

The **Dragon Bag** is an adjustable-size bag - small enough to carry your essentials or large enough to pack for an overnight stay. The stretchy opening allows easy access with or without a drawstring. Add a solid base and purse chain and it's perfect for everyday use.

Photo Shoot











Difficulty

Intermediate

- Involved Stitch Patterns
- X Colorwork
- X Shaping

Materials



320 yards, #3, (DK, Light Worsted Weight) or #4 (Worsted Weight)



US size G6 /4mm or size needed to obtain gauge



3"-wide rubber band or ponytail holder (larger if making a big bag)



Circle of wood, metal, plastic or cardboard for the inside bottom (optional)

Gauge

 $18 dc \times 8 rows = 3'' square (#3 yarn)$

13 dc x 7 rows = 3'' square (#4 yarn)

Sizes

This bag can easily be made smaller or larger. (See Instructions.)

Photo Left = 5" diameter, 7" height

Photo Center = 5.5" diameter, 7.5" height

Photo Right = 6.5" diameter, 8" height

Abbreviations

ch - chain stitch

sl st - slip stitch

sc - single crochet

dc - double crochet

BPdc - back post double crochet

FPdc - front post double crochet

st(s) - stitch(es)

sk - skip

beg = beginning

Notes

#1 This bag can be made in any size. The round bottom base is a circle that you can continue until your desired circumference. The Dragon Scales rounds can be continued until the bag is as tall as desired.

#2 For optional added stability, I placed a plastic take-out lid in the bottom.



Special Stitches

Dragon Scale Stitch (aka Crocodile Stitch)

Rnd 1 (V-Stitch Round)

3ch (counts as 1dc and 1ch), 1dc in same st, *sk next 2 sts, (1dc, 1ch, 1dc) in next st*, repeat * to * around, sl st to beg dc

Rnd 2 (Dragon Scale Round)

2ch (counts as 1st FPdc), 4FPdc around 1st post of V-Stitch (Figure 2), 1ch, 5FPdc around 2nd post of V-Stitch (Figure 3) , sk next V-Stitch,

5FPdc around 1st post of next V-Stitch, 1ch, 5FPdc around 2nd post of V-Stitch, sk next V-stitch, repeat * to * around, sl st to beg ch







Crochet Dragon Scales

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Pattern Instructions

Bottom:

Ch 5

Join w sl st to form ring (or magic ring)

Round 1: 2ch, into the ring work 11dc, sk beg ch and sl st to beg dc (Figure 1).

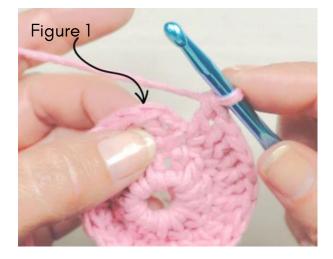
Round 2: 2ch, 1dc in same st, (2dc in ea st) around, 1dc in base of the same st as beg ch (Figure 2), sk beg ch, sl st to beg dc

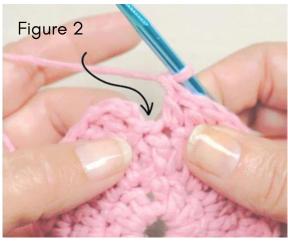
Crochet A Flat Circle

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Round 3: 2ch, 1dc in same st, (1dc in next st, 2dc in next st) around, 1dc in base of the same st as beg ch, sk beg ch, sl st to beg dc

Round 4: 2ch, ldc in same st, (ldc in ea of the next **2** sts, 2dc in next st) around, ldc in base of the same st as beg ch, sk beg ch, sl st to beg dc

Round 5: 2ch, ldc in same st, (ldc in each of the next **3** sts, 2dc in next st) around, ldc in base of the same st as beg ch, sk beg ch, sl sl to to beg dc

Round 6: 2ch, 1dc in same st, (1dc in each of the next **4** sts, 2dc in next st) around, 1dc in base of the same st as beg ch, sk beg ch, sl st to beg dc

For a larger bag, repeat Round 6, increasing the bolded number by 1 with each round.

...(ldc in each of the next \mathbf{x} sts, 2dc in next st)... where x = x+1

Round 7 or Last Round: 2ch, 1dc in ea st around, sk beg ch, sl st to beg dc

Body:

Round 1: 2ch, 1BPdc in ea st around, sl st to beg BPdc

Rounds 2 & 3: 2ch, 1dc in ea st around, sl st to beg dc



Begin Dragon Scales:

Round 4 (V-Stitch Round): Work Round 1 of Dragon Scale Stitch (See Page 3: Special Stitches)

Round 5 (Dragon Scale Round): Work Round 2 of Dragon Scale Stitch

Rounds 6-19: Alternate Rounds 4 and 5 (V-Stitch Round and Dragon Scale Round)

For a taller bag, continue past Round 19 until bag reaches your desired height/depth.







Top & Closure:

Round 1: Repeat Round 4 (V-Stitch Round), sl st to center of 1st V-Stitch

Rounds 2 - 4: 3ch, 1dc in same st, V-Stitch in center of ea V-Stitch) around, sl st to center of 1st V-Stitch

Round 5 (Scrunchie Round): – 2ch, *sk ch–1 sp, holding rubber hair band behind the st, work 1dc in next 2 dcs, catching hair band in ea st*, repeat from * to * around, sl st to top of beg ch



Scrunchie Round



Rounds 6 & 7 (V-Stitch Round): 3ch, dc in same st, *sk next 2 sts, (ldc, lch, ldc) in next st*, repeat from * to * around. Finish off.

Strap / Handle:

Using 2 strands of yarn, in complementary or contrasting colors, make a slip knot with a long (at least 3") tail (for fringing or beading later, if desired), 100ch.

Finish off, (leaving a 3" tail, if fringing or beading).

Weave the strap through Top Round 4 (the V-Stitch Round just below the hair band).

Tie strap ends together in a decorative knot, or leave loose.

For that finishing touch, separate thread ends of strap and comb out gently to fringe. Or string with beads.

For a dressier alternative, use a metal purse chain or purse handle instead of yarn.

For a solid base, measure the bottom circumference of the bag. Cut wood, metal, cardboard or a plastic lid and place in the bottom of the bag.









About Yay!Yarn

I first started sharing my creations and fumbles on Instagram, where I found an amazing and supportive community. I love teaching and lifting up others as they grow in their art. And I've learned so much that I want to keep paying it forward by teaching, creating and sharing everything I can.



While I've been crocheting for 48 years, I also occasionally knit, macrame, embroider and, in the early years, I was formal wear designer and tailor. Yay!Yarn was created to celebrate and support fiber artists of all kinds.

May we always win at Yarn Chicken and never lose our hook!



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