

Star Market Bag

MATERIALS

- Worsted-weight (#4) or DK-weight (#3) cotton yarn in one or more colors (approximately 550 yards needed in total)
- G (4.0 or 4.25 mm) crochet hook
- Scissors
- Tapestry needle

GLOSSARY OF TERMS, STITCHES, AND TECHNIQUES

chain stitch (ch): To make, draw yarn through the active loop on the hook.

chain space (ch sp): the space created by two or more chain stitches in which a stitch can be worked, i.e. work the stitch under the series of chains rather than in them

double crochet stitch (dc): To make, yarn over, insert the hook into the designated stitch, draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through two loops, yarn over again and draw through the remaining two loops.

dc-tr-dc cluster (dc-tr-dc cl): To make, begin a dc (yarn over, insert the hook into the designated st, draw up a loop, yarn over draw through two loops, two loops remain), begin a tr (yarn over twice, insert the dc in the next st, draw up a loop, there should be five loops on the hook, yarn over draw through two loops, yarn over draw through two more loops, leaving remaining three loops on the hook), begin a dc (yarn over, insert the hook into the next st, draw up a loop, yarn over draw through two loops) there should be four loops remaining on the hook, yarn over and draw through all four loops.

fasten off: Cut the yarn at least 4 inches from the last stitch and draw the end through the active loop. Pull tightly to secure.

single crochet stitch (sc): To make, insert your hook into the indicated stitch, draw up a loop, there will be two loops on the hook, yarn over and draw through both loops.

single crochet three together (sc3tog): To work, insert hook into indicated stitch, yarn over and draw the loop back through the stitch, insert hook into next indicated stitch, yarn over and draw the loop back through the stitch, insert hook into next indicated stitch, yarn over and draw the loop back through the stitch, yarn over and draw through all three loops on the hook.

slip stitch (sl st): To make, insert your hook into the indicated stitch, draw up a loop, draw the top loop on the hook through the bottom loop.

stitch (st): a generic stitch, usually designates the location in the previous row in which a particular stitch, such as a single crochet, will be made

treble crochet stitch (tr): To make, yarn over twice, insert the hook into the designated stitch, draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through two loops three times.

tr-dc cluster (tr-dc cl): To make, begin a tr (yarn over twice, insert the hook in the designated st, draw up a loop, there should be four loops on the hook, yarn over draw through two loops, yarn over draw through two more loops, leave remaining two loops on the hook), begin a dc (yarn over, insert the hook into the next st, draw up a loop, yarn over draw through two loops) there should be three loops remaining on the hook, yarn over and draw through all three loops.

PATTERN

Eight-Pointed Star Square (Make 13)

Create a center ring using a loose slip knot.

ROUND 1: Ch 3 (which will count as a double crochet). 11 dc into the center ring, sl st to the top chain of the beginning ch 3. [=12 dc]

ROUND 2: Ch 3, work 1 dc into the same st as ch. Work 2 dc in each st around; sl st to the top of the ch 3. [=24 dc]

ROUND 3: Ch 2, work a tr-dc cl over the next two st, ch 5, *work dc-tr-dc cl over next three st (dc in first st, tr in next st, dc in next st), ch 5. Repeat from * seven times, sl st to the top of the ch 2. If you want to change colors, cut yarn, and fasten off then make a slip knot with new color, joining to any ch 5 space. To skip the color change, sl st to nearest ch 5 space. [=8 dc-tr-dc clusters, 8 ch 5 spaces]

ROUND 4: (ch 3, 5 dc) in first ch sp, *[(4 dc, ch 2, 4 dc) in next ch sp, 6 dc in next ch sp]. Repeat from * three times, 4 dc, ch 2, 4 dc) in next ch sp, sl st to top ch of initial ch 3. [=56 dc, 4 ch 2-spaces]

ROUND 5: Ch 3, dc in each of next 9 st, *(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch 2 sp, dc in each of next 14 st. Repeat twice more from *. (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch 2 sp, dc in each of next 4 st, sl st to top ch of initial ch 3. [=72 dc, 4 ch 2-spaces]

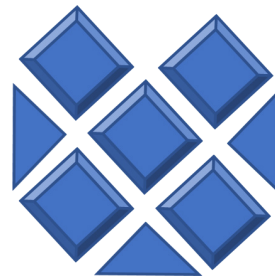
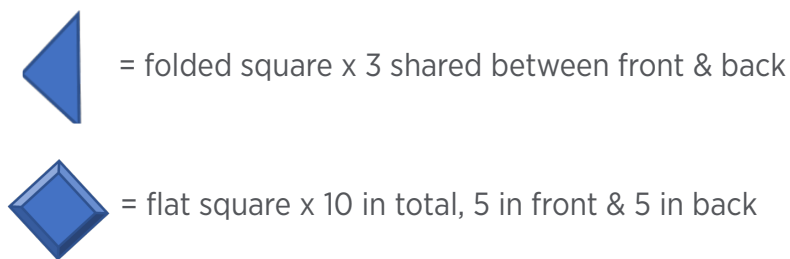
ROUND 6: Ch 3, dc in each of next 11 st. *(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch 2 sp, dc in each of next 18 st. Repeat twice from *. (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch 2 sp, dc in each of next 6 st, sl st to top ch of initial ch 3. Fasten off. [=88 dc, 4 ch 2-spaces].

