

Shell Handbag

By Premier Yarns Design Team Level: Intermediate



FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Height: 9" Width: 17"

MATERIALS

Premier® Yarns Premier Home™ Raffia (100% cellulose rayon; 35gm/87 yds)

• #99-03 Embers – 5 balls

Hook: US Size H-8 (5 mm) crochet hook *or size* needed to obtain gauge and US Size E-4 (3.5mm) crochet hook

Notions: Tapestry needle, US Size 4 dpns (optional

for knit handles)

GAUGE

2½ shells x 6 rows = 4" Shell patt Save time, check your gauge.

STITCH GUIDE

Shell Patt (multiple of 6 sts)

Rnd 1: Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same sc as join, sk 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk 2 dc, [5 dc in next sc, sk 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk 2 dc] around, 2 dc in same sc as join, sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-3 to join.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, [sc in next dc, sk 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk 2 dc] around, sl st in 1st sc to join. Rep Rnds 1-2 for patt.

BAG

Base

With smaller hk, ch 34.

Row 1: Hdc in 4th ch from hk, hdc in next 27 ch, sl st in last ch to form ch-3 lp.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, 5 sc in ch-3 lp, working along foundation ch, sc in next 28 ch, 5 sc in next ch-3 lp, sc in next 28 hdc, sl st in 1^{st} sc to join – 66 sc.

Rnd 3: Ch 1, * [2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc] twice, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 28 sc; rep from * once more, sl st in 1st sc to join – 72 sc.

Rnd 4: Ch 1, *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 28 sc; rep from * once more, sl st in 1^{st} sc to join -78 sc.

Rnd 5: Ch 1, * [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 4 sc] twice, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 28 sc; rep from * once more, sl st in 1st sc to join – 84 sc.

Rnd 6: Ch 1, * 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 28 sc; rep from * once more, sl st in 1st sc to join – 90 sc.

Rnd 7: Ch 1, * [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 7 sc] twice, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 28 sc; rep from * once more, sl st in 1st sc to join – 96 sc.

Rnd 8: Ch 1, * 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 8 sc, 2 sc in next 9 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 28 sc; rep from * once more, sl st in 1st sc to join – 102 sc.

Rnd 9: Ch 1, *[2 sc in next sc, sc in next 10 sc] twice, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 28 sc; rep from * once more, sl st in 1st sc to join – 108 sc.

Sides

Change to larger hk.

Foundation Rnd: Ch 1, [sc in next sc, sk 2 sc, 5 dc in next sc, sk 2 sc] around, sl st in 1st sc to join. Work in Shell patt until Side measures approx. 7½" ending with Row 1 of patt.

Top Edging

Rnd 1: Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), dc in same st as join, 5 dc in next sc, [sk 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc, 5 dc in next sc] around, sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-3 to join – 126 dc.

Rnds 2-4: Ch 3, dc in each dc around, sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-3 to join. Fasten off.

Flowers (make 4)

With larger hk, ch 4, sl st to form a ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 1, [sc in ring, ch 3] 5 times, sl st in ring.

Rnd 2: Working in ring behind Rnd 1, ch 1, [sc in ring, ch 4] 5 times, sl st in 1st sc to join.

Rnd 3: Ch 1, 4 sc in each ch-4 sp to join, sl st in 1st sc to join.

Fasten off.

Handles – Knit Option (make 2)

With dpns, cast on 6 sts. Join to work in the rnd, being careful not to twist sts.

Divide sts onto 2-3 dpns.

Knit every rnd until Handle measures 28".

Bind off.

Handles – Crochet Option (make 2)

With smaller hk, ch 6.

Rnd 1: Sc in 2^{nd} ch from hk, sc in next 4 ch, sl st in 1^{st} sc to join – 5 sc.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in each sc around, sl st in 1st sc to join.

Continue to work in sc until Handle measures 28".

Fasten off.

FINISHING

Sew Handle to each side of the bag, using photo as a guide. Sew Flower over each end of Handle.

Weave in ends.



Abbreviations

beg begin(ning) ch chain

dc double crochet

dpn(s) double point needle(s) half double crochet hdc

hk hook k knit lp(s) loop(s) patt pattern rep repeat(ing) rnd(s) round(s)

sc single crochet

sk skip sl st slip stitch space sp stitch(es) st(s)

