

Yellow, Pink and Sparkly

Handy Dandy Sock Yarn Bags

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These little bags are just perfect for using up leftover sock yarn and they are even better for keeping your centre-pull balls of yarn nice and neat when you knit your next pair of socks. Each bag will snugly hold a 50 g ball of yarn and is even stretchy enough to hold a 100g ball. They would also make a great gift bag.



Each bag takes only 15 g of fingering weight sock yarn (approximately 65 metres). You will need a 2.5 mm crochet hook (US size B/C) and a spare afternoon or evening to make one.

WARNING - they are addictive - one is not enough!

PLEASE NOTE : This pattern is written using UK crochet terms. I have added a US crochet version at the end of the pattern.

Abbreviations-
ch - chain

Sl st - slip stitch

tr - treble

sp = space

bptr - back post treble [To make a back post treble : Yarn over and insert hook from the back to the front around the post of the tr on the previous row. Complete as for regular tr. YouTube has video tutorials if you want extra guidance.]

To make your bag -

Chain 5 and join with a slip stitch to form a ring.

Round 1: 3 ch (counts as first tr), 14 tr into ring, join with sl st to first tr. Stitch count - 15 tr.

Round 2: 3 ch (counts as first tr), 1 tr in same st as 1st tr, 2 tr in each of the remaining 14 tr, join with sl st to first tr. Stitch count - 30 tr.

Round 3: 3 ch (counts as first tr), 1 tr in same st as 1st tr, 1 tr in each of next two tr, [2 tr in next tr, 1 tr in each of next two tr] 9 times, join with sl st to first tr. Stitch count - 40 tr.

Round 4: 3 ch (counts as first tr), 1 tr in same st as 1st tr, 1 tr in each of next three tr, [2 tr in next tr, 1 tr in each of next three tr] 9 times, join with sl st to first tr. Stitch



count - 50 tr.

Round 5: 3 ch (counts as first tr), 1 tr in same st as 1st tr, 1 tr in each of next four tr, [2 tr in next tr, 1 tr in each of next four tr] 9 times, join with sl st to first tr. Stitch count - 60 tr.
Note - If you want to use a different colour for the base and the sides, rounds 1 -5 use approximately 3 g of yarn (15 metres).

Round 6: 3 ch (counts as first bptr), 1 bptr in each tr to end, join with sl st to first tr. Stitch count - 60 bptr.



Round 7: ch 6 (counts as 1 tr and 3 ch), [miss next 3 tr, 1 tr in each of next two tr, 3 ch] 11 times, miss next 3 tr, 1 tr in next tr, join with sl st to first tr. Stitch count - 24 tr and 12 x 3 ch spaces.

Round 8: sl st into first 3 ch sp, 3 ch (counts as first tr), 4 tr in same space, [5 tr in next 3 ch sp] eleven times, join with sl st to first tr. Stitch count - 60 tr.



Round 9: 6 ch (counts as 1 tr and 3 ch), miss three tr from centre of five tr group, 1 tr in fifth tr of group, [1 tr in first tr of next five tr group, 3 ch, miss centre three tr of group, 1 tr in fifth tr of group] eleven times, join with sl st to first tr. Stitch count - 24 tr and 12 x 3 ch spaces.



Rounds 10 - 15: Repeat rounds 8 and 9 three more times.
Round 16: Repeat round 8.

Round 17: 5 ch (counts as 1tr and 2 ch), [miss 2 tr, 1 tr in each of next two tr, 2 ch] fourteen times, miss 2 tr, 1 tr in next tr, join with sl st to first tr. Stitch count - 30 tr and 15 x 2 ch spaces.



Round 18: Sl st into 2 ch sp, 3 ch (counts as first tr), (2 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr) in same ch sp, [sl st into gap between the two tr on round 17, (3 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr) in next 2 ch sp] fourteen times, sl st into gap between the two tr, join with sl st to first tr of the round.



Fasten off and neaten loose ends.



Make a drawstring for the bag by crocheting a chain of about 60 centimetres in length. Thread this through the 2 ch spaces of round 17. Alternatively you could thread a length of ribbon for the drawstring.

Version using US crochet terms -

Chain 5 and join with a slip stitch to form a ring.

Round 1: 3 ch (counts as first dc), 14 dc into ring, join with sl st to first dc. Stitch count - 15 dc.

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Round 3: 3 ch (counts as first dc), 1 dc in same st as 1st dc, 1 dc in each of next two dc, [2 dc in next dc, 1 dc in each of next two dc] 9 times, join with sl st to first dc. Stitch count - 40 dc.

Round 4: 3 ch (counts as first dc), 1 dc in same st as 1st dc, 1 dc in each of next three dc, [2 dc in next dc, 1 dc in each of next three dc] 9 times, join with sl st to first dc. Stitch count - 50 dc.

Round 5: 3 ch (counts as first dc), 1 dc in same st as 1st dc, 1 dc in each of next four dc, [2 dc in next dc, 1 dc in each of next four dc] 9 times, join with sl st to first dc. Stitch count - 60 dc.

Round 6: 3 ch (counts as first bpd), 1 bpd in each dc to end, join with sl st to first dc. Stitch count - 60 bpd.

Round 7: ch 6 (counts as 1 dc and 3 ch), [miss next 3 dc, 1 dc in each of next two dc, 3 ch] 11 times, miss next 3 dc, 1 dc in next dc, join with sl st to first dc. Stitch count - 24 dc and 12 x 3 ch spaces.

Round 8: sl st into first 3 ch sp, 3 ch (counts as first dc), 4 dc in same space, [5 dc in next 3 ch sp] eleven times, join with sl st to first dc. Stitch count - 60 dc.

Round 9: 6 ch (counts as 1 dc and 3 ch), miss three dc from centre of five dc group, 1 dc in fifth dc of group, [1 dc in first dc of next five dc group, 3 ch, miss centre three dc of group, 1 dc in fifth dc of group] eleven times, join with sl st to first dc. Stitch count - 24 dc and 12 x 3 ch spaces.

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