



Free Crochet Pattern

LION BRAND® HOMETOWN®

MESSENGER BAG

Pattern Number: M21140 HT



SKILL LEVEL – EASY

SIZES

Finished Height About 11 in. (28 cm), not including strap

Finished Width About 20 in. (51 cm)

MATERIALS

- LION BRAND® HOMETOWN® (Art. #135)
#172 Oklahoma City Green 3 balls
- LION BRAND® crochet hook size K-10.5 (6.5 mm)
- LION BRAND® large-eyed blunt needle



ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

2 D-rings, 1 in. (2.5 cm) wide

2 toggle buttons, 2 in. (5 cm) long

Sewing needle and thread

GAUGE

12 dc = about 5 1/2 in. (14 cm): 4 rows = about 4 in. (10 cm).

BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

STITCH EXPLANATIONS

BPdc (Back Post double crochet) Yarn over, insert hook from back to front then to back, going around post of indicated st, draw up a loop, (yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook) twice. Skip top of st in *front* of the BPdc.

dc2tog (dc 2 sts together) (Yarn over, insert hook in next st and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops) twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook – 1 st decreased.

FPdc (Front Post double crochet) Yarn over, insert hook from front to back then to front, going around post of indicated st, draw up a loop, (yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook) twice. Skip top of st *behind* the FPdc.

FPsc (Front Post single crochet) Insert hook from front to back then to front again, going around post of indicated st, draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through both loops on hook. Skip top of st *behind* the FPsc.

NOTES

1. Bag is made from a rectangle that is folded and seamed.
2. Rectangle is worked back and forth in rows from side to side beg and ending with rows of ribbing for sides of Bag. A spider web lace pattern is worked along center of rectangle, between the ribbed edges.
3. Edging is worked around top opening of Bag then flap is worked back and forth in rows.
4. Strap is worked separately and joined to Bag with D-rings.

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BAG

Ch 50.

Row 1 (RS): Dc in 4th ch from hook (3 skipped ch count as dc) and in each ch across – you will have 48 dc in this row.

Side Ribbing

Rows 2 and 3: Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, sk first st, * FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st; rep from * to last st, dc in top of beg ch-3.

Body

Row 4: Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, sk first st, dc in next 10 sts, * ch 3, sk next 2 sts, dc in next 10 sts; rep from * to last st, dc in top of beg ch-3 – 42 dc and 3 ch-3 sps.

Row 5: Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, sk first st, dc in next 8 sts, * ch 3, sk next 2 sts, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sk next 2 sts, dc in next 6 sts; rep from * to last 3 sts, dc in next 2 sts, dc in top of beg ch-3 – 30 dc, 3 sc, and 6 ch-3 sps.

Row 6: Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, sk first st, dc in next 6 sts, * ch 3, sk next 2 sts, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sk next sc, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sk next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts; rep from * to last 5 sts, dc in next 4 sts, dc in top of beg ch-3 – 18 dc, 6 sc, and 9 ch-3 sps.

Row 7: Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, sk first st, dc in next 6 sts, * 2 dc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sk next sc, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sk next sc, 2 dc in next ch-3 sp, dc in next 2 sts; rep from * to last 5 sts, dc in next 4 sts, dc in top of beg ch-3 – 30 dc, 3 sc, and 6 ch-3 sps.

Row 8: Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, sk first st, dc in next 8 sts, * 2 dc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sk next sc, 2 dc in next ch-3 sp, dc in next 6 sts; rep from * to last 3 sts, dc in next 2 sts, dc in top of beg ch-3 – 42 dc and 3 ch-3 sps.

Rows 9-16: Rep Rows 5-8 twice.

Row 17: Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, sk first st, dc in next 10 sts, * 2 dc in next ch-3 sp, dc in next 10 sts; rep from * to last st, dc in top of beg ch-3 – 48 dc.

Row 18: Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, sk first st, working in front loops only, dc in each st across working last dc in top of beg ch-3.

Side Ribbing

Rows 19 and 20: Rep Rows 2 and 3.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Sewing

Fold rectangle in half, folding down the middle of the rows so that ribbing forms the side edges of the Bag. Sew side edges together.

Top Edging and Flap

From RS, draw up a loop of yarn in one side seam at top of Bag.

Rnd 1 (RS): Ch 1, work 66 sc evenly spaced around top edge; join with sl st in first sc.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc.

Do not fasten off.

Flap

Row 1: Ch 3 (counts as dc), sk same sc as joining sl st, working in back loops only, dc in next 32 sts – 33 dc.

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, sk first st, BPdc around each of next 2 sts, dc in next 27 sts, BPdc around each of next 2 sts, dc in top of beg ch-3.

Row 3: Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, sk first st, FPdc around each of next 2 sts, dc2tog, dc in next 23 sts, dc2tog, FPdc around each of next 2 sts, dc in top of beg ch-3 – 31 sts.

Row 4: Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, sk first st, BPdc around each of next 2 sts, dc2tog, dc in next 21 sts, dc2tog, BPdc around each of next 2 sts, dc in top of beg ch-3 – 29 sts.

Row 5 (Buttonhole Row): Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, sk first st, FPdc around each of next 2 sts, dc2tog, ch 1, sk next st for buttonhole, dc in next 17 sts, ch 1, sk next st for buttonhole, dc2tog, FPdc around each of next 2 sts, dc in top of beg ch – 25 sts and 2 ch-1 sps.

Row 6 (Buttonhole Row): Ch 1, sc in first st, FPsc around each of next 3 sts, sl st in next ch-1 sp, FPsc around each of next 17 sts, sl st in next ch-1 sp, FPsc around each of next 3 sts, sc in top of beg ch.

Fasten off.

STRAP

Ch 81.

Rnd 1 (RS): Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 9 ch, hdc in next 5 ch, dc in next 50 ch, hdc in next 5 ch, sc in next 9 ch, 3 sc in last ch; working along opposite side of foundation ch, sc in next 9 ch, hdc in next 5 ch, dc in next 50 ch, hdc in next 5 ch, sc in next 9 ch, 2 sc in same ch as first sc; join with sl st in first sc.

Fasten off.

FINISHING

Slide a D-ring onto one end of Strap. Fold Strap end over ring to WS of Strap and sew in place.

Rep to attach second D-ring to opposite end of Strap.

Sew D-rings to sides of top of Bag.

With sewing needle and thread, sew buttons to front of Bag, opposite buttonholes on flap.

Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

beg = begin(ning)(s)

ch = chain

ch-sp(s) = chain space(s) previously made

dc = double crochet

hdc = half double crochet

rep = repeat

rnd(s) = round(s)

RS = right side

sc = single crochet

sk = skip

sl st = slip stitch

st(s) = stitch(es)

WS = wrong side

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