Wild Ramp Crochet Market Bag

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A market bag for shopping at your favorite local farmer's market.

Materials:

240 yards of a worsted weight cotton yarn (can also use another non-stretchy fiber) Size H crochet hook Darning needle Crochet Stitch Marker Scissors

Abbreviations:

Ch- chain stitch

Sc- single crochet

Dc- double crochet

Inc- increase, stitch twice in the stitch of previous row increasing your stitch count by one

Hdc- half double crochet

Sl st- slip stitch

St(s)- stitch(es)

Directions:

Bag Bottom:

Tie a slip knot in the end of your yarn, leaving a tail of about 5 inches to weave in when you are finished.

Chain 2 stitches.



Work 8 sc stitches into the second chain from hook. Ch 1.



You will now begin working in the round to complete the bottom of the bag.

Round 1: Dc twice into each sc of the previous row (16 sts)

Round 2: [Dc 1, inc] around (24 sts)

Round 3: [Dc 2, inc] around (32 sts)

Round 4: [Dc 3, inc] around (40 sts)

Round 5: [Dc 4, inc] around (48 sts)

Round 6: [Dc 5, inc] around (56 sts)

Round 7: [Dc 6, inc] around (64 sts)

Round 8: [Dc 7, inc] around (72 sts)



Work a HDC into next stitch, then a sc into next stitch, then a sl st into the next stitch. This will taper the edge of the round so it blends into the circle.



Bag Body:

You will now begin working on the chain stitches that make up the body of the bag. Set up round: *Ch 5, skip 3 sts, sc 1 into next st, repeat from * around until you get back to the beginning of this round. Ch 5 and sc into the first ch 5 loop you created. You will be skipping 4 sc in your bag base to do this last st.



Pattern rounds: *Ch 5, sc around the ch 5 loop below, repeat from * around until you have completed 19 rounds

This section is optional. I like to put a few rounds of single crochet around the top of my bag. But if you think you are going to run out of yarn, you can skip straight to the straps. If you want to do this section follow these instructions:

Row 1: After working the last sc of the pattern round, work one more sc around the same ch 5 loop. *Sc in next sc, 3 sc around the next ch 5 loop. Repeat from * around until you get back to the start of this round.

Row 2 + 3: Sc in each sc around.

Bag Strap:

Work 10 sc. If you skipped the sc rows, you will be working 3 sc into the Ch 5 loop you ended in (you will be using your last sc from the body section as your first sc for the strap), 1 sc into the next sc, and 5 sc into the next Ch 5 loop. If you did the sc rows, you will just work 10 sc into 10 sc.



*Ch 1, turn your work, work 10 sc across. Repeat from * until your strap is approximately 15 inches long (This can be as long or as short as you want it, keep in mind it will stretch with weight). When you finish your last row, make sure that when you fold your strap over you can still work the next connecting row. You should finish so when you hold the bag up by the strap and you trace down the strap, you will end up on the outside of the bag.



Join your strap to the opposite side of the bag by working a row of sc around both the stitches on the strap and the stitches of the top of the bag.





Cut your yarn and weave in your ends.

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