



# Pay-it-Forward Plarn Projects

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Don't throw away your plastic bags, make plarn instead and create one of these great baskets or market bag, then fill one of them up with a few goodies to take to your local homeless shelter or food bank.

Happy Crocheting!

### SKILL LEVEL:

Easy

### MATERIALS:

- Plastic bags, cut into 1-1/4" strips (approx. amount):
  - Round Basket – 45
  - Square Basket – 45
  - Oval Basket – 40
  - Market Bag – 45
- See *Making Plarn* on page 7.
- Size J (6.00 mm) crochet hook
- Large tapestry needle
- Additional materials:
  - Round Basket:
    - Cardboard – 12" square
  - Square Basket:
    - Cardboard – 12" square
    - 8 (7/8") round buttons
    - Sewing needle and matching thread
  - Oval Basket:
    - Cardboard – 12" square
    - 4 large shank-type buttons
    - Sewing needle and matching thread
  - Market Bag:
    - 4 large shank-type buttons
    - Sewing needle and matching thread

### GAUGE:

Gauge is dependent on the thickness of the plastic bags used and the width of the strips.

### SPECIAL STITCHES:

See Special Stitches on page 7.



### ROUND BASKET

#### Round Bottom

#### Begin:

Ch 4, join with sl st to form ring.

#### Rnd 1:

Ch 1, 10 sc in ring, join with sl st in beg sc.

#### Rnd 2:

Ch 2, hdc in same st, 2 hdc in each of rem 9 sts around, join with sl st in top of beg ch 2.

20 hdc made.

#### Rnd 3:

Ch 2, 2 hdc in next st, \*hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next, rep from \* around, join with sl st in top of beg ch 2.

30 hdc made.

#### Rnd 4:

Ch 2, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next, \*hdc in each of next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next, rep from \* around, join with sl st in top of beg ch 2.

40 hdc made.

#### Rnd 5:

Ch 2, hdc in each of next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next, \*hdc in each of next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next, rep from \* around, join with sl st in top of beg ch 2.

50 hdc made.

#### Rnd 6:

Ch 2, hdc in each of next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next, \*hdc in each of next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next, rep from \* around, join with sl st in top of beg ch 2.

60 hdc made.

#### Rnd 7:

Ch 2, hdc in each of next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next, \*hdc in each of next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next, rep from \* around, join with sl st in top of beg ch 2.

70 hdc made.

#### Rnd 8:

Ch 2, hdc in each of next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next, \*hdc in each of next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next, rep from \* around, join with sl st in top of beg ch 2.

80 hdc made.

#### Rnd 9:

Ch 2, hdc in each of next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next, \*hdc in each of next 7 sts, 2 hdc in next, rep from \* around, join with sl st in top of beg ch 2, ch 1, turn.

90 hdc made.

#### Rnd 10:

Working in back loops only for this round, sc in 1st st and each of rem 89 sts around. Join with sl st in beg sc. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Cut cardboard to fit within Rnds 1-9 of Round Bottom.



### Round Basket

#### Begin:

Ch 4, join with sl st to form ring.

#### Rnds 1-9:

Rep Rnds 1-9 of Round Bottom. Do not turn at end of Rnd 9.

#### Rnd 10:

With WS facing each other and cardboard in between, work thru both loops of Round Basket and rem loops of Round Bottom tog, sc in 1st and each of next 7 sts, 2 sc in next, \*sc in

each of next 8 sts, 2 sc in next, rep from \* around, join with sl st in beg sc, ch 3, turn.

*100 sc made.*

#### **Rnd 11:**

Dc in each of next 3 sts, 2 dc in next, \*dc in each of next 4 sts, 2 dc in next, rep from \* 18 times, join with sl st in top of beg ch 3, ch 2, turn.

*120 dc made.*

#### **Rnd 12:**

[Yo, insert hook from front to back to front around post of next st, yo, pull up loop, (yo, pull thru 2 loops on hook) twice – **FPdc** made], [yo, insert hook from back to front to back around post of next st, yo, pull up loop, (yo, pull thru 2 loops on hook) twice – **BPdc** made], \*FPdc around next st, BPdc around next, rep from \* around to last st, FPdc around last st, join with sl st in top of tch, ch 2, turn.

