

Long Flap Shoulder Bag



Finished Size

12” wide x 11.5” high x 7” deep

Yarn

Light Worsted Weight (Medium – 4) 80%-100% wool - 615yds

Contrast Worsted Weight (Medium/Bulky – 4/5) 80%-100% wool – 235yds

Eyelash Yarn – 100% Polyester – 295 yds

Hook

I/9 (5.50mm) Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

Notions

Blunt end needle; 2 x 2 inch ‘D’ rings; 1 metal clip

Gauge

13sts x 10 rows = 4 inches over hdc in Light Worsted Weight yarn

Abbreviations

Ch – chain

Hdc – half double crochet

LWW – light worsted weight

Prev - previous

Rev sc – reverse single crochet

RS – right side

Sc – single crochet

Sk - skip

Sl st – slip-stitch

St(s) – stitch(es)

WS – wrong side

WW – worsted weight

Notes:

Pattern may be worked completely in the round - turning work after each round is completed, should you not wish to use eyelash yarn at corners. Ch 1 at start of each row is counted as 1 hdc.

Stitch Guide:

Rev sc – sc as usual but from left to right.

Base – worked flat in LWW.

Row 1. Ch 41, hdc in second ch from hook and each ch to end, turn (40sts).

Rows 2 – 20. Ch 1, hdc in each hdc, turn.

Back and Front Panels – worked flat in contrast WW.

Row 1. With RS facing join contrast yarn to 5th st along one long side, ch 1, hdc in each st to last 4 sts, turn (32sts).

Rows 2 – 19. Ch 1, hdc in each st, turn.

Repeat above for opposite panel.

Side Panels – worked in LWW

Row 1. Holding together 1 strand of LWW and 1 strand of eyelash join yarn to base at rightmost stitch next to end of side panel, ch 1, sl st to side panel level with first row, hdc in next 3 sts, hdc in corner of base, hdc in next 3 sts along side edge of base, drop eyelash to inside of bag and continue work with LWW only working 24 hdc evenly across short edge to last 4 st spaces, join in second ball of eyelash yarn and working with LWW + eyelash held together hdc in next 3 sts, hdc in corner st, hdc in next 3 sts, sl st to finished panel at same height, turn (40 sts).

Rows 2 – 19. Continue pattern as set in prev row...ch 1, sl st to finished panel, 7 hdc LWW + eyelash, 24 hdc LWW, 8 hdc LWW + eyelash, sl st to finished panel, turn.

Repeat above for second end panel.

Once all panels are completed and joined together continue around whole bag as follows...

Rows 20 – 24 – worked in rounds in LWW + eyelash – Ch 1, hdc in each st, sl st to ch 1, turn (144 sts).

Row 25. Ch 2, 4 dc, *ch 1, sk 1, 20 dc, ch 1, sk 1, 16 dc, ch 1, sk 1, 14 dc, ch 1, sk 1*, 16 dc, rep from * to * once, 11 dc, join with sl st to ch 2, turn.

Rows 26 – 27 using LWW only. Ch 1, hdc in each st, join with sl st to ch 1, turn.

Row 28 using LWW + eyelash. 1 round of hdc.

Row 29 using LWW + eyelash. 1 round of rev sc, break yarn, finish off, weave in ends.

Flap – using Contrast WW

Row 1. On back of bag, locate 2 holes for straps (worked on dc row), mark center 14 sts, join in yarn, ch 1, hdc 13, turn.

Rows 2 – 20. Ch 1, hdc in each st, turn.

Break yarn, finish off, weave in ends.

Flap edging

With WS facing, using LWW + eyelash join in yarn where flap joins bag, hdc once in end of each row of flap, 2 hdc in corner st, 14 hdc across end of flap, 2 hdc in corner st, 1 hdc in end of each row of flap, sl st to top edge of bag, turn (58sts).

Next Row. Ch 1, sl st to bag 1 st along top edge, hdc 21, 3 hdc in next st, hdc 16, 3 hdc in next st, hdc 21, sl st to bag 1 st along, turn.

Next Row. Ch 1, sl st to bag 1 st along, hdc 22, 3 hdc in next st, hdc 18, 3 hdc in next st, hdc 22, sl st to top of bag, break yarn, finish off, weave in ends.

Tabs for Closure

Attach clip to curved part of 'D' ring.

Using WW 10 sc around straight edge of 1 'D' ring, turn.

Next Row. Ch 1, sc in each st, turn (10 sts).

Rep last row once, break yarn, finish off, stitch to center of flap 8 rows from end of flap.

Work second tab in same manner (omitting clip) and stitch to center front of bag 4 rows up from base.

Handles- Rope or Twisted Cord

Cut 2 lengths of each yarn 6.5 yards long. Take one length of each yarn (3 strands) and smooth them together, fold in half and tie cut ends loosely together. Loop one end over handle or hook and place fingers through other end of loop. Hold taut and twist 150 times in one direction only. Keeping rope held taut, find and hold onto center of rope whilst bringing both outer ends together. Let go of center of rope and allow it to twist on itself. Repeat for second handle.

Thread ends of one handle through holes from back panel of bag to outside of bag at each end. Repeat for front of purse. Tie handles together at each end panel of bag. Cut folded end of handles and fluff out.

For thicker handles use more strands of yarn. Remember – your handle will be 4 times as thick as the number of strands you cut initially, ie. Cut 6 strands for each handle – handle will be 24 strands thick and will felt even thicker too.

Felting

Be sure all ends are woven in before felting. Place bag in mesh laundry bag or zippered pillowcase, set washing machine to hot wash, cold rinse, smallest load, longest cycle. Start washing machine, add small amount of “wool friendly detergent” – Woolite, Eucalan or other. Add mesh bag to washing machine together with a pair of well-washed (but not frayed) jeans.

You can check your bag during the cycle provided you use a top loading washing machine – front loaders will have to allow the full cycle to run. To avoid permanent ‘creasing’ of your bag, stop the cycle before spinning begins. If your bag is not felted to your satisfaction, repeat the felting process until you are happy with the results.

Remove the bag from the washer, squeeze out as much water as possible, roll bag in clean dry towel and squeeze out more water. Pull to shape. Allow to air dry. You can stuff your bag with books (inside a plastic bag), boxes or plastic bags or even newspaper to help it keep its shape as it dries.

