From cropping to crochet

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Many of our readers will now be enjoying well earned holidays at the sea-side, after a strenuous year on farms. The woman who is busily occupied all the year finds it difficult to sit for hours on the beach just watching the children paddling and playing with buckets and spades.

Crochet provides a pleasant, relaxing occupation, why not make a crochet bag? You could make one to go with that end of season summer frock you plan to buy.

The round bag illustrated was made in white knitting cotton, but could be made in coloured cotton which is available in a number of pastel shades.

The second bag, designed for a “teenager,” was worked in white with sky blue zebra stripes.

**THE ROUND BAG**

**Requirements.**
- 4 balls knitting cotton No. 4.
- 1 yd. cotton lining material.
- ¼ yd. washable stiffening (book muslin).
- ½ yd. 1¼ in. stiffening for handle.
- 2 buckles.
- 1 14 in. zip.
- Aero crochet hook No. 10.

**Measurements.**
- 12 inches across (approximately).

**Abbreviations.**
- ch. = chain.
- tr. = treble.
- beg. = beginning.

sl. st. = slip stitch.

dc = double crochet.
Directions.

Commence with 6 ch., join into a ring with sl. st.

First Round—

Three ch., (this stands for first treble) 2 tr., * 2 ch. 3 tr. into the ring; repeat from * 4 times, 2 ch. Join into the top of ch. at beginning of round with sl. st.

Second Round—

Three ch. 1 tr. into foot of ch., 1 tr. into next tr., 2 tr. into next; * 2 ch. 2 tr. into next tr., 1 tr. into next, 2 tr. into next tr.; repeat from * to end of round. Join into top of ch. at beg. of round with sl. st.

Continue working in this manner, increasing in first and last tr. of each tr. group, making 2 ch. between each group until there are 13 tr. in each group.

Next Round—

Miss * 1 tr.; 1 tr. into each next eleven trs., 2 ch., 3 tr. into space between, 2 ch.; repeat from * to end of round. Join into top of ch. at beg. of round with 1 sl. st.

Next Round—

Miss * 1 tr., 1 tr. into each of nine tr. 2 ch. 3 tr. into space, 2 ch.; miss 3 tr. group; 3 tr. into next space; 2 ch.; repeat from * to end of round. Join into top of ch. at beg. of round with 1 sl. st. Work three more rounds in this manner.

Next Round—

dc. into each stitch all round, end off. Make other side to correspond.

Gusset.

Note—

Work the zip section first. Commence with 8 ch., turn and make 1 tr. into 3rd ch. from work then 1 tr. into each remaining ch., 3 ch. turn.

Next Row—

1 tr. into each tr. 3 ch. turn. Repeat this row until work measures 14 in. or the length of zip to be used. Work a second strip to correspond. Place two strips side by side and work 14 tr. across one end of two strips, 3 ch. turn. Repeat this row until work measures 35 in. or fits into circumference of the circles, end off. Join the ends with hand sewing and insert the zip into the slit before proceeding.

To Join Back and Front to Gusset—

* 1 dc. into first space, 4 tr. into next. 1 dc. into next * repeat to end of round, end with sl. st.

Handle.

Commence with 10 ch., make 1 tr. into 3rd ch. from end, 1 tr. into each remaining ch., 3 ch. turn.

Next Row—

1 tr. into each tr. 3 ch. turn. Repeat this row until work measures 18 in., end off with sl. st.

To Make Up Bag.

(1) Cut lining to fit bag, allowing for turnings (2 circular pieces and a gusset strip). Make a 14 in. slit in centre of gusset strip for the zip.

(2) Cut 2 rounds of interlining. There is no need to stiffen the gusset.

(3) Place a round of stiffening against each round of lining, and machine lining to gusset.

(4) Insert lining into bag and finish joining with hand sewing.

(5) Line handle with stiffening, attach buckles, then sew on to bag.

Tab for Zipper.

Commence with 15 ch. Work 1 dc. into each ch. along each side with extra dc. at each end to turn corners. Work round once more in dc. end off. Sew tag to zip-pull.

FOR THE YOUNG MISS

Materials.

3 balls white knitting cotton No. 4. 1 ball blue knitting cotton No. 4. 1 10 in. zip-fastener. 1 No. 10 Aero crochet hook.

Measurements.

11 in. x 7 1/4 in.

Abbreviations.

ch. = chain. tr. = treble. sl. st. = slip stitch. dc. = double crochet. beg. = beginning.
First Row—
Commence with 65 ch. turn and make 1 tr. into third ch. from hook, then 1 tr. into each ch. to end of row, three ch. turn.
(These three ch. at beginning of each row make the first upright stitch.)

Second Row—
2 tr. into next two tr., 3 tr. into next tr., 3 tr. into next three tr., * miss 1 tr., 3 tr., into next three tr.—3 tr. into next tr., 3 tr. into next 3 tr. ** repeat to end of row, turn.

Third Row—
1 dc. into first tr., 3 ch., 2 tr. into next 2 tr., 3 tr. into next tr., 3 tr. into next 3 tr., * miss 2 tr., 3 tr. into next 3 tr., 3 tr. into next tr., 3 tr. into next three tr. * repeat * to *, to end of row, turn. Repeat the third row 16 times or until the work measures 7½ in. Rows 5, 8, 14, 17, were worked in blue cotton.

Last Row—
1 dc. into first ch., 6 tr. into next 6 tr. * miss 2 tr. 7 tr. into next seven tr., ** repeat * to ** to end of row. End off
Make up the other side to correspond.

Gusset.
Commence with 11 ch., turn and make 1 tr. into 3rd ch. from hook, then 1 tr. into each ch. to end of row; 3 ch. turn.

Next Row—
1 tr. into each tr., 3 ch. turn. Repeat last row until work measures 26 inches and then end off.
Join bag to gusset with dc.

Handles.
Commence with 72 ch. Work one dc. into each ch., 2 dc. into end stitch then 1 dc. into each ch. down the other side.

Next Round
Change to blue cotton and work 1 dc. into each dc. down each side, working one or two extra stitches at each end to turn the corners.

Next Round—
Repeat last round in white and then end off. Make second handle to correspond.

To Make Up Bag.
Cut 2 pieces of lining 11½ in. x 8 in. and a piece for gusset 27 in. x 2½ in. Machine lining together. Handsew zip into position. Handsew lining into bag. Sew on handles 1½ in. from ends.

Tab for Zipper.
Commence with 15 ch. Work 1 dc. into each ch. along each side with extra dc. at each end. Work 1 dc. into each dc. in blue and end off and sew on to zip-pull.