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Materials

Hook 3 mm + 4 mm US: 2/C + 6/G

Yarn Muskat by Drops/Garnstudio. 5 skeins in the blue shade marine #13. 50 grams (1.76 ounces), 100 meters (109 yards), 100% mercerized Egyptian cotton. This is a DK weight yarn.

If you want to substitute my yarn choice with another yarn, you can get some advice in my guide **How to substitute yarn**.

Big Sewing Needle

Size width: 32 cm / 12½ inches height: 40 cm / 16 inches

The bag stretches somewhat, when it carries groceries, as the picture above shows.

Optional Fabric for stabilizing the bottom of the bag and sewing thread in a matching color.

If you are not used to reading crochet charts, please see my **How to read Crochet Charts Tutorial**. This tutorial will teach you how to crochet with the help of a crochet diagram.

Free Crochet Pattern

The bottom of the bag is worked as an oval. Start using a 3 mm (US: 2/C) crochet hook.

Chain 34

Round 1

1 dc in 3rd chain from hook. 30 dc across. 7 dc in last stitch. Continue crocheting in the round by working into the same chain stitches from the opposite side. 31 dc across. 6 dc in next stitch.

1 slip stitch in this row's third chain stitch.

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Round 2

Chain 3

30 dc across. 7 times: 2 dc in next stitch.

31 dc across. 6 times: 2 dc in next stitch. 1 dc in next stitch.

1 slip stitch in this row's third chain stitch.

Round 3

Chain 3

30 dc across. 7 times: (2 dc in next stitch, 1 dc in next stitch).

31 dc across. 6 times: (2 dc in next stitch, 1 dc in next stitch, 2 dc in next stitch).

1 slip stitch in this row's third chain stitch.

Round 4

Chain 3

30 dc across. 7 times: (1 dc in next stitch, 1 dc in next stitch, 2 dc in next stitch).

31 dc across. 6 times: (1 dc in next stitch, 1 dc in next stitch, 2 dc in next stitch).

3 times: 1 dc in next stitch.

1 slip stitch in this row's third chain stitch.

Round 5

Chain 3

30 dc across. 7 times: (1 dc in next stitch, 1 dc in next stitch, 1 dc in next stitch, 2 dc in next stitch).

31 dc across. 6 times: (1 dc in next stitch, 1 dc in next stitch, 1 dc in next stitch, 2 dc in next stitch).

4 times: 1 dc in next stitch.

1 slip stitch in this row's third chain stitch.

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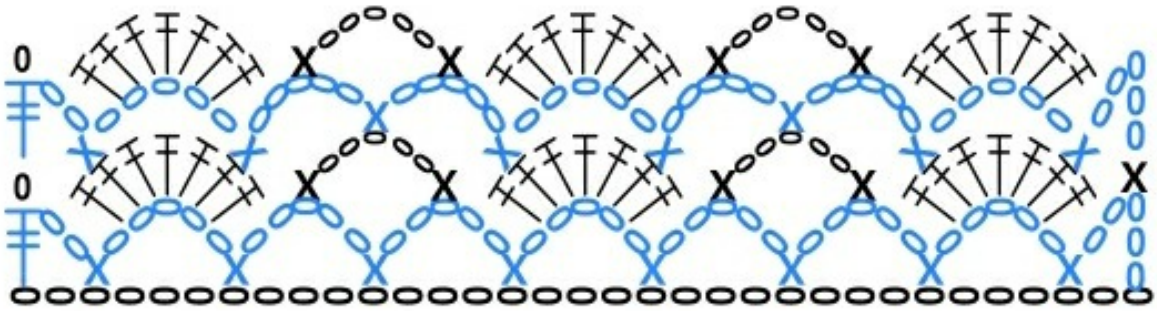
You have now completed the bottom part of the Moonlight market bag. You will continue crocheting the sides. Please see the crochet chart below for guidance. The chart shows you how to do the pattern, if you would crochet back and forth. Since you crochet in the round for this bag the patterns i slightly different at the edges, but else it gives you a perfect picture of the pattern repeat. If you do not know how to read crochet diagrams, read my tutotial.



Round 6

Switch to a 4 mm US: 6/G hook.

Chain 5, skip 1, 1 sc in next stitch.

Repeat 31 times: (Chain 5, skip 3, 1 sc in next stitch).

Chain 5. 1 sc in this row's 1st chain space.

Round 7

Chain 2, 7 dc in chain space, 1 sc in next chain space, chain 5, 1 sc in next chain space.

9 times: (7 dc in next chain space, 1 sc in next chain space, chain 5, 1 sc in next chain space).

7 dc in next chain space, 1 sc in next chain space, chain 5, 1 treble crochet in next chain space.

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Round 8

Chain 2, 1 sc in 2nd dc of beneath 7dc cluster, chain 5, 1 sc in 6th dc of same 7dc cluster.

10 times: (Chain 5, 1 sc in next chain space, chain 5, 1 sc in 2nd dc of beneath 7dc cluster, chain 5, 1 sc in 6th dc of same 7dc cluster).

Chain 5, 1 sc in next chain space, chain 5, 1 sc in next chain space.

Round 9

10 times: (7 dc in next chain space, 1 sc in next chain space).

7 dc in next chain space, 1 sc in next chain space, chain 5, 1 treble in same chain space.

Round 10 – 23

Repeat row 8 and 9.

Round 24

11 times: (6 dc in next chain space, 4 dc in next chain space, 4 dc in next chain space). 1 slip stitch in this row's first dc.

Round 25

Chain 3

4 times: 1 dc in next stitch, 2 dc together, 7 times: 1 dc in next stitch.

Repeat 10 times: (5 times 1 dc in next stitch, 2 dc together, 7 times: 1 dc in next stitch).

1 slip stitch in this row's first dc.

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Round 26

Chain 3

7 times: (1 dc in next stitch. 2 dc together). 3 times: 1 dc in next stitch.

10 times: (8 times: 1 dc in next stitch, 2 dc together, 3 times: 1 dc in next stitch).

1 slip stitch in this row's first dc.

Round 27

Chain 3

3 times: 1 dc in next stitch, 2 dc together, 6 times: 1 dc in next stitch.

10 times: (4 times: 1 dc in next stitch, 2 dc together, 6 times: 1 dc in next stitch). 1 slip stitch in this row's first dc.

Round 28

Chain 22, skip 22, 1 sc in next stitch.

3 dc, 2 dc together, 3 dc, 2 dc together, 3 dc, 2 dc together, 3 dc.

3 dc, 2 dc together, 3 dc, 2 dc together, 3 dc, 2 dc together, 3 dc. 1 sc in next stitch.

Chain 22, skip 22, 1 sc in next stitch.

3 dc, 2 dc together, 3 dc, 2 dc together, 3 dc, 2 dc together, 3 dc.

3 dc, 2 dc together, 3 dc, 2 dc together, 3 dc, 2 dc together, 3 dc. 1 sc in next stitch.

Round 29

22 dc in chain space.

6 dc, 2 dc together, 2 dc, 2 dc together, 2 dc, 2 dc together, 7 dc, 2 dc together, 2 dc, 2 dc together, 2 dc.

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Round 30

2 dc together, 21 dc, 2 dc together, 8 dc, 2 dc together, 1 dc, 2 dc together, 1 dc, 2 dc together, 8 dc, 2 dc together, 20 dc, 2 dc together, 8 dc, 2 dc together, 1 dc, 2dc together, 1 dc, 2 dc together, 9 dc.

Round 31

84 dc, 2 hdc, 2 sc.

Cut yarn and weave in all ends.

Sewing the Bottom

On top of the inner bottom oval I sewed 3 layers of fabric. This is optional and it makes the bag more sturdy, when I put groceries in it. I chose 2 thick pieces of fabric, (the colored ones), and a dark blue cotton fabric. The colored fabrics are the exact size of the bottom and the blue fabric has some extra seam allowance (1 cm =1/4 inch).

Cut out the outer fabric piece (blue) and two pieces for lining (pattern).

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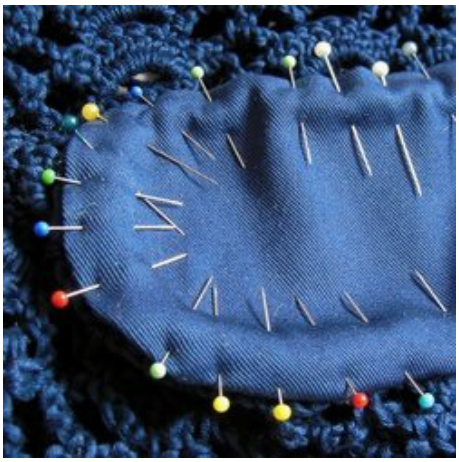

Pin the fabrics to the inner part of the button. The thick colored fabric on the inside and the thinner, matching blue fabric on top.

Sew the fabric layers together very close to the edges. The bag also looks better that way.

Abbreviations

ch = chains

sc = single crochet

dc = double crochet

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This pattern is written with US crochet terms. I have a translation help on my blog, where you can find crochet terms in **US, UK, German and Danish**.

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