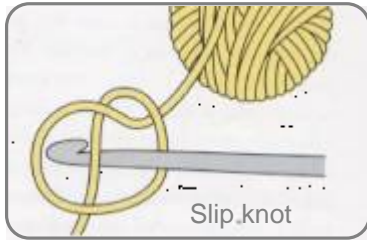


Hooked Zpagetti



Ravenna handbag

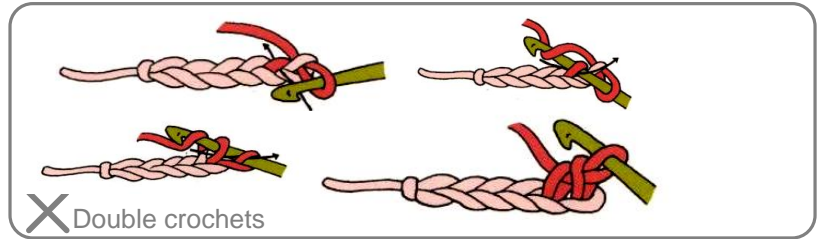
You only need a limited number of basic stitches for this pattern: chain stitches and double crochets. For this bag, you need about 700 grams of zpagetti and one flexible (beaded) handle. We crocheted this bag using a 12 mm crochet needle.



Slip.knot



Chain stitches

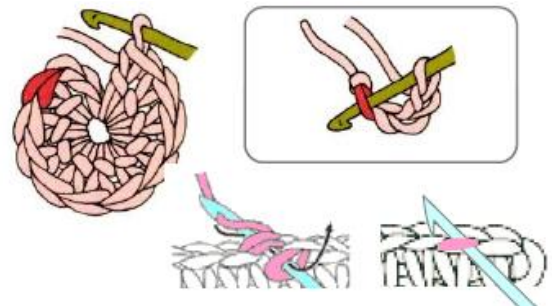


X Double crochets

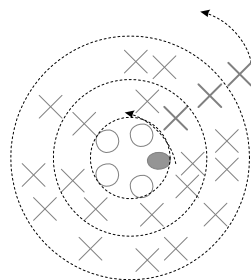
The most important quality of Hooked Zpagetti is the varying thickness and texture of the thread. That's why it is important to keep looking at the dimensions and the shape of the crocheted bag for each pattern. The number of stitches per row is therefore not a fixed number, but should be determined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

Step 1: crochet a round bottom

The basis 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. When picking up 1 thread, 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 2 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 of 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 starting from the indication point).

Step 3: finishing touches and handle

Crochet around for another 3 rows without decreasing or increasing. Fasten off with a slip stitch and fasten off through the Zpagetti. 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. Attach the handle to the bag with the same colour of Zpagetti by crocheting, threading or sewing it into place. Decorate your bag with a crocheted flower, with felt and beads or with another nice detail.