#### **Rnds 13-18:**

Rep Rnd 12.

#### **Rnd 19:**

FPdc around next st, \*BPdc around next st, FPdc around next, rep from \* around, join with sl st in top of tch. Do not turn.

#### **Rnd 20:**

Ch 1, sc in 1st st and each of rem 119 sts around, join with sl st in top of beg sc.

*120 sc made.*

#### **Rnd 21:**

Rep Rnd 20.

#### **Rnd 22 (Handles):**

Ch 1, sc in 1st st and each of next 23 sts, ch 16, sk next 12 sts, sc in each of next 48, ch 16, sk next 12 sts, sc in each of rem 24 sts, join with sl st in top of beg sc.

#### **Rnd 23:**

Ch 1, sc in 1st st and each of next 23 sts, 20 sc in ch-16 sp, sc in each of next 48 sts, 20 sc in ch-16 sp, sc in each of rem 24 sts, join with sl st in top of beg sc.

*136 sc made.*

#### **Rnd 24:**

Ch 1, sc in 1st st and each rem st around, join with sl st in top of beg sc.

#### **Rnd 25:**

Rep Rnd 24.

#### **Border:**

Ch 1, [insert hook in 1st st, yo, pull up loop, insert hook in next st, yo, pull up loop, yo, pull thru all loops on hook – **sc2tog** made], ch 1, \*sc2tog over next 2 sts, ch 1, rep from \* around, join with sl st in top of beg sc2tog. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

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### **SQUARE BASKET**

#### **Square Bottom**

#### **Begin:**

Ch 5, join with sl st to form ring.

#### **Rnd 1:**

Ch 3, dc in ring, \*ch 1, dc in ring, ch 1, † 2 dc in ring, rep from \* twice, then from \* to † once, join with sl st in top of beg ch 3.

#### **Rnd 2:**

Ch 3, dc in next dc, \*2 dc in ch-sp, ch 1, dc in dc, ch 1, 2 dc in ch-sp, † dc in each of next 2 dc, rep from \* twice, then from \* to † once, join with sl st in top of beg ch 3.

*28 dc & 8 ch-sps made.*

#### **Rnd 3:**

Ch 3, dc in each of next 3 dc, \*2 dc in ch-sp, ch 1, dc in dc, ch 1, 2 dc in ch-sp, † dc in each of next 6 dc, rep from \* twice, then from \* to † once, dc in

each of rem 2 dc, join with sl st in top of beg ch 3.

*44 dc & 8 ch-sps made.*

#### **Rnd 4:**

Ch 3, dc in each of next 5 dc, \*2 dc in ch-sp, ch 1, dc in dc, ch 1, 2 dc in ch-sp, † dc in each of next 10 dc, rep from \* twice, then from \* to † once, dc in each of rem 4 dc, join with sl st in top of beg ch 3.

*60 dc & 8 ch-sps made.*

#### **Rnd 5:**

Ch 3, dc in each of next 7 dc, \*2 dc in ch-sp, ch 1, dc in dc, ch 1, 2 dc in ch-sp, † dc in each of next 14 dc, rep from \* twice, then from \* to † once, dc in each of rem 6 dc, join with sl st in top of beg ch 3.

*76 dc & 8 ch-sps made.*

#### **Rnd 6:**

Ch 3, dc in each of next 9 dc, \*2 dc in ch-sp, ch 1, dc in dc, ch 1, 2 dc in ch-sp, † dc in each of next 18 dc, rep from \* twice, then from \* to † once, dc in each of rem 8 dc, join with sl st in top of beg ch 3.

*92 dc & 8 ch-sps made.*

#### **Rnd 7:**

Ch 3, dc in each of next 11 dc, \*2 dc in ch-sp, 3 dc in dc, 2 dc in ch-sp, † dc in each of next 22 dc, rep from \* twice, then from \* to † once, dc in each of rem 10 dc, join with sl st in top of beg ch 3, ch 1, turn.

*116 dc made.*

#### **Rnd 8:**

Ch 1, working in back loops only for this rnd, sc in each st around, join with sl st in beg sc. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

*116 sc made.*

Cut cardboard insert to fit within Rnds 1-7 of Square Bottom.



## **Square Basket**

### **Begin:**

Ch 5, join with sl st to form ring.

### **Rnds 1-7:**

Rep Rnds 1-7 of Square Bottom. Do not turn at end of Rnd 7.

### **Rnd 8:**

With WS tog and matching up stitches, work thru both loops of Square Basket and rem loops of Square Bottom tog, ch 1, sc in each st around 3 sides, insert cardboard, sc in each rem st around last side, join with sl st in beg sc, ch 3, turn.

*116 sc made.*

### **Rnd 9:**

Dc in each of next 115 sc, ch 1, turn.

*116 dc made counting beg ch 3.*

### **Rnd 10:**

Sc in 1st st and each of rem 115 sts around, join with sl st in beg sc, ch 3, turn.

### **Rnd 11:**

Dc in next sc, \*[yo, insert hook from front to back to front around post of dc in rnd beneath next sc, yo, pull up loop, (yo, pull thru 2 loops on hook) twice – **FPdc** made], sk same sc, dc in each of next 3 sc, rep from \* 27 times, FPdc around dc in rnd beneath next sc, sk same sc, dc in last sc, join with sl st in top of tch, ch 1, turn.

### **Rnd 12:**

Rep Rnd 10.

### **Rnd 13:**

Dc in next sc, (FPdc around FPdc in rnd beneath next sc, sk same sc, dc in each of next 3 sc) 28 times, FPdc around FPdc in rnd beneath next sc,

sk same sc, dc in last sc, join with sl st in top of tch, ch 1, turn.

### **Rnds 14-19:**

Rep Rnds 12 & 13, 3 times, do not turn at end of Rnd 19.

### **Rnd 20:**

Ch 1, sc in 1st st and each of rem 115 sts around, join with sl st in beg sc. Do not turn.

### **Rnd 21:**

Ch 1, sc in 1st st and each of rem 115 sts around, join with sl st in beg sc, ch 1, turn.

### **Rnd 22 (Fold Line):**

Working in back loops only for this rnd, sc in 1st st in each of rem 115 sts around, join with sl st in beg sc. Do not turn. Front loops create fold line.

### **Rnds 23-25:**

Rep Rnd 20.

### **Rnd 26:**

Ch 1, [insert hook in 1st st, yo, pull up loop, insert hook in next st, yo, pull up loop, yo, pull thru all loops on hook - **sc2tog** made, ch 1, \*sc2tog over next 2 sts, ch 1, rep from \* around, join with sl st in beg sc. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Fold band to outside along fold line of Rnd 22.

### **Border:**

With RS facing, attach yarn with sl st in any rem loop of Rnd 22 (Fold Line), ch 1, sc2tog over 1st st and next st, ch 1, \*sc2tog over next 2 sts, ch 1, rep from \* around, join with sl st in beg sc2tog. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

### **Finishing:**

Sew two buttons to each side of basket around band.

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## **OVAL BASKET**

### **Oval Bottom**

#### **Rnd 1:**

Ch 14, 4 hdc in 3rd ch from hook, hdc in each of next 10 ch, 5 dc in last; now working along opposite side of ch, hdc in each of rem 10 ch, join with sl st in top of ch.

*30 hdc made including ch 2.*

#### **Rnd 2:**

Ch 2, hdc in same st, 2 hdc in each of next 4, hdc in each of next 10 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 5, hdc in each of rem 10 sts, join with sl st in top of beg ch 2.

*40 hdc made.*

#### **Rnd 3:**

Ch 2, hdc in next st, \*2 hdc in next st, hdc in next, 2 hdc in next, hdc in each of next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next, hdc in next, 2 hdc in next,\* hdc in each of next 12 sts, rep from \* to \* once, hdc in each of rem 10 sts, join with sl st in top of beg ch 2.

*48 hdc made.*

#### **Rnd 4:**

Ch 2, (hdc, in each of next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next) 4 times, hdc in each of next 14 sts, 2 hdc in next, (hdc in each of next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next) 3 times, hdc in each of rem 11 sts, join with sl st in top of beg ch 2.

*56 hdc made.*

#### **Rnd 5:**

Ch 2, hdc in each of next 3 sts, \*2 hdc in next st, hdc in each of next 3, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in each of next 4, 2 hdc

in next st, hdc in each of next 3, 2 hdc in next,\* hdc in each of next 14 sts, rep from \* to \* once, hdc in each of rem 10 sts, join with sl st in top of beg ch 2.

*64 hdc made.*

#### **Rnd 6:**

Ch 2, hdc in each of next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next, (hdc in each of next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next) 3 times, hdc in each of next 16 sts, 2 hdc in next, (hdc in each of next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next) 3 times, hdc in each of rem 10 sts, join with sl st in top of beg ch 2, ch 1, turn.

*72 hdc made.*

#### **Rnd 7:**

Working in back loops only for this rnd, sc in each st around. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Cut cardboard to fit within Rnds 1-6 of Oval Bottom.



#### **Oval Basket**

#### **Rnds 1-6:**

Rep Rnds 1-6 of Oval Bottom. Do not turn at end of Rnd 6.

#### **Rnd 7:**

With WS tog and matching up sts, work thru both loops of Oval Basket and rem loops of Oval Bottom tog, ch 1, sc in 1st st and each of next 35 sts, insert cardboard, sc in each rem 36 sts around, join with sl st in beg sc, ch 3, turn.

*72 sc made.*

#### **Rnd 9:**

Sk 1st 3 sts, dc in next, dc in last skipped st, (sk next st, dc in next, dc in skipped st – *X-st* made) 34 times,

with beg ch 3 leaning forward, dc in 1st skipped st to complete beg *X-st*, join with sl st in top of tch, ch 1, turn.

*36 X-sts made counting beg X-st.*

#### **Rnd 10:**

Sc in 1st st and each of next 10, 2 sc in next, (sc in each of next 5 sts, 2 sc in next) twice, sc in each of next 23 sts, 2 sc in next, (sc in each of next 5 sts, 2 sc in next) twice, sc in each of rem 12 sts, join with sl st in beg sc, ch 3, turn.

*78 sc made.*

#### **Rnd 11:**

Sk 1st 3 sts, dc in next, dc in last skipped st, (X-st over next 2 sts) 37 times, with beg ch 3 leaning forward, dc behind ch 3 in 1st skipped st to complete beg *X-st*, join with sl st in top of tch, ch 1, turn.

*39 X-sts made.*

#### **Rnd 12:**

Sc in 1st st and each of next 11, 2 sc in next, (sc in each of next 6 sts, 2 sc in next) twice, sc in each of next 24 sts, 2 sc in next, (sc in each of next 6 sts, 2 sc in next) twice, sc in each of rem 12 sts, join with sl st in beg sc, ch 3, turn.

*84 sc made.*

#### **Rnd 13:**

Sk 1st 3 sts, dc in next, dc in last skipped st, (X-st over next 2 sts) 40 times, with beg ch 3 leaning forward, dc behind ch 3 in 1st skipped st to complete beg *X-st*, join with sl st in top of tch, ch 1, turn.

*42 X-sts made.*

#### **Rnd 14:**

Sc in 1st st and each of next 14, 2 sc in next, (sc in each of next 7 sts, 2 sc in next) twice, sc in each of next 25 sts, 2 sc in next, (sc in each of next 7 sts, 2 sc in next) twice, sc in each of rem 10 sts, join with sl st in beg sc, ch 3, turn.

*90 sc made.*

#### **Rnd 15:**

Sk 1st 3 sts, dc in next, dc in last skipped st, (X-st over next 2 sts) 43 times, with beg ch 3 leaning forward, dc behind ch 3 in 1st skipped st to complete beg *X-st*, join with sl st in top of tch, ch 1, turn.

*45 X-sts made.*

#### **Rnd 16:**

Sc in 1st st and each of next 17, 2 sc in next, (sc in each of next 8 sts, 2 sc in next) twice, sc in each of next 26 sts, 2 sc in next, (sc in each of next 8 sts, 2 sc in next) twice, sc in each of rem 8 sts, join with sl st in beg sc, ch 3, turn.

*96 sc made.*

#### **Rnd 17:**

Sk 1st 3 sts, dc in next, dc in last skipped st, (X-st over next 2 sts) 46 times, with beg ch 3 leaning forward, dc behind ch 3 in 1st skipped st to complete beg *X-st*, join with sl st in top of tch, ch 1, turn.

*48 X-sts made.*

#### **Rnd 18:**

Sc in 1st st and each of next 17, 2 sc in next, (sc in each of next 9 sts, 2 sc in next) twice, sc in each of next 27 sts, 2 sc in next, (sc in each of next 9 sts, 2 sc in next) twice, sc in each of rem 9 sts, join with sl st in beg sc, ch 3, turn.

*102 sc made.*

#### **Rnd 19:**

Sk 1st 3 sts, dc in next, dc in last skipped st, (X-st over next 2 sts) 49 times, with beg ch 3 leaning forward, dc behind ch 3 in 1st skipped st to complete beg *X-st*, join with sl st in top of tch, ch 1, turn.

*51 X-sts made.*

#### **Rnd 20:**

Sc in 1st st and each of next 18, 2 sc in next, (sc in each of next 10 sts, 2 sc in next) twice, sc in each of next 28 sts, 2 sc in next, (sc in each of next 10 sts, 2 sc in next) twice, sc in each of

rem 9 sts, join with sl st in beg sc, ch 3, turn.

*108 sc made.*

#### **Rnd 21:**

Sk 1st 3 sts, dc in next, dc in last skipped st, (X-st over next 2 sts) 52 times, with beg ch 3 leaning forward, dc behind ch 3 in 1st skipped st to complete beg X-st, join with sl st in top of tch, ch 1, turn.

*54 X-sts made.*

#### **Rnd 22:**

Sc in 1st st and each of next 20, 2 sc in next, (sc in each of next 11 sts, 2 sc in next) twice, sc in each of next 29 sts, 2 sc in next, (sc in each of next 11 sts, 2 sc in next) twice, sc in each of rem 8 sts, join with sl st in beg sc, ch 3, turn.

*114 sc made.*

#### **Rnd 23:**

Sk 1st 3 sts, dc in next, dc in last skipped st, (X-st over next 2 sts) 55 times, with beg ch 3 leaning forward, dc behind ch 3 in 1st skipped st to complete beg X-st, join with sl st in top of tch. Do not turn.

*57 X-sts made.*

#### **Rnd 24 (Handle Placement):**

Ch 1, sc in 1st st, ch 3, sk 3 sts, sc in each of next 36 sts, ch 3, sk 3 sts, sc in each of next 15, ch 3, sk 3 sts, sc in each of next 36, ch 3, sk 3 sts, sc in each of rem 14 sts, join with sl st in beg sc.

#### **Rnd 25:**

Ch 1, sc in 1st st, 3 sc in ch-3 sp, sc in each of next 36 sts, 3 sc in ch-3 sp, sc in each of next 15 sts, 3 sc in ch-3 sp, sc in each of next 36 sts, 3 sc in ch-3 sp, sc in each of rem 14 sts, join with sl st in beg sc.

*114 sc made.*

#### **Rnd 26:**

Ch 1, sc in each st around, join with sl st in beg sc.

#### **Rnd 27:**

Ch 1, sc in each st around, join with sl st in beg sc. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

#### **Handles (Make 2)**

##### **Rnd 1:**

Ch 4, *tr* in 4th ch from hook, (ch 4, *tr thru top* of *tr* just made) 12 times.

*13 ch-sps made.*

##### **Rnd 2:**

Ch 1, 5 sc in last ch-sp made, (5 sc in next ch-sp) 11 times, 11 sc in last ch-sp; now working along opposite side, (5 dc in next ch-sp) 11 times, 6 sc in last ch-sp, join with sl st in beg sc. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

#### **Finishing:**

With RS facing, sew button between 3rd and 4th ch-sp on each end of Handle. With button facing out, insert each end of Handle from inside to outside through one of the ch-3 sps provided for Handle Placement, then button through 1st ch-sp of Handle.

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#### **MARKET BAG**

##### **Rnd 1:**

Ch 34, 4 hdc in 3rd ch from hook, hdc in each of next 30 ch, 5 dc in last ch; now working along opposite side of ch, hdc in each of rem 30 ch, join with sl st in top of ch 2.

*70 hdc made including ch 2.*

##### **Rnd 2:**

Ch 2, hdc in same st, 2 hdc in each of next 4, hdc in each of next 30 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 5, hdc in each of rem 30 sts, join with sl st in top of beg ch 2.

*80 hdc made.*

##### **Rnd 3:**

Ch 2, hdc in next st, \*2 hdc in next st, hdc in next, 2 hdc in next, hdc in each of next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next, hdc in next, 2 hdc in next,\* hdc in each of next 32 sts, rep from \* to \* once, hdc in each of rem 30 sts, join with sl st in top of beg ch 2.

*88 hdc made.*

##### **Rnd 4:**

Ch 2, (hdc, in each of next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next) 4 times, hdc in each of next 34 sts, 2 hdc in next, (hdc in each of next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next) 3 times, hdc in each of rem 31 sts, join with sl st in top of beg ch 2.

*96 hdc made.*

##### **Rnd 5:**

Ch 2, hdc in each of next 3 sts, \*2 hdc in next st, hdc in each of next 3, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in each of next 4, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in each of next 3, 2 hdc in next,\* hdc in each of next 34 sts, rep from \* to \* once, hdc in each of rem 30 sts, join with sl st in top of beg ch 2.

*104 hdc made.*

##### **Rnd 6:**

Ch 2, hdc in each of next 103 sts around, join with sl st in top of beg ch 2.

*104 hdc made counting beg ch 2.*

##### **Rnd 7:**

Rep Rnd 6.

##### **Rnd 8:**

Ch 1, sc in 1st st, (ch 2, sk next st, sc in next) 51 times, join with hdc in beg sc.

**Rnd 9:**

Ch 1, sc around joining-hdc, (ch 2, sc in next ch-sp) 51 times, join with hdc in beg sc.

**Rnd 10:**

Ch 1, sc around joining-hdc, (ch 1, sc in next ch-sp) 51 times, ch 1, join with sl st in beg sc.

**Rnd 11:**

Ch 2, hdc in ch-sp, \*hdc in sc, hdc in ch-sp, rep from \* around, join with sl st in top of beg ch 2.

**Rnd 12:**

Rep Rnd 6.

**Rnd 13:**

Ch 1, sc in same st, \*sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next, sk next 2 sts, sc in next, † ch 2, sk next st, sc in next, rep from \* 11 times, then from \* to † once, join with hdc in beg sc.

**Rnd 14:**

Ch 3, 4 dc around joining-hdc, \*sk sc and dc, sc in next st, ch 2, sk next dc, sc in next, † sk dc and sc, 5 dc in ch-2 sp, rep from \* 11 times, then from \* to † once, join with sl st in top of beg ch 3.

**Rnd 15:**

(Sl st, ch 1, sc) in next st, ch 1, sk next dc, sc in next, \*ch 2, sk dc and sc, sc in ch-2 sp, ch 2, sk sc and dc, † sc in next dc, ch 1, sk next dc, sc in next, rep from \* 11 times, then from \* to † once, join with sl st in beg sc.

**Rnd 16:**

Ch 2, \*hdc in ch-1 sp, (hdc in sc, 2 hdc in ch-2 sp) twice, † hdc in sc, rep from \* 11 times, then from \* to † once, join with sl st in top of beg ch 2.

**Rnd 17:**

Rep Rnd 6.

**Rnd 18:**

Ch 3, sk next st, hdc in next, (ch 1, sk next st, hdc in next) 50 times, ch 1, join with sl st in 2nd ch of beg ch 3.

**Rnd 19:**

Sl st in ch-sp, ch 3, hdc in next ch-sp, (ch 1, hdc in next ch-sp) 50 times, ch 1, join with sl st in 2nd ch of beg ch 3.

**Rnd 20:**

Ch 2, hdc in ch-sp, \*hdc in hdc, hdc in ch-sp, rep from \* around, join with sl st in top of beg ch 2.

**Rnd 21:**

Rep Rnd 6.

**Rnds 22-26:**

Rep Rnds 13-17.

**Rnds 27-31:**

Rep Rnds 8-12.

**Rnd 32:**

Ch 1, sc in 1st st and each of rem 103 sts around, join with sl st in beg sc.

