

Mesh Market Bag

Materials

3 skeins Lily Sugar & Cream (2.5 oz each)

OPTIONAL: 2 skeins of one color for bag body and 1 skein for contrasting handles

Size J crochet hook

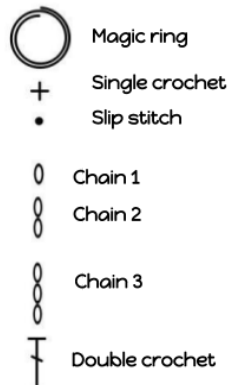
Mesh Granny Square

Round 1

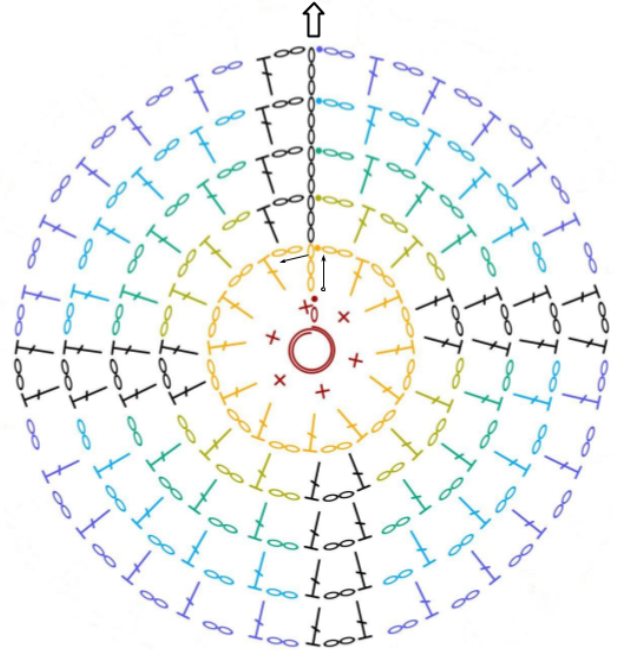
Start with 6 single crochets (sc) in a magic ring. Pull ring tight and slip stitch (sl st) into first sc to join.

Follow chart up and counter clockwise.

Chain 5 (ch5) at start of all subsequent rounds = double crochet + chain 2 (dc+ch2).



Round 1
Round 2
Round 3
Increasing
Increasing
Increasing



Round 2

Chain 5 (ch5), equivalent to a double crochet followed by a chain 2 (dc+ch2). Then in the same single crochet, work another dc+ch2. Work two (2) dc+ch2 into each of the single crochets of the previous round. To join, sl st into ch5 space that started the round.

Round 3

Chain 5, equivalent to a dc+ch2. In the same space (the ch5 of the previous round), work another dc+ch2.

In each of the next two ch2 spaces of the previous round work one dc+ch2.

*In the next space work two (2) dc+ch2s.

In each of the next two ch2 spaces of the previous round work one dc+ch2.*

Repeat from * to * around. To join, sl st into ch5 space that started the round.

Increasing Rounds

Rounds 4 to 22, or until square is desired size.

A chain 2 space between two double crochets that are worked into the same space is a **"corner space."** Every round will have 4 corner spaces, the first being the last ch2 of the ch5 that starts the round.

A chain 2 space between two double crochets that are worked into adjacent spaces is a **"side space."** The number of side spaces will increase by four (4) every round.

For each round, start with a ch5 (equivalent to dc+ch2), then work a dc+ch2 in the same space (to make a corner). Then, in every side space, work one (1) dc+ch2, and in each corner space, work two (2) dc+ch2. To join each round, sl st into the ch5 space that started the round.

Gathering Rounds

Round 1

Ch1 to start.

In every corner space work *sc, ch1, sc.* Mark each sc in the corner spaces.

In every side space work *sc, ch1.*

To join, sl st into first sc of the round.

Round 2

Ch1 to start.

In corners work *sc into first sc, sc into ch1 space, sc into second sc.* Each corner will have 3 stitches. Mark the first and third sc.

Along sides, single crochet 2 together (sc2tog) as follows: Insert hook into sc, draw up a loop, insert hook into ch1 space, draw up a loop, then yarn over and draw loop through all 3 loops on hook.

This will reduce the number of stitches on each side by 50%. If you worked 22 rounds, at the end of this round, each side will have 22 stitches.

To join, sl st into first sc of the round. Be careful not to work into the sl st of the previous round or ch1 that started this round.

Round 3

Ch1 to start. In corners, work 1 sc into each sc. Each corner will have 3 stitches. Mark the first and third sc.

If you worked 22 rounds, then along each side work the following:

Sc2tog (insert hook into first sc, draw up a loop, insert hook into next sc, draw up a loop, then yarn over and draw loop through all 3 loops on hook). Then *sc, sc2tog* six (6) times. Then sc2tog.

This reduces the number of stitches from 22 to 14, a decrease of 8, which is approximately $\frac{1}{3}$, or 33%.

If you worked a different number of rows, then adjust the decreasing pattern accordingly to reduce by 30-35%. For example, if the side is 24 stitches, then work *sc, sc2tog* across to reduce to 16 stitches (33%). If side is 20 stitches, work // *sc, sc2tog* three times, sc2tog, *sc, sc2tog* three times // to reduce to 13 stitches (35%) OR work // sc, *sc, sc2tog* 6 times, sc // to reduce to 14 stitches (30%).

To join, sl st into first sc of the round. Be careful not to work into the sl st of the previous round or ch1 that started this round.

OPTIONAL: After Round 3, ch1 to start, then work 1 sc in each sc around, join with sl st into first sc.

Handles & Finishing

Ch1 to start. Sc into each corner sc of the previous round (3 sc).

*45 foundation single crochet (FSC). Skip all side stitches. Join with a single crochet into first (marked) sc of of the next corner.

To make the foundation single crochet stitches: Insert hook into the middle of the single crochet you just worked. Make sure you aren't just going under the top of the stitch, but actually cutting through the middle of the stitch so your hook is going under two parallel strands of yarn. Yarn over and draw the loop through the single crochet. You will have two loops on your hook. Yarn over again and draw through one loop. This is equivalent to a chain and makes the "foundation." Yarn over again and draw through both loops on your hook to make the "single crochet."

To make the next stitch, insert your hook into the foundation chain of the stitch you just made. Yarn over and draw up a loop. Yarn over again and draw through 1 loop, which makes another foundation chain. Yarn over again and draw through both loops on your hook. This makes another single crochet stitch, and you've now made two stitches. Repeat until handles are desired length.

OPTIONAL: Substitute chains for FSC.

Sc in each of the remaining (2) corner scs. Sc in each sc along side.* Then in each sc of the next corner space (3 sc).

Repeat from * to * around. To join, sl st into first sc of the round. Be careful not to work into the sl st of the previous round or ch1 that started this round.

To make the handles thicker, work at least 3 more rounds of *sc in each st around.* Always start with a ch 1 and join with a sl st, making sure not to work scs into the ch1s or sl sts. When the handles are as thick as you want, cut off your yarn, draw it through your last sl st and work in all your ends.