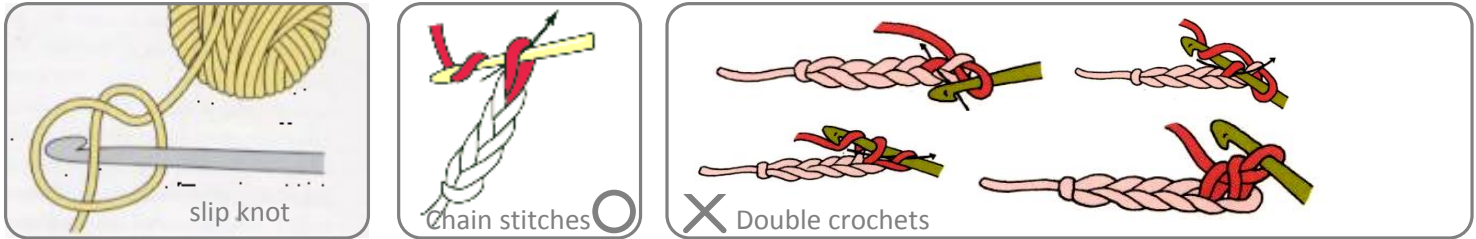


Hooked Zpagetti



Lampone handbag

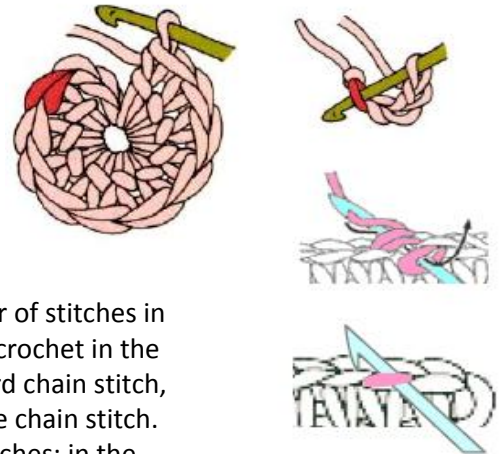
You only need a limited number of basic stitches for this pattern: chain stitches and double crochets. For this bag, you need about 900 - 1000 grams of zpagetti. We used a 12 mm crochet needle.



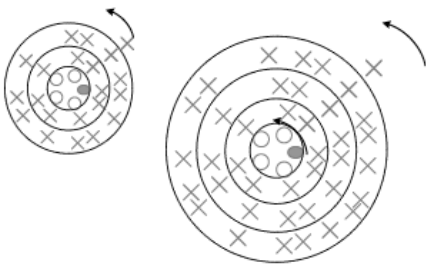
The most important quality of Hooked Zpagetti is the varying thickness and texture of the thread. That's why it is important to keep looking at the dimensions and the shape of the crochet bag for each pattern. The number of stitches per row is therefore not a fixed number, but should be determined depending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

Step 1: crochet a round bottom

The base of the bag consists of 1 round crocheted piece. You start by making a slip knot. Then make 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: To make sure the piece remains flat, you have to increase a number of stitches in each crocheted circle. This seems difficult, but it isn't really. Make one double crochet in the first chain stitch. In the next chain stitch, make two double crochets. In the third chain stitch, make 1 double crochet and in the one after that make 2 double crochets in one chain stitch. Keep repeating this while you crochet round. In the first circle you'll have 8 stitches; in the next you'll have 12; the next will have 18; etc. Continue like this until the piece has a cross-section of approximately 20 – 22 cm. Indicate where you stop increasing. (e.g. insert a thread of a different colour into the zpagetti). This will help you later on when counting the rows.

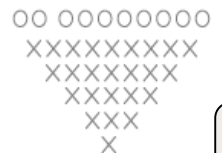


Step 2: the shape of the bag

When your round bottom is complete, crochet around 3x using double crochets without increasing. Look carefully and check: the edge should now be going upwards. After these three rows, skip a stitch after every 10th double crochet you make. When you have gone around 10 x this way, stop decreasing. (tip: if you turn the bag inside out, you can count the crocheted rows from the indication point). Crochet around for another 3 rows without decreasing or increasing.

Step 3: four petals, handle and cord

Crochet four triangles of about 10 x 14 cm. You can do this by casting on a sequence of 10 chain stitches and decreasing two stitches of double crochets per row. (when turning over, keep skipping an extra chain stitch). For an example, look at the drawing on the right.



Crochet or stitch the triangles to the top of your bag. Now crochet or braid two cords with a length of about 80 cm. Thread the first cord through the top of the bag (under the petals, through the second row counting from the top). You can use this cord to open and close the bag. You can use the other one as a handle by attaching it to the inside of your bag at two points.

Step 4: the finishing touches

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. You can easily decorate your bag by crocheting a vertical chain to four points on the outside of the bag (parallel to the petals: see picture), so that it seems like your bag was made from several pieces. The drawstring can be decorated further using coloured beads or something similar. Enjoy your lampone!