**Rnd 33 (Handle Placement):**

Ch 1, sc in 1st st and each of next 14 sts, ch 3, sk 3 sts, sc in each of next 26 sts, ch 3, sk 3 sts, sc in each of next 20 sts, ch 3, sk 3 sts, sc in each of next 26 sts, ch 3, sk 3 sts, sc in each of rem 5 sts, join with sl st in beg sc.

**Rnd 34:**

Ch 1, sc in 1st st and each of next 14 sts, 3 sc in ch-3 sp, sc in each of next 26 sts, 3 sc in ch-3 sp, sc in each of next 20 sts, 3 sc in ch-3 sp, sc in each of next 26 sts, 3 sc in ch-3 sp, sc in each of rem 5 sts, join with sl st in beg sc.

*104 sc made.*

**Rnd 35:**

Rep Rnd 32.

**Border:**

Ch 1, [insert hook in 1st st, yo, pull up loop, insert hook in next st, yo, pull up loop, yo, pull thru all loops on hook – *sc2tog* made], ch 1, \*sc2tog over next 2 sts, ch 1, rep from \* around, join with sl st in top of beg sc2tog. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

**Handles (Make 2)****Rnd 1:**

Ch 4, *tr* in 4th ch from hook, (ch 4, *tr thru top* of *tr* just made) 24 times.

*25 ch-sps made.*

**Rnd 2:**

Ch 1, 5 sc in last ch-sp made, (5 sc in next ch-sp) 23 times, 11 sc in last ch-sp; now working along opposite side, (5 dc in next ch-sp) 23 times, 6 sc in last ch-sp, join with sl st in beg sc. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

**Finishing:**

With RS facing, sew button between 3rd and 4th ch-sp on each end of Handle. With button facing out, insert each end of Handle from inside to outside through one of the ch-3 sps provided for Handle Placement, then button through 1st ch-sp of Handle.



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## ABBREVIATIONS:

beg ..... beginning  
BPdc ..... back post dc  
ch(s) ..... chain(s)  
dc ..... double crochet  
FPdc ..... front post dc  
hdc ..... half double crochet  
rem ..... remaining  
rep ..... repeat  
rnd ..... round  
RS ..... right side  
sc ..... single crochet  
sc2tog .... single crochet 2 tog  
sk ..... skip  
sl st ..... slip stitch  
sp ..... space  
st(s) ..... stitch(es)  
tch ..... turning ch  
tog ..... together  
tr ..... treble  
WS ..... wrong side  
yo ..... yarn over

## SPECIAL STITCHES:

- *BPdc* – yo, insert hook from back to front to back around post of indicated st, yo, pull up loop, (yo, pull thru 2 loops on hook) twice
- *FPdc* – yo, insert hook from front to back to front around post of indicated st, yo, pull up loop, (yo, pull thru 2 loops on hook) twice
- *sc2tog* – (insert hook in specified stitch, yo, pull up loop) twice, yo, pull thru all loops on hook
- *st thru top* – work indicated st by inserting hook thru one horizontal bar and one vertical bar at top of specified st



- *tr* – yo twice, insert hook in specified st, yo, pull up loop, (yo, pull thru 2 loops on hook) 3 times
- *X-st* – sk next st, dc in next, dc in skipped st

## MAKING PLARN:

1. Flatten plastic bag, cut off bottom seam and handles creating a tube. Flatten out completely smoothing out any wrinkles.
2. Fold bag by bringing side seam up to approximately 1½" below the opposite side. Fold two more times to the same point (see Figure 1).

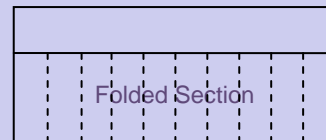


Figure 1.

3. Cut strips ¼" wide through all thicknesses of the folded section only (indicated by dashed lines on Figure 1).
4. Open bag out, then cut diagonally from one strip to the next (indicated by dashed lines in Figure 2) creating one long strand. Take care to cut through only one thickness of the bag.

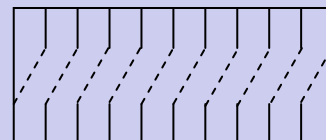


Figure 2.

5. Tie strands together with a square knot leaving 3" ends to be crocheted in as you work.