

Sand Dollar Beach Bag

Materials List:

1 Skein (295 yards) Berroco Medina (37% cotton, 36 % acrylic, 27% viscose)

Color used in sample bag: #4712

Size G (4.0 mm) crochet hook

Stitch marker - use to mark first st of each round

Small shell, coral or charm (optional)

Finished Bag Dimensions:

Base = 4 ½" across by 6 ½" high

Stitches/Abbreviations Used

(bpdc) back post double crochet

(ch) chain

(dc) double crochet

(fpdc) front post double crochet

(sc) single crochet

(sl st) slip stitch

Gauge: 5 sc stitches = 1 inch

- gauge will vary depending on yarn weight, hook size and tension
- gauge is not essential to this bag design

Pattern Notes:

- Pattern directions are written using American crochet terminology
- This drawstring handbag is worked in the round from the bottom up
- The ch 1 at the beginning of a round does NOT count as the first stitch



Directions – Foundation and Bag Body:

Round 1: With hook, ch 2. Work 6 sc sts in 2nd ch from hook.

If you prefer, make a magic circle and work 6 sc in the center. (6 sc)

Round 2: Without joining, work 2 sc in each st around. (12 sc)

Note: I found it helpful to use a st marker to identify the first st of the round and moved it up as I completed each consecutive round.

Round 3: Work 2sc in first st, 1 sc in next st, *[2 sc in next st, 1 sc in next st] repeat from * around. (18 sc)

Round 4: Work 2 sc in first st, 1 sc in each of the next 2 sts, *[2 sc in next st, 1 sc in each of next 2 sts] repeat from * around. (24 sc)

Round 5: Work 2 sc in first st, 1 sc in each of next 3 sts, *[2sc in next st, 1 sc in each of next 3 sts] repeat from * around. (30 sc)

Round 6: Work 2 sc in first st, 1 sc in each of next 4 sts, *[2sc in next st, 1 sc in each of next 4 sts] repeat from * around. (36 sc)

Round 7: Work 2 sc in first st, 1 sc in each of next 5 sts, *[2sc in next st, 1 sc in each of next 5 sts] repeat from * around. (42 sc)

Round 8: Work 2 sc in first st, 1 sc in each of next 6 sts, *[2sc in next st, 1 sc in each of next 6 sts] repeat from * around. (48 sc)

Round 9: Work 2 sc in first st, 1 sc in each of next 7 sts, *[2sc in next st, 1 sc in each of next 7 sts] repeat from * around. (54 sc)

Round 10: Work 2 sc in first st, 1 sc in each of next 8 sts, *[2sc in next st, 1 sc in each of next 8 sts] repeat from * around. (60 sc)

Round 11: Work 2 sc in first st, 1 sc in each of next 9 sts, *[2sc in next st, 1 sc in each of next 9 sts] repeat from * around. (66 sc)

Round 12: Work 2 sc in first st, 1 sc in each of next 10 sts, *[2sc in next st, 1 sc in each of next 10 sts] repeat from * around. At the end of this round, join with a slip st. (72 sc)

Note: the beginning chain for rounds 13 - 38 should be a “long” ch that allows you to complete the first dc or fpdc stitch without being too tight. If you prefer, you may begin each round with a ch 2, but it should not be necessary.

Round 13: Ch 1. Work 1 dc in each st around. Join with a sl st to the top of first dc st of the round. (72 dc)

Round 14: Ch 1, *[fpdc for 3 sts, bpdc for 3 sts] repeat from * around, join with a sl st to the top of the first fpdc. (72 sts)

Round 15: Begin this round and all rounds from this point with a **sl st to the 2nd dc st of the previous round, then ch 1.** (Beginning each round with a sl st to the second stitch creates the spiral effect inherent in this design.) *[fpdc for 3 sts, bpdc for 3 sts] repeat from * around, join with a sl st to the top of the first fpdc. (72 sts)

Round 16 – Round 38: Repeat Round 15.

Round 39: Ch 1. Place a sc in first st and each st around. **Do NOT join, but continue right on to the next round.** (72 sc)

Note: I found it helpful to use a st marker to identify the first st of the round and moved it up as I completed each consecutive round.

Round 40: Work a sc in each st around. (72 sc)

Round 41: (We will create eyelets for the drawstring in this round)

* [Sc in first 2 sts, ch 2, skip 2 sts from previous round, sc in next 2 sts.] Repeat from * around. (12 eyelets made)

Round 42: Work a sc in each sc of previous round and 2 sc in each ch 2 space. (72 sc)

Round 43: Work a sc in each st around. (72 sc)

Round 44: Sl st in first sc and each st around. When you get to the end of the round, complete a few extra sl sts, fasten off and weave in end.

Drawstring: Ch 150, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and each ch to the end. Fasten off, weave in ends.

Thread your drawstring through the eyelets. Place both ends of the drawstring through a shell or charm (if desired) and secure in place with a half knot.

Enjoy your new bag!☺

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