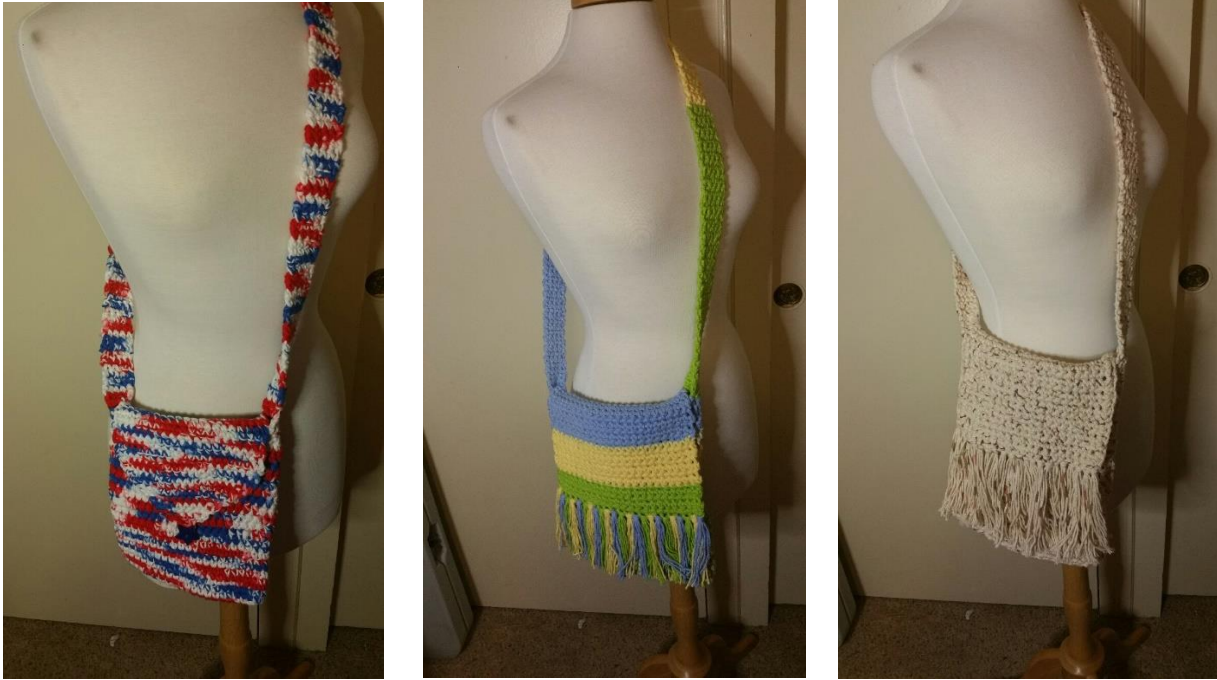


Summer's Ready Cotton Crossbody Bag



A trip down memory lane brought me back to this bag. 10 years ago, I knit a bag similar to this crossbody bag, but I never wrote a pattern for it. When I was walking in the mall, I saw a mannequin with a bag over its shoulder, and it brought back memories of my bag. Now I can share it with you.

Made with cotton yarn, its machine washable, it stretches, and it shrinks back when you wash it. A great bag to take to the beach, to the movies, to the farmer's market, to craft shows, you name it. I used

An easy pattern, even for beginners. It is crocheted holding 2 strands of yarn together. Includes 2 ways to make the flap closure, and how to add fringe to it. The cream bag is crocheted with N hook, the patriotic made with K hook. The bigger the hook, the larger the bag and the softer the texture. You have the option to choose which crochet hook you want to use. If you want the bag to be crocheted tight, use K hook.

Supplies

Cotton yarn, 8 ounces, sample bag used 4 skeins of Lily Sugar & Cream yarn, in Americana Ombre, 2oz/skein

Crochet Hook: K hook-6.50mm

Tapestry needle

Removable Stitch Marker

Tape Measure

Terminology

CH-chain

SS-slip stitch

SC-single crochet

HDC-half double crochet

ST-stitch

INSTRUCTIONS:

You will be working in the round, starting with chain, and you will work from both sides of the chain.

With 2 strands held together, make a slip knot

Round 1: Chain 22, work 2sc in 2nd chain from hook, sc in each chain across, ending with 2sc in last chain. Now turn to other side, and work 2sc in same stitch, sc in each chain across, ending with 2sc in last chain. You should have 45sc

Rounds 2-10 Place stitch marker at first stitch. This will be your guide to know when you have added another round. SC in each stitch around. 10 rounds of single crochet.

At this point, you can continue to single crochet until the bag is 12 inches tall.

Rounds 11-23 Half double crochet in each stitch around for 13 rounds. Do not cut yarn. You will now be making the strap.

STRAP



You will be working in rows for the strap. You will start on one side of the bag, crochet rows until strap is as long as you want it. And then attach to the other side of the bag.

Work hdc in 4 stitches, 1 on back, 2 on side, 1 on front of bag. Do this for 1 row. For the next row on, you will single crochet each row. The sample bag is crocheted to 45 inches. Do Not Cut Yarn.

Once the strap as long as you want it, lay the bag down, with the crochet hook attached to the strap end, lay strap on outside of bag, and single crochet strap to bag. Do No Bind Off. Now to make the flap closure.

Single Crochet from strap across one side of the bag, to the strap. It should be 20 stitches across.

HDC crochet for 10 rows.



For FLAT FLAP, continue hdc for a few more rows. The Flat Flap should fall half way down the bag. Cut yarn, slip stitch to last stitch.

ENVELOPE FLAP:



Sc first 10 rows. You will decrease 1 stitch at beginning of row and 1 decrease at end of row, until you have 2 stitches remain. If you want to add a buttonloop, at last row, chain 5, and slip stitch into 2nd stitch from hook.

Weave in ends.



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