

## Advanced Beginner

### Design Options

- Crochet around the pocket flap in the contrasting color using either a picot stitch for a decorative edge or use a single crochet stitch simply to reinforce the edge
- Edge the handles and bag top in either picot edge for a fancy look or just slip stitch to strengthen and reinforce
- Use a larger hook to make the fabric more "open" and then line the bag with a bright fabric—if you do this, you'll need more yarn and of course the bag would be larger



# Crochet Paper Ribbon Bag

### **Materials:**

- 4 balls of Katia Paper—100% paper ribbon
- Crochet Hook I
- 1 Button, ring markers

### **Gauge:**

14.5 sc & 13 rows/4 inches

### **Finished Size:**

5" deep x 10" wide x 8.5" to top of bag (not handle)

Shoulder strap length : 17"

Pocket: 6" x 4"

## Bag Bottom

Holding 2 strands of your darkest color together, chain 13 sts.

Turn and work 12 single crochets (sc), 1 in each of the chains starting 1 chain over from last chain on the hook.

Work 2 more sc in same space you did the last sc (so you have 3 sc in the same chain).

Do not turn, but continue "around the bend" and work 1 sc into the "back side" of each of the original 12 chain stitches. Work 2 more sc in the last chain of this edge. That brings you "around the bend" and onto the other side.

## Bag Bottom, cont'd.

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At this point, you should have 28 sts total if you count around the perimeter of the piece you've started : you have 12 sts along each of the long sides and 2 sts at each end for a total of 28 sts. Place markers to show your "corners" if that helps you. (see diagram).

Now, you are going to increase 8 sts in every round. Make your increases by working 2 sc in each of the first and last sts of both the long sides and the ends.

When you have 92 sts around, you are done with your bag base. Since this isn't a fitted garment, if you have 91 or 94, don't sweat it, just go with it!

Continuing to hold 2 strands together, work 1 sc in each stitch around for 8 rows.

Drop 1 strand of the darkest color and add 1 strand of your contrast color and continue around working 1 sc in each stitch around for 13 rows.

Drop the remaining dark strand and add a second strand of the contrast color and work 5 rounds more, still working 1 sc in each stitch around, ending back at your beginning.

To make the pocket opening, sc5, chain 18, skip 18 sc and then work 1 sc in each sc back to the beginning of the round. Work 3 more rounds, working 1 sc in each st and on this first row after you've made the pocket opening, work your 18 sc over the pocket opening into the 18 chain sts when you get to them.

## Strap

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Sc 26. Chain 1. Turn and work 26 scs back. Chain 1. Turn.

Continue to work strap, but now decreasing on the first and last stitch of every other row, as follows, until you have 18 sts (or your desired strap width).

- Draw a loop thru the first stitch (you now have 2 loops on the hook), draw a loop thru the second stitch (you now have 3 loops on the hook), then draw a loop thru all 3 loops on the hook.

Work even for 20 rows.

Start increasing in the first and last stitch of every other row by working 2 sc into both the first and last stitch until you have 26 sts again.

Work 1 row even and then sew to opposite edge of bag, positioning strap so it is centered on the end opposite the beginning of the strap. Weave in ends.

## Pocket & Pocket Flap

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For the flap, still holding the yarn doubled but working any color combination you desire for your flap, pick up and sc 20 on the outside of the bag picking up from the row just above the pocket opening. Since the flap opening is 18 sts wide, you must start 1 stitch over from the opening. Chain 1 at the end and then turn and sc20, chain 1, turn and sc 20. Now decrease on the next row as directed under "strap" instructions. At the end of this row, do not chain 1 and turn, but cut yarn, pull thru last stitch and weave in end.

To make the pocket, turn the bag inside out and pick up and sc 20 sts along row above the pocket opening (remember you're picking up and working from the inside of the bag now, not the outside where your flap is). Since the pocket is on the inside, it doesn't matter what color it is, so use whatever color you want or have leftover of since it won't be seen on the outside anyway.

Work even across these 20 sts for as deep as you want your pocket or until your yarn almost runs out. Stitch the pocket sides and bottom down to the inside of the bag using a wool needle and a whip stitch. Tie off end and weave in.