Repeat this process 12 more times to make a total of 13 squares.

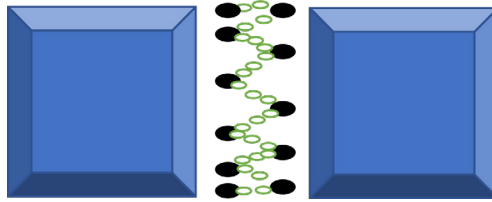
Joining Squares

After finishing all 13 squares, join them with a zigzag chain in the manner below.

Arrange all the squares according to the following diagram:



Hold two of the squares so that their front sides are either facing each other or facing away from each other. Start with a slip knot and join to corner of first square, ch 2, sl st to corner of the 2nd square, ch 2, sl st to first dc in first square. *ch 3, sk 2 st in 2nd square and sl st to next st, ch 3, sk 2 st in first square and sl st to next st, ch 3, continue zigzagging back and forth repeating from * until you get to the last dc in the first square, then ch 2, sl st in corner sp of 2nd square, ch 2, sl st in corner sp of first square.



Please note that there will be many more zigzags in your project than those pictured in this diagram.

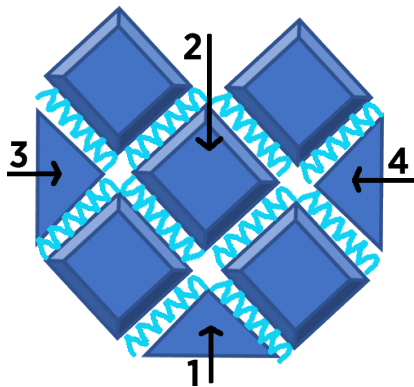
Working around the square you just worked in with the last slipstitch, make a zigzag chain joining the next side of this square to another square in the same manner as in the first side. Continue joining the remaining two sides in the same manner and once you have joined all four sides, fasten off.

Turn the squares so they are laying on the diagonal and fold in half so that the center square is a triangle.

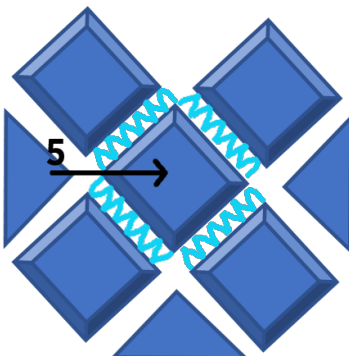


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Work all the way around the squares (seen from the front side) in this order:

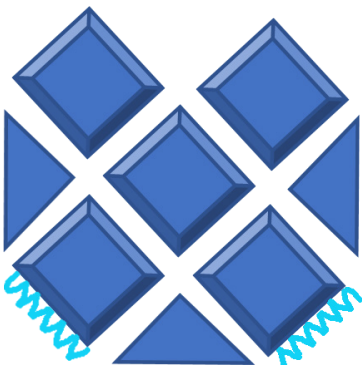


Once you finish these, work around the center square on the back side.



Here is the back side (all others should have already been joined).

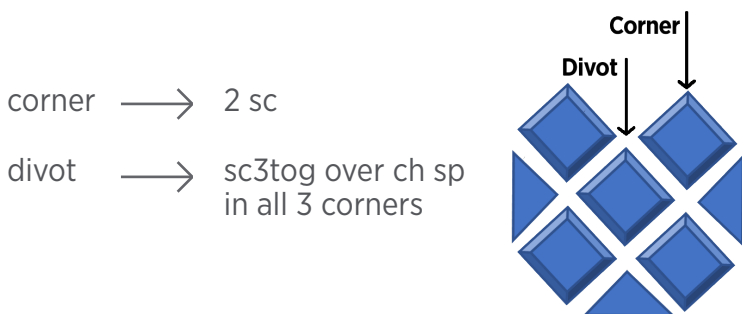
Now zigzag join the two bottom diagonals to the corresponding squares on the back side.



Top Open Zigzag Edge

Join to either corner on front side of bag.

ROUND 1: Work 2 sc in corner ch sp, sc in each st along the top edge, sc3tog over the three corner ch sp making up each divot. After working all the way around the top edge, sl st to first sc of round.



ROUND 2: Work sc in each st around. Sl st to first sc of round. Do not cut the yarn but continue on the strap as detailed below.

Strap/Handle

Ch 80. Ensuring the chain is not twisted, sl st to each of the 2 st on the other “corner” on the front of bag. Turn. Sc in the back ridge of each ch the length of the strap, sl st in sc at base of strap on original corner. Fasten off.

Join to corner on other side of bag and ch 80. Continue in same manner as other strap.

Weave in all ends.