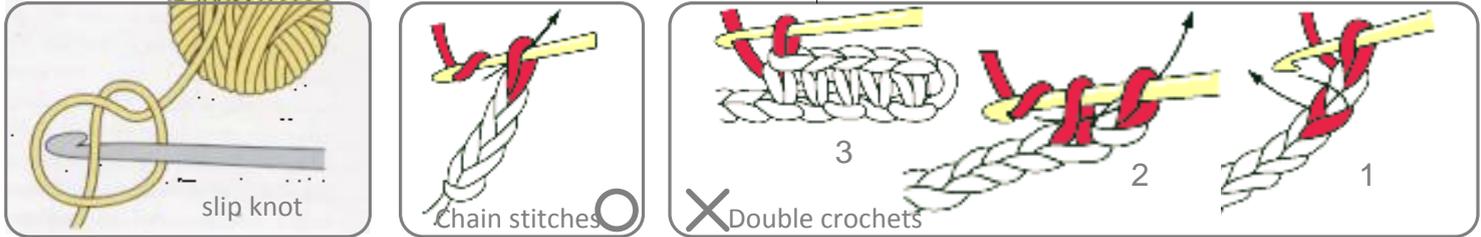


Hooked Zpagetti



Figure handbag

You only need a limited number of basic stitches for this pattern: chain stitches and double crochets. You also need about 900 grams of zpagetti and one pair of round handles. We made this pattern using a 12 mm crochet needle.



Please note: The most important quality of Hoooked Zpagetti is the varying thickness and texture of the thread. That's why it is important to keep looking at the dimensions and the shape of the crocheted bag for each pattern. The number of stitches per row is therefore not a fixed number, but should be determined depending on the desired dimensions of the end result.

Step 1: the bottom

You start by making a slip knot. Then make a number of chain stitches. This will be the bottom of your bag. The number of chain stitches required for the bottom of the bag will be approximately 20 to 22 to make a bottom of approx. 36 cm. Then you will make the first double crochet as shown in the image above. Continue like this in every stitch until you return to the first chain stitch. In this first chain stitch, make 3 double crochets in the same stitch, creating a circle and allowing you to continue on the other side of the chain stitch. After that, continue until you have gone all the way around. This is the bottom of your bag. This is shown in the diagram below.



Step 2: the shape of your bag

When the bottom is complete, use the same stitch (double crochets) to go around a second time. When using double crochets, you can choose to pick up the inner thread or to pick up both threads of the stitch. If you pick up 1 thread, a horizontal line will appear in the crochet work; if you pick up both.

After the third row, increase the number of stitches by making an extra double crochet through the same chain stitch after every 4 to 5 stitches. This gives the bag its flared, expanding shape. You can increase more or less, depending on your personal taste. When the bag is almost long enough, crochet a row without increasing.



Step 3: handles and finishing touches

Continue the next row and attach the handles by "crocheting these along" or by "sewing them into" your row. You can do this in different ways, depending on the material (thickness and elasticity). By experimenting, you will find out what is easiest for you. Make sure that the handles are attached right in the middle, and that the proportion between bag and handle is correct. After the handles have been attached, you can crochet the ends of the bag for two to three more rows back and forth (from handle to handle). Repeat this on the other side. This gives the bag its final shape, matching the shape of the handles.

Tip: Instead of working with double crochets, you can also use trebles. In addition, when the bag is finished, you can weave a different colour of zpagetti through your crochet work, attach coloured beads or decorations to style your bag further.