

**3** skill  
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knit or crochet handbag

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#### SUPPLIES & TOOLS:

Knit Handbag (approximately 10½" high x 11½" wide)

- 1 skein Red Heart® Super Saver® yarn
- 1 pair round or oval handles
- Button 1" diameter
- Knitting needles – US 10.5 (6.5 mm) and US 8 (5 mm)
- Cable stitch holder
- Yarn needle

#### OPTIONAL:

Crochet Handbag (approximately 9" high x 17" wide)

- 1 skein Red Heart® Super Saver® yarn
- 1 pair round or oval handles
- Button 1" diameter
- Crochet hook – US I-9 (5.5mm)
- Yarn needle

#### GAUGES:

Knit handbag - 12 sts = 4"; 21 rows = 4" in Seed Stitch with larger needles and 2 strands held together.

Crochet handbag - In dc: 14 sts = 4"; 8 rows = 4".

CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook/needles to obtain the gauge.

#### DIRECTIONS:

##### KNIT HANDBAG

Front: With 2 strands held together as one and larger needles, cast on 38 sts.

Row 1 (WS): [K1, P1] 5 times, [K2, P2] 4 times, K2, [P1, K1] 5 times.

Row 2: [K1, P1] 5 times, K1, [P1, sl next st onto cable holder and hold at back of work, K1, then K1 from holder, P1] 4 times, K1, [P1, K1] 5 times.

Row 3: [K1, P1] 5 times, [K2, P1, yo, P1] 4 times, K2, [P1, K1] 5 times – 42 sts.

Row 4: [K1, P1] 5 times, K1, [P1, K3, P1] 4 times, K1, [P1, K1] 5 times.

Row 5: [K1, P1] 5 times, [K2, P3] 4 times, K2, [P1, K1] 5 times.

Row 6: [K1, P1] 5 times, K1, [P1, sl 2 sts onto cable holder and hold at back of work, K1, then K2tog from holder, P1] 4 times, K1, [P1, K1] 5 times – 38 sts.

Rep Rows 3-6 twelve more times.

Top Flap: Bind off 6 sts, work in pat to last 6 sts, bind off last 6 sts – 26 sts. With RS facing, attach yarn and continue in established pat for 7 more rows. Bind off in pat, dec 1 st over each of the 4 cables.

**DIRECTIONS (continued):**

**BACK:** Work same as front.

**FINISHING:** Fold top flap over handle to WS and sew in place. With RS facing, sew side and bottom seams.

**BUTTON LOOP:** With one strand of yarn and smaller needles, cast on 31 sts. Bind off all sts. Sew ends to top edge of center back. Sew button to center top of front.

**CROCHET HANDBAG**

Front: Ch 27.

Row 1 (RS): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across; turn — 26 sts.

Row 2: Ch 3, dc in first sc, \* 2 dc in next sc; rep from \* across; turn — 52 sts.

Rows 3-6: Ch 3, dc in first dc, dc in each dc across to last st; 2 dc in top of ch-3; turn — 60 sts at end of Row 6.

Rows 7-13: Ch 3, skip first dc, dc in each dc across and in top of ch-3; turn.

Rows 14-18: Ch 2, skip first dc, [yo and draw up a lp in next st, yo and draw through 2 lps on hook] twice, yo and draw through 3 lps on hook — beg double dec made; dc in each dc to last 3 sts; [yo and draw up a lp in next st, yo and draw through 2 lps] 3 times, yo and draw through 4 lps on hook — double dec made; turn — 40 sts at end of Row 18.

Row 19: Ch 1; \* draw up a lp in each of next 2 sts, yo and draw through 3 lps on hook — sc-dec made; rep from \* across; turn — 20 sts.

Tab-Rows 20-26: Ch 1, sc in each st across; turn. Fasten off.

**BACK:** With RS facing, attach yarn and work 26 sc across opposite side of beg ch; turn. Rep Rows 2-26 of Front.

**FINISHING:** Sew side seams from Row 1 to Row 14.

Attach yarn at top edge and work 1 row sc across shaped edge, across seam and up to next top edge. Fasten off.  
Rep on opposite side.

Wrap tab around the handle to WS and sew to Row 19.

**BUTTON LOOP:** Ch 45, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Fasten off. Sew ends together on RS of center back of purse at Row 19; sew loop together for approximately 2½". Sew button to center front at Row 19.

Skill Level 3: Knitting or crochet experience needed

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