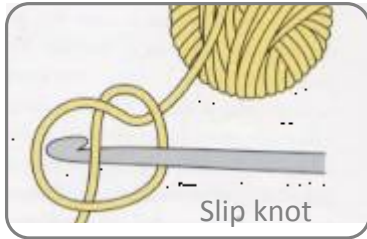


# Hooked Zpagetti



Roma handbag

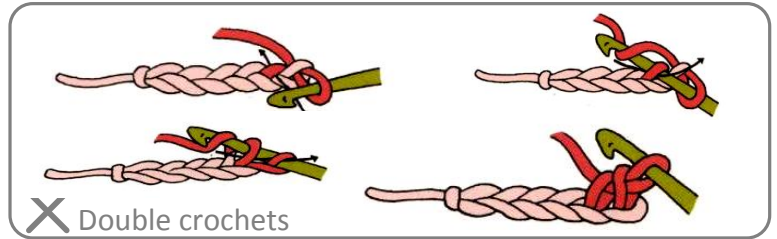
You only need a limited number of basic stitches for this pattern: chain stitches and double crochets. You also need about 800 grams of Zpagetti and two (wooden) handles. We crocheted this bag using a 12 mm crochet needle.



Slip knot



Chain stitches



Double crochets

The most important quality of Hooked 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: Crochet a large ridged piece

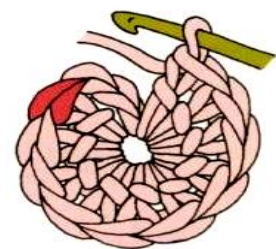
You start by making a slip knot. Then cast on a number of chain stitches, until you have a length of about 50 cm. Then you will make the first double crochet as shown in the image above. Continue like this in every stitch until you return to the first chain stitch. This is the end of your row. Now make another turning chain stitch and turn over the entire crochet work. When the work has been turned over, continue to make double crochets. Please note: to get the ridge effect of the bag in the picture, you have to keep crocheting through the back thread of the stitch instead of through the whole stitch. The tip is not to crochet these stitches too tightly, otherwise the desired ridge effect won't show.



Crochet approximately 22 to 30 rows (depending on the thickness of the material and the desired size of the bag) until you have a piece of about 50 by 30 centimetres. Finish both sides with a chain stitch sequence so that you get an even piece. These sides will become the top of your bag.

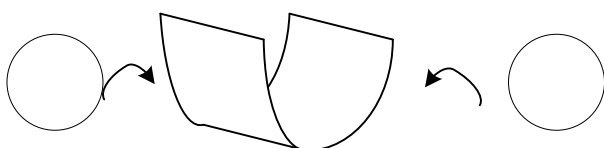
## Step 2: Crochet two circles

Crochet approximately 22 to 30 rows (depending on the thickness of the material and the desired size of the bag) until you have a piece of about 50 by 30 centimetres. Finish both sides with a chain stitch sequence so that you get an even piece. These sides will become the top of your bag. Crochet two identical round pieces with a cross-section of about 15 centimetres. Crochet a round piece by pulling a sequence of 5 chain stitches through the beginning side, creating a circle. Then crochet around by evenly increasing each stitch or every other stitch.



## Step 3: Put your bag together and work on the finishing touches.

Fold the large crocheted patch in half and attach the round pieces to the two long sides of the piece using a chain stitch sequence. This gives the bag its shape. Then attach the handles to the top of the bag using stitch loops



Work away all irregularities on the inside of your bag by braiding loose ends through the crochet work using a thin crochet needle and by fixing them in place with a needle and thread, if necessary. It is worth making a nice lining using a piece of fabric. Another tip is to nicely close the handles of your bag with adhesive Velcro.

Enjoy your Roma bag!