

# STITCHES WEST 2016

## Opening Day



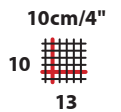
# Japanese knot bag



UNIVERSAL YARN Yashi: 100% Raffia in colors 101 Spider (A) and 103 Natural (B)

EASY

**Bag** 18" circumference × 8" tall  
**Handle** 2" × 16"  
**Closure** 2" × 4"



10cm/4"  
 10  
 13  
 over half-double crochet



1 2 3 **4** 5 6

**Medium weight**

**Solid bag**

240 yds

**Striped bag**

**A** 140 yds

**B** 120 yds



5mm/H-8



removable stitch marker

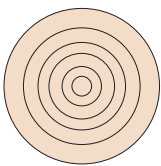
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### For striped bag only

Work ring and Rounds 1, 3, 5, 7, and 8 with A and in Rounds 2, 4, and 6 with B. Continue to alternate colors in body and in Rows 1–3 of handle and closure loop. Work remainder of handle in A and closure loop in B.

**INC 1** Work 2 HDC in next HDC.

*Start with a ring. Leaving a short tail, wrap the yarn twice around the tip of your left index finger. Work Round 1 into this double loop, then pull on tail to close loop and continue with base of bag.*



### 1 Work base in joined rounds

**Round 1** Chain 2 (CH 2) (counts as 1 half double crochet (HDC)), 7 HDC into center of ring; join with a slip stitch in top of beginning chain (join) — 8 HDC.

**Round 2** CH 2, [Inc 1] 7 times, 1 HDC in join of previous round; join — 16 HDC.

**Round 3** CH 2, [Inc 1, 1 HDC] 7 times, Inc 1; join — 24 HDC.

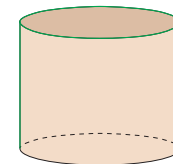
**Round 4** CH 2, [Inc 1, 2 HDC] 7 times, Inc 1, HDC in next HDC; join — 32 HDC.

**Round 5** CH 2, [Inc 1, 3 HDC] 7 times, Inc 1, HDC in next 2 HDC; join — 40 HDC.

**Round 6** CH 2, [Inc 1, 4 HDC] 7 times, Inc 1, HDC in next 3 HDC; join — 48 HDC.

**Round 7** CH 2, [Inc 1, 5 HDC] 7 times, Inc 1, HDC in next 4 HDC; join — 56 HDC.

**Round 8** CH 2, HDC in back loop only of each HDC; do not join.



### 2 Work body of bag in spiral rounds:

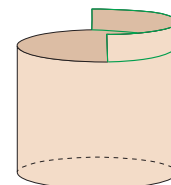
*Do not join at end of each round, just move marker to first HDC of next round.*

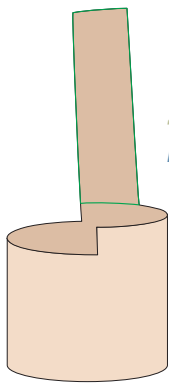
**Rounds 9–25** Work HDC in first HDC and mark it; HDC in each HDC to marker.

### 3 Divide for handle

**Row 1** 28 HDC; turn.

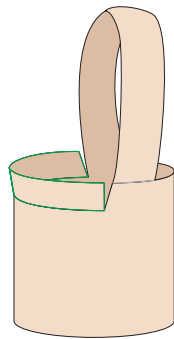
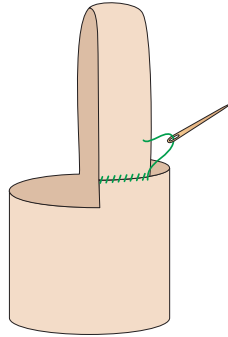
**Rows 2 and 3** CH 2, 27 HDC; turn.





