

Crocodile Stitch Draw Bag



What you will need for this project is two skeins of worsted weight yarn, 4 ply US, 10ply AU and a 5mm / H hook.

Abbreviations:

ch = chain

sc = single crochet

dc = double crochet

sl st = slip stitch

sts = stitches

sk a st = skip a stitch

To Start:

Ch 3 and sl st into beginning stitch to form a ring

Round 1

ch 1 and work 12 DC's into ring, sl st into beginning stitch (12 sts)

Round 2

ch 1 and dc into the back loop only of the same stitch and then DC into the back loop of the next 2 dc's. Then go back and DC into the front loops that you skipped, starting from the first dc you did. This is called the Double Crochet

Crossover Stitch, if you need a beginner video see this one.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5YVkJb6e6s>

Then repeat for rest of round, *dc 1 into the back loop only of the next three stitches, then back up and dc into the front loops you skipped. * repeat until last two stitches. Dc in front loops on last two stitches, then back up and dc into the front loops of the last two stitches. Just like you did before, only you have two stitches instead of three. sl st into beginning stitch (24 sts)

Round 3

Repeat round 2 doing the double crochet crossover stitch (48 sts)

Round 4

ch 1 and dc into same stitch, and in next 2 stitches, dc inc, dc in next 3 sts, dc increase, Dc 1 in the last 3 sts, sl st into the beginning st. (58 sts)

Round 5

ch 1 and dc into same stitch, and in next 2 stitches, dc inc, dc in next 3 sts, dc increase. Until last three stitches of round. They will be worked as followed, Dc 2, dc 1, dc 1. sl st into the beginning st. (72 sts)

Round 6

ch 1 and dc into same stitch ch 1, * sk a st, dc 2 into next st , ch 1, sk a st, dc into next st, ch 1* repeat until end of round. No need to ch 1 after the last DC of the round, just sl st into the beginning stitch to end the round and the slip stitch will count as the ch 1.

Round 7

ch 1 and using the two dc's to the left first, working down, * dc 5 using the post of the first dc, then working your way back up. DC 5 onto the other DC post. Sl st into the post of the following DC* work all your stitches this way, sl st into the top of the st of the beginning DC.



Round 8

ch 1 and **Turn your work**, DC 2 into this same beginning stitch, ch 1, * dc 1 into the middle of the crocodile stitch, ch 1, dc 2 into the top the next dc, ch 1 * repeat until end of round. just sl st into the beginning stitch to end the round and the slip stitch will count as the ch 1.



Round 9

ch 1 and **Turn your work**, sl st onto the post of the dc to the left, then work your crocodile stitch using the posts of the next 2 dc's. Sl st into next stitch. Repeat this for rest of round. Sl st into beginning dc.

Round 10

ch 1 and **Turn your work**, DC 2 into this same beginning stitch, ch 1, * dc 1 into the middle of the crocodile stitch, ch 1, dc 2 into the top the next dc, ch 1 * repeat until end of round. just sl st into the beginning stitch to end the round and the slip stitch will count as the ch 1.

Round 11

ch 1 and **Turn your work**, sl st onto the post of the dc to the left, then work your crocodile stitch using the posts of the next 2 dc's. Sl st into next stitch. Repeat this for rest of round. Sl st into beginning dc.

Rounds 12 - 33

ch 1 and **Turn your work,**

Repeat rounds 8 and 11 until you reach round 38. You should have 14 rounds of crocodile stitch rows.

Round 34 (We're Repeating round 10 one more time)

ch 1 and **Turn your work,** sl st stitch into the first DC of round, then start your first Crocodile stitch in the next double dc's. Repeat this for rest of round. Sl st into beginning st.



Round 35

ch 1 and **Turn your work,**

sl st onto the post of the dc to the left, then work your crocodile stitch using the posts of the next 2 dc's, as before. Work the round as usual for this round only stop after you have 6 crocodile stitches done. After the sixth crocodile stitch, sl st into the next dc as usual. Ch 3 and **turn your work**



Row 36

sl st into the middle of your crocodile stitch and ch 2, DC into this same stitch, ch 1. Dc 2 in the top of the DC from last round and ch 1, continue this until your very last scale, dc in the very last scale (your 6th scale) ch 1 and **turn your work**



Row 37

Start your first crocodile stitch to the nearest place to the left in the double dc's, and work this row as normal, slip stitch into last dc. Ch 3 and **turn your work.**
(5 scales left)



Row 38

sl st into the middle of your crocodile stitch and ch 2, DC into this same stitch, ch 1. Dc 2 in the top of the DC from last round and ch 1, continue this until your very last scale, dc in the very last scale (your 5th scale) ch 1 and turn your work

Row 39

Repeat row 37, you should be decreasing by one crocodile scale each row. (**4 scales left**)

Row 40

Repeat row 38

Row 41

Repeat row 37 (**3 scales left**)

Row 42

Repeat row 38

Row 43

Repeat row 37 (**2 scales left**)

Row 42

Repeat row 38

Row 43

Repeat row 37 , sl st into final dc and ch 1 and cut your yarn leaving a tail to be worked in with a tapestry needle. (**1 scales left**)



Making the string

Ch 101, cut yarn leaving some tail to be worked in later. Feed it through row 34 , weaving in and out of the dc stitches, and behind the crocodile scale stitches.

The Handles

Connect to the left side of the flap, (or the right side if you're left handed) and working to the left of the scale on the flap, start in the top of the double dc's where you would normally do a scale and instead do a sc attachment. Sc into the next 6 sts giving you 7 sc's total. Ch 1 and turn working 7 sc's across the handle. Ch 1 and turn and repeat until your handle is 66 rows or as long as you want. Just end on an even number.



Find your 7 stitches on the other side of your bag, starting from the first 2 double crochets from the scale of the flap and counting over 7. Mark this 7th stitch with a marker and turn your bag inside out.



Now from your marker, count over to the right 7 stitches. Go through the stitch on your strap, then through this 7th stitch, and working this way until you attach all 7 stitches and reached your marker. Ch 1 and cut yarn leaving a tail to be worked into the strap.

Use it as is as a tote bag or add a lining if you wish to use it as a purse. Enjoy!

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