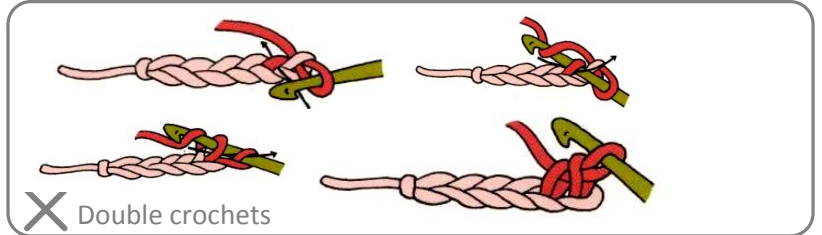
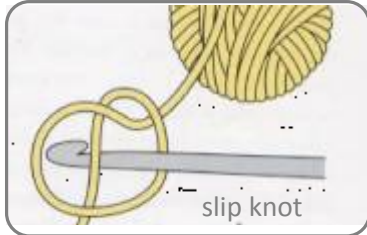


# Hooked Zpagetti



Calzone handbag

You only need a limited number of basic stitches for this pattern: chain stitches and double crochets. For this bag, you need about 800 grams of zpagetti and two D-shaped handles. We crocheted this bag using a 12 mm crochet needle.



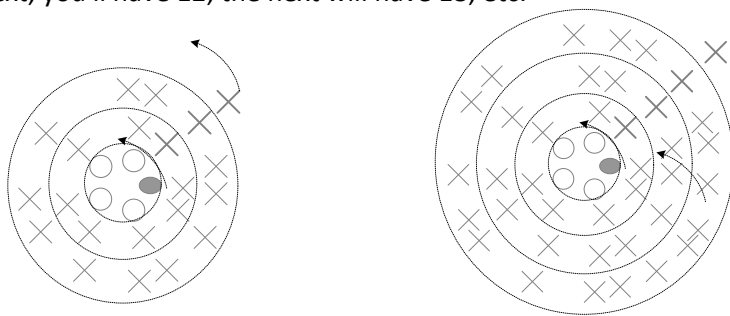
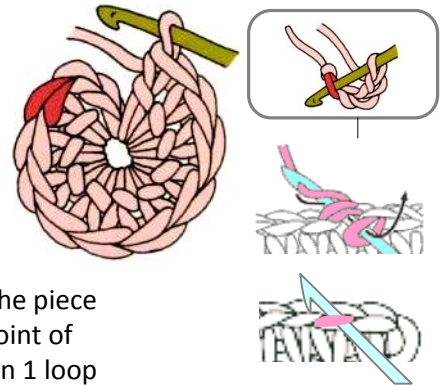
The most important quality of Hooked Zpagetti is the varying thickness and texture of the thread. That's why it is important to keep looking at the dimensions and the shape of the crocheted bag for each pattern. The number of stitches per row is therefore not a fixed number, but should be determined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

## Step 1: A round crocheted piece

The basis of the bag consists of 1 round crocheted piece with a diameter of approx. 40-45 centimetres. You start by making a slip knot. Then cast on a number of chain stitches. After 5 chain stitches, make the chain into a circle.

You will then continue to make double crochets. 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, then a horizontal line will appear in the crochet work; if you pick up both threads, it won't.

*Increasing:* You will now crochet about 10-12 rows in a circular motion. To make sure the piece remains flat, you have to increase a number of stitches in each crocheted circle. As a point of departure, you can increase a stitch every other stitch. Do this by making two stitches in 1 loop of the previous row. See the diagram below for an example. In the first circle you'll have 8 stitches; in the next, you'll have 12; the next will have 18; etc.



*Multiple colours:* The bag in the picture was made using 2 colours of zpagetti. The last row has been crocheted in a contrasting colour. When transitioning to the next colour, pick up the thread of the new colour, let the previous colour hang loose and continue to crochet as before. When you are finished, you do have to attach these loose ends nicely by braiding them through the crochet work and by fixing them in place with needle and thread, for example.

## Step 2: Folding in half, finishing off and handles

When you finish your round piece, fold it in half and crochet or thread the sides together on the inside, using the same colour as that of the last row (so turn the bag over first). Make sure you leave an opening that is at least as wide as your handles. Also make sure that the opening of the bag is big enough to fit your things. Finish off the bag by securing buttons and loose threads on the inside, using a thin crochet needle or a needle and thread. Finally, attach the handles to the inside (top edge) of the bag, using a row of double crochets.

**Tip:** For the bag in the picture, we fit in rectangular pieces of 17 x 4 cm on both sides these on the inside (so turn the bag over first), attaching the zpagetti by threading it through the outer row. This gives extra room on the inside.