

# starling handbag

small \* medium \* large

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## c r o c h e t   p a t t e r n

Make a simple, classic crochet handbag that's the perfect canvas for your personal style.

Included in this 4-page booklet are instructions and everything you need to know to complete this project.



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## MATERIALS AND GAUGE

Hook: 4.5mm

Gauge: 14 sc & 7 rows = 4 inches

Yarn: Lily Sugar n' Cream worsted weight cotton yarn 2.5 oz skeins, any color(s)

Notions: yarn needle

### **Dimensions (side height, across top when closed flat, bottom depth), ounces (skeins) of yarn**

Small: 6.25" x 9.5" x 2.5", 4 oz (2 skeins)

Medium: 7.5" x 12" x 3.5", 5.5 oz (3 skeins)

Large: 8" x 13.5 x 4", 7 oz (3 skeins)

The hook, gauge, and dimensions listed are guidelines to give you an idea of how much yarn you might need. If you're unsure, buy a little extra yarn ... you know you want to.

I use the smallest hook I can with the yarn I'm using so the fabric is dense, which results in a sturdy handbag. Lining the handbag makes it even sturdier and helps it keep its shape. My handbag keeps its shape even when it's packed to the gills.

## SPECIAL STITCH INFORMATION

Abbreviations used:

<b>fsc</b>	<b>foundation single crochet</b>
<b>sc</b>	<b>single crochet</b>
<b>ch</b>	<b>chain stitch</b>
<b>sl</b>	<b>slip stitch</b>
<b>st</b>	<b>stitch</b>

## ONLINE TUTORIALS

You can find several helpful and detailed tutorials on my website by clicking "tutorials" in the navigation.

- \* Foundation Single Crochet
- \* Seamless Single Crochet
- \* Paper Clip Stitch Markers
- \* Weaving In The Last End
- \* How To Sew A Lining For A Crochet Purse
- \* How To Sew A Lining Into A Crochet Purse



## WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS

### BOTTOM

#### SMALL (MEDIUM, LARGE)

NOTE: I put a stitch marker in the top and bottom of the first and last fsc of the row to help me when I move to ROW 1. As I crochet, I use those four stitch markers to mark the second sc of the corners to show me where to make the corner in the next row.

START: 19 (23, 27) fsc

NOTE: I put a stitch marker in the first and last sc of every row. The first stitch marker shows where to sl st at the end of the row. The last stitch marker shows where to make the first sc of the next row.

ROW 1: ch 1 (do not count in st total, here and throughout), turn, 1 sc in top of last fsc and in the top of each fsc across [19 (23, 27) sc], ch 1, rotate piece and sc in bottom of fsc and in the bottom of each fsc across [19 (23, 27) sc], sl st (count in st total, here and throughout) to first sc of row [40 (48, 56) sts total]

NOTE: When stitching Row 1 and I get to the ch 1, I push the starting strand of yarn to the back before I rotate the piece and begin stitching down the other side. The side with the starting strand is the inside of the handbag. The side without the starting strand is the outside of the handbag.

ROW 2: ch 1, turn clockwise (crochet this row in the opposite direction that the previous row was crocheted - every time you turn clockwise you will be changing the direction of your crochet), skip sl st (never crochet in the sl st - all sl sts will be aligned vertically), 3 sc in last sc of previous row (corner made), sc in next 17 (21, 25) sts, 3 sc in next sc (corner made), 1 sc in ch of previous row, 3 sc in next st (corner made), sc in next 17 (21, 25) sts, 3 sc in next st (corner made), sl st to first sc of row [48 (56, 64)]

NOTE: All corners (3 sc in one st) will be made in the second sc of the corner from the previous row. I put a stitch marker in the second sc of each corner as a reminder to make a corner there.

