



Diamond Mesh Yoga Mat Bag

This yoga mat bag serves both form and function with this open weave diamond pattern. Show off your love of handmade and sustainable materials while you trek to your next yoga class with a cotton bag that is sure to pop against the color of your favorite mat!

Skill: Beginner

US Terms

Materials:

Approximately 230 yards/5 oz of worsted weight cotton in your chosen color, plus 6 yards of an accent color, if desired.
(2 skeins of Peaches & Creme cotton will be sufficient)
I hook (5.50mm)

Gauge: Use rows 1-9 to determine gauge, which are worked in the round. Your circle should measure 5" in diameter at the end of round 9.

Stitches:

Slip Stitch (sl st)

Chain (ch)

Single Crochet (sc)

Single Crochet Increase (sc inc) - 2 sc in same stitch

Half Double Crochet (hdc)

Double Crochet (dc)

Notes: The bag is worked in two pieces, the bag, which is worked in the round from the bottom up, and the strap, which is sewn to the bag.
The beginning chains of each row on the bag count as a stitch.



Base of Bag (worked in the round, increasing by 6 each round):

Row 1: MC (magic circle), ch 1, sc 5 times in circle. Sl st to beginning chain to join. (6)

Row 2: ch 1, sc in same stitch. Sc inc in each stitch. Sl st to beginning chain to join. (12)

Row 3: ch 1, sc inc in the next stitch. Repeat *sc, sc inc* around. Sl st to beginning chain to join. (18)



Row 4: ch 1, sc, sc inc. Repeat *sc in first 2 stitches, sc inc in next* around. Sl st to beginning chain to join. (24)

Row 5: ch 1, sc in first 2 stitches, sc inc. Repeat *sc in first 3 stitches, sc inc in next* around. Sl st to beginning chain to join. (30)

Row 6: ch 1, sc in first 3 stitches, sc inc. Repeat *sc in first 4 stitches, sc inc in next* around. Sl st to beginning chain to join. (36)

Row 7: ch 1, sc in first 4 stitches, sc inc. Repeat *sc in first 5 stitches, sc inc in next* around. Sl st to beginning chain to join. (42)

Row 8: ch 1, sc in first 5 stitches, sc inc. Repeat *sc in first 6 stitches, sc inc in next* around. Sl st to beginning chain to join. (48)

Row 9: ch 1, sc in first 6 stitches, sc inc. Repeat *sc in first 7 stitches, sc inc in next* around. Sl st to beginning chain to join. (54)

****If your mat is very thick or you prefer to roll it loosely, you may choose to continue to increase for a few rounds. Please note that this will affect the accuracy of stitch counts and the beginning and ending of the netting section.****

Row 10: ch 1, sc into the back loop only of each stitch. Sl st to beginning chain to join. (54)

Row 11: ch 1, sc into each stitch. Sl st to beginning chain to join. (54)

Row 12: ch 2, hdc into each stitch. Sl st to beginning chain to join. (54)

Row 13-14: Repeat row 11. (54)

Netting of Bag:

Row 15: Do not chain. Sc in same stitch. *ch 5, skip the next 3 stitches, sc into 4th stitch from sc* 12 times. Ch 5, skip the next 2 stitches, sc into the 3rd stitch from sc. Ch 5, sc into middle of the first ch 5 space of the row. You will have 14 spaces, and the last one made will be overlapping the first.

Row 16-42: Continue *ch 5, sc into next open space from previous row*, working in the round.

Top of Bag:

Row 43: sc in same ch 5 space that ended the previous row. 4 sc in each ch 5 space around. Join to last sc of previous round. (54)

Row 44: ch 1, sc into each stitch. Sl st to beginning chain to join. (54)

Row 45: ch 2, hdc into each stitch. Sl st to beginning chain to join. (54)





Row 46-48: repeat rows 44, 45, 44

Row 49: ch 4 (this counts as dc + 1 ch), skip the next stitch. *dc, ch 1, skip next stitch* around, and join to 3rd chain of beginning chain.

Row 50: ch 1, 2 sc in each chain space around. Join and finish off. Sew in ends.



Strap:

Row 1: Leaving a long tail, ch 7. Turn and hdc into 2nd ch from hook. Hdc across.

Row 2-58: ch 2, hdc across, turn.

Finish off, leaving a long tail. Using the tails at each end of the strap, sew the strap to the top and bottom sections of the bag. For strength, use the "X Box" pattern of sewing a square or rectangle with an X inside.

****You may choose to make a longer strap to best fit your body type and how you choose to wear the bag. Please note that the strap will stretch when supporting the weight of your yoga mat!****

Drawstring:

Cut three lengths of string, each approximately 110" long. If using an accent color, make 2 lengths the accent color and 1 length the color of your bag. Fold in half, tie a knot about 5 inches from the fold, and begin to braid, using 3 sections of 2 strands each. When approximately 5" remain, tie off your braid and trim ends to your desired length. Weave your drawstring around the dc stitches made in row 49 of your bag. Alternatively, you may choose to chain a suitable length instead of braiding.