

Lace Shoulder Bag by Catkin and Comet



Skill Level: INTERMEDIATE ①②③④

About the pattern:

This bag is perfect for adding a bit of woolly joy to your day. The stitch combination provides a mixture of sturdiness (chicken foot stitch) and delicate grace (lace stitch). It's an A4 size which makes it perfect for carrying your books or notepads. Be prepared for compliments wherever you go!

What you will need:

This is a great project for using up leftover pieces of yarn from other projects. If you are buying 3 balls of yarn specifically for this project, you won't use it all and will have some left over for other projects. Yarn = Any chunky acrylic yarn
Amount = 1 ball each of 3 different colours (you won't need it all!).
The 3 colours shown in the pictures are:

- Stylecraft Special Chunky Dark Brