



Cutie Cupcake Project Bag

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Photo courtesy of [Dianne Velazquez-Hunt](#); bag made by yours truly <3

I made this bag for a swap on Google Plus. It was pretty easy to make and I loved the end result. I basically took my Cutie Cupcake pattern, supersized it, and voila!

I rate this pattern intermediate for the use of fpdc and surface crochet. If you plan to line your bag, some sewing skills are required. An adventurous beginner can tackle this pattern so don't be scared!

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Ingredients:

- ❖ Worsted weight yarn in two colors. I used Premier Yarns Dream for the top and TMA Fashion Yarns for the bottom.
- ❖ Size H hook
- ❖ Scissors
- ❖ Yarn Needle
- ❖ 1 sheet of plastic canvas, a large plastic butter/Cool Whip top, or cardboard*
- ❖ Hot glue gun + glue sticks*
- ❖ 1 yard of fabric (not all of it will be used)*
- ❖ An iron*
- ❖ Straight pins*
- ❖ Invisible sewing thread*
- ❖ Sewing needle or sewing machine*
- ❖ Colorful buttons or sequins**
- ❖ Beads**
- ❖ Beading needle**

*these are only necessary if you wish to line your bag. I hand sewed my lining.

**these are for if you wish to embellish your bag. I was too lazy to do it, but you totally can



Notes

- ❖ Any instructions in *...* are to be repeated for the whole round. The numbers in parenthesis at the end of each row denotes the correct number of stitches that should be completed at the end of that given round.
- ❖ For the beginning of each round, ch2 and dc in the same stitch. This counts as the first stitch of the round. Please note that in rounds 2 and 3 you will be making 2 dc in the same st you chain in. The chain is only used for starting and ending a round and is not included in the count.
- ❖ End each round by slip stitching into the ch2 from the beginning.
- ❖ If you **don't** want to line your bag, you may leave it as-is; I suggest going down to an F hook to make your bag's fabric nice and tight though. This will require more increase rounds on the bottom to get it to a suitable size. Please note that the rest of the pattern will have to be adjusted accordingly. I don't include instructions for this, but the pattern is easy enough to adjust to suit anyone's tastes!
- ❖ You don't *have* to use canvas or cardboard for the bottom. I find that it makes a nice, sturdy base. If you plan on washing the bag, use the canvas or Cool Whip top.

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Recipe

Preheat oven... just kidding! ;)

1. Starting with a magic loop and color A, 10 dc in ring, sl st in first dc (10)
2. inc all (20)
3. *inc, dc* (30)
4. *dc in next 2 sts, inc* (40)
5. *dc in next three sts, inc* (50)
6. *dc in next 4 sts, inc* (60) [*If lining your bag, stop here and cut out a circular piece of cardboard or plastic canvas approx. the same diameter or a little bigger than the circle you have. It doesn't have to be perfect; you can trim it later*]
7. After your ch 2, dc ibl around. (60)
8. After your ch 2 and dc, *fpdc in next st, dc* around. (60; 30 dc and 30 fpdc). Repeat for as long as you'd like your cupcake base to be. I did 6 rows. Use color B to finish the last st of the last repeat. Fasten off color A.
9. With color B, sc around (60). Repeat for as long as you like. I did 14 rounds.
10. Eyelet row: *ch 1, skip 1 and SC in next st* repeat around.
11. Sc around [yes, even in the ch 1 spaces] (60). Fasten off.
12. Turning the bag so the top faces you, shell into one of the bars on the first line of stitches of color B using surface crochet (see the [photo tutorial](#) for more info), * SC in next st, shell* (30 shells)

To make the drawstring: make a chain at least 24 inches long (I did 36 inches). Sl st two sts from hook and to the end. Fasten off. Thread the string into the eyelet row.

If you're going to sew on buttons or sequins, do it before you line the bag.

Lining the bag

Measure around the bag and add 1 inch to this measurement. Measure the height of the bag and add an extra inch or two. Cut fabric with these measurements, and iron. With the right side facing you, fold over 1" lengthwise to the wrong side and iron. Turn fabric to the wrong side, fold over widthwise, and iron. Sew the fabric, leaving a ½ seam allowance. Leave inside out for now.

Cut a circle 1" bigger than the canvas circle. Pin the circle to the cylinder you made, right side facing the inner part of the cylinder on the side without the fold. Sew circle to cylinder leaving a ½ seam allowance, then turn right side out.

Using a hot glue gun, glue the canvas to the bottom of the bag. You can glue the bottom of the fabric bag to the canvas too if you like (I did!)

Pin the fabric neatly to the inside of the bag, about ½ inch from the drawstring and using the invisible thread, sew to bag.

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Surface Crochet Photo Tutorial

This is what I'm calling surface crochet, though it's not the traditional method of doing so. For this part you're basically crocheting into a row of sc from the side instead of from the top.

First, turn the work so the top of the bag is facing you. Find the first row of Color A and put your hook behind a stitch like this:



Your hook will be going in through the bottom of row two, with stitches being made into the bars that the sc stitches that make up row one form. I hope this makes sense!

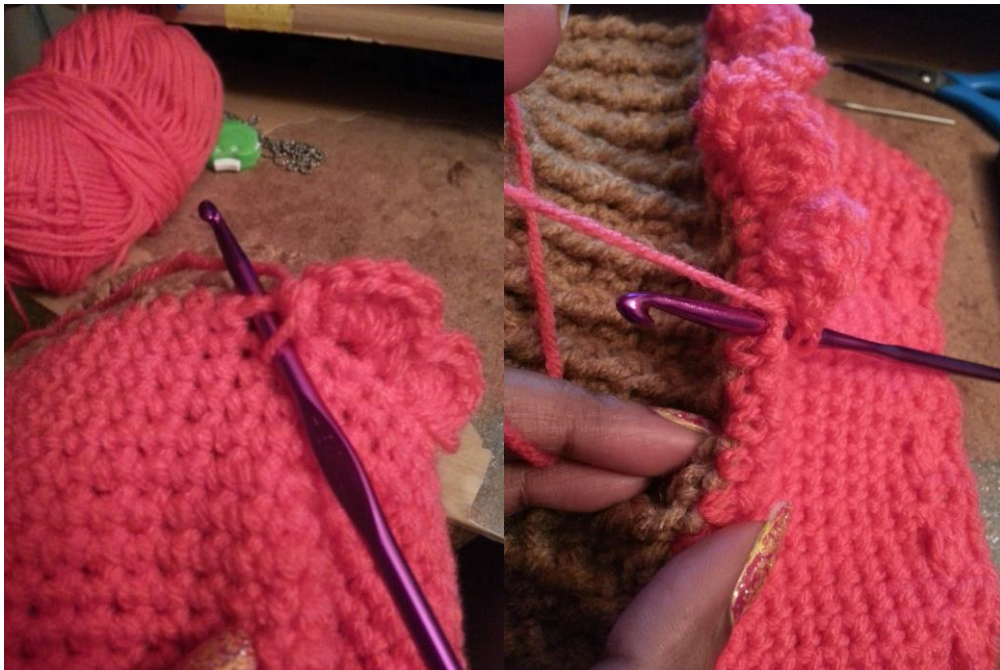
Now, you're going to shell into this stitch. It helps to keep the fabric pinched so that the row we're working with is easy to identify. In the picture, you can see two gaps in the two stitches after the hook (to the left). That is where the next couple of stitches will be worked. I poked the hook through to make the spaces to give you a better idea of what I'm trying to say.

I can't explain it any better than this, but I hope the pictures help! (there are more pictures on the next two pages)

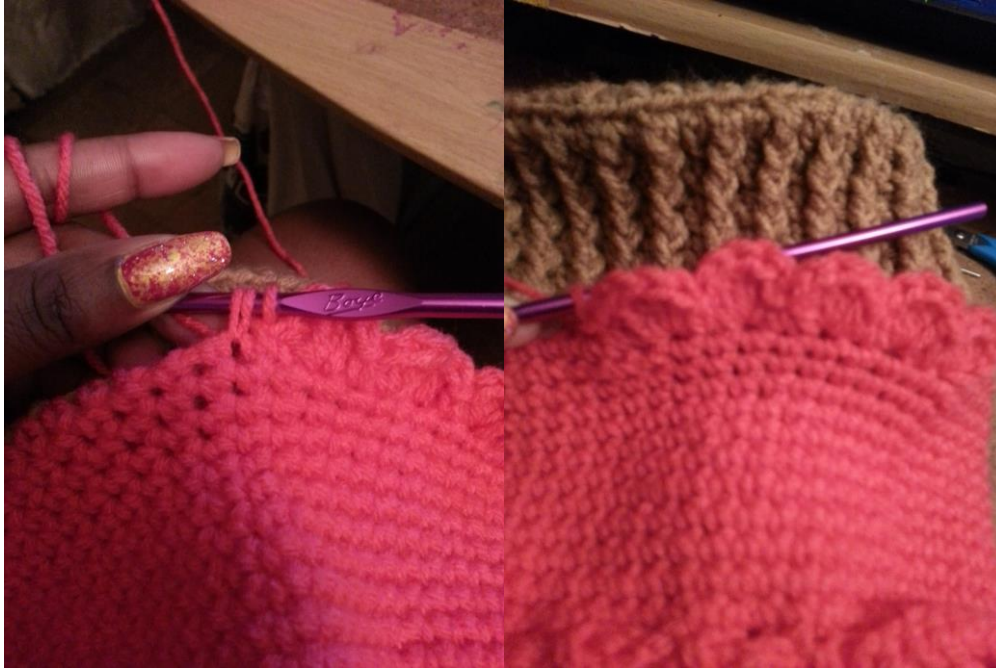
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Note that I keep the fabric pinched as I work.



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I hope you had fun making your very own cupcake bag! If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to pm me on Ravelry (DeelishDiscordia) or email me at tastee.chaos@gmail.com

Happy hooking!

Glossary:

sc – single crochet

inc – increase; work two stitches in indicated stitch

st(s) – stitch(es)

sl st – slip stitch

ibl – in back loop

ch – chain

dc – double crochet

fpdc – front post double crochet; here's a [video](#) and my [photo tutorial](#) if you need it ☺

Shell – 5 dc in one st

Color A – color used for the base

Color B – color used for the top

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