop and play a significant role in helping other customers make informed decisions. Thank you again for your support, and happy crocheting!

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