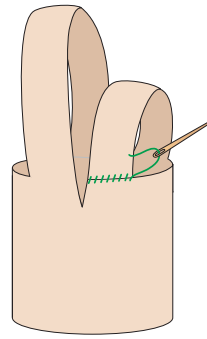
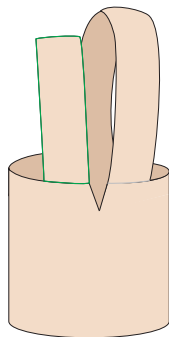
**4 Work handle**  
**Rows 4–39** CH 2, 12 HDC; turn.

**5 Sew handle to body of bag**  
 Cut yarn and fasten off, leaving a 12" tail. Sew last row to other half of Row 3 of handle, leaving 3 HDC open between ends of handle.



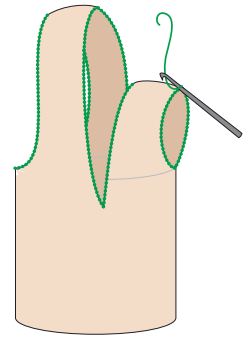
**6 Divide for closure loop**  
**Row 1** Beginning at left edge of Round 25 of body, attach yarn to HDC next to left edge of handle, CH 2, 27 HDC; turn.

**7 Work closure loop as for handle**  
**Rows 2–19** Work as for Rows 2–19 of handle.



**8 Sew closure loop to body of bag**  
 Cut yarn and fasten off, leaving a 12" tail. Sew to other half of closure loop as for handle.

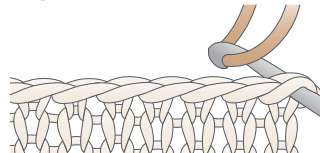
**9 Work edge openings**  
 SC in each HDC along edges; join.



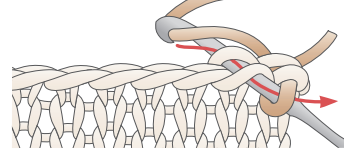
**10 Finish handles**  
 Turn bag inside out. Fold handle lengthwise with SC edges meeting at center. Sew edges from Row 8 to Row 32, leaving approximately 2" open at each end. Repeat for closure loop, sewing from Row 8 to Row 15. Steam block, flattening handle and closure loop so seams fall along center of WS. ◻

## Crochet Wise

### Slip stitch crochet

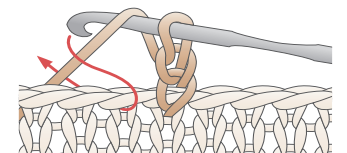


**1** Insert the hook into a stitch, catch yarn, and pull up a loop.



**2** Insert hook into the next stitch to the left, catch yarn and pull through both the stitch and the loop on the hook; 1 loop on the hook.

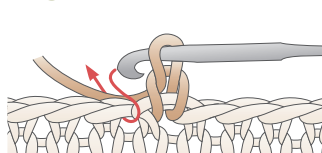
### Half-double crochet (HDC)



**1** Insert hook into a stitch, catch yarn, and pull up a loop. Chain 2 (counts as first half-double crochet).

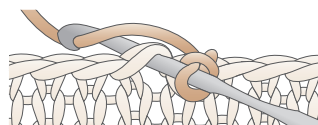
**2** Yarn over, insert hook into next stitch to the left (as shown). Catch yarn and pull through stitch only; 3 loops on hook.

### Single crochet (SC)

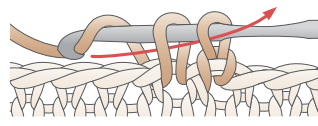


**1** Insert hook into a stitch, catch yarn and pull up a loop. Catch yarn and pull through the loop on the hook.

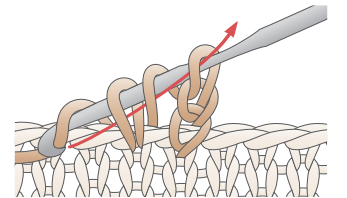
**2** Insert hook into next stitch to the left.



**3** Catch yarn and pull through the stitch; 2 loops on hook.



**4** Catch yarn and pull through both loops on hook; 1 single crochet completed. Repeat Steps 2–4.



**3** Catch yarn and pull through all 3 loops on hook: 1 half-double crochet complete. Repeat Steps 2–3.

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