ROW 3: ch 1, turn clockwise, skip sl st, 1 sc, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 19 (23, 27) st, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 19 (23, 27) sts, 3 sc in next st, 1 sc, sl st to first sc of row [56 (64, 72)]

ROW 4: ch 1, turn clockwise, skip sl st, 2 sc, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 21 (25, 29) sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 21 (25, 29) sts, 3 sc in next st, 2 sc, sl st to first sc of row [64 (72, 80)]

ROW 5: ch 1, turn clockwise, skip sl st, 3 sc, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 23 (27, 31) stitches, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 23 (27, 31) sts, 3 sc in next st, 3 sc, sl st to first sc of row [72 (80, 88)]

#### MEDIUM (LARGE) ONLY

ROW 6: ch 1, turn clockwise, skip sl st, 4 sc, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 29 (33) stitches, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 29 (33) sts, 3 sc in next st, 4 sc, sl st to first sc of row [88 (96)]



## WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS, CONTINUED

### LARGE ONLY

ROW 7: ch 1, turn clockwise, skip sl st, 5 sc, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 35 stitches, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 35 sts, 3 sc in next st, 5 sc, sl st to first sc of row [104]

### SIDES

#### SMALL (MEDIUM, LARGE)

ALL SIDE ROWS: ch 1, turn clockwise, skip sl st, sc in each stitch of the previous row, sl st to first sc of the row [72 (88, 104)] Total side rows 28 (33, 38)

NOTE: I put a stitch marker between the last row of the bottom and the first row of the side. I count the rows in sets of two. There are 14 (16.5, 19) side row sets.

### HANDLES

NOTE: I like to put a stitch marker in the first and last stitch of the handles, moving it to subsequent rows as I crochet. The stitch marker reminds me to skip the sc before and after the handles, but to still crochet in all of the handle stitches (including the ones with the stitch markers).

ROW 1: ch 1, turn clockwise, skip sl st, 11 (14, 16) sc, 25 (30, 30) fsc, skip 13 (15, 19) sts, 23 (29, 33) sc, 25 (30, 30) fsc, skip 13 (15, 19) sts, 11 (14, 16) sc, sl st to first sc of row [96 (118, 126)]

ROW 2: ch 1, turn clockwise, skip sl st, 10 (13, 15) sc, skip 1 st, 25 (30, 30) sc, skip 1 st, 21 (27, 31) sc, skip 1 st, 25 (30, 30) sc, skip 1 st, 10 (13, 15) sc, sl st to first sc of row [92 (114, 122)]

ROW 3: ch 1, turn clockwise, skip sl st, 9 (12, 14) sc, skip 1 st, 25 (30, 30) sc, skip 1 st, 19 (25, 29) sc, skip 1 st, 25 (30, 30) sc, skip 1 st, 9 (12, 14) sc, sl st to first sc of row [88 (110, 118)]

ROW 4: ch 1, turn clockwise, skip sl st, 8 (11, 13) sc, skip 1 st, 25 (30, 30) sc, skip 1 st, 17 (23, 27) sc, skip 1 st, 25 (30, 30) sc, skip 1 st, 8 (11, 13) sc, sl st to first sc of row [84 (106, 114)]

ROW 5: ch 1, turn clockwise, skip sl st, 7 (10, 12) sc, skip 1 st, 25 (30, 30) sc, skip 1 st, 15 (21, 25) sc, skip 1 st, 25 (30, 30) sc, skip 1 st, 7 (10, 12) sc, sl st to first sc of row [80 (102, 110)]

ROW 6: ch 1, turn clockwise, skip sl st, 6 (9, 11) sc, skip 1 st, 25 (30, 30) sc, skip 1 st, 13 (19, 23) sc, skip 1 st, 25 (30, 30) sc, skip 1 st, 6 (9, 11) sc, weave in last end (see online tutorial) [76 (98, 106)]

Weave in ends. You're done crocheting. Yay! But don't stop now! Complete your handbag with embellishments and a lining.

And remember to take photos of your creation and add them to the Flickr group or email them to me. I'd love to see what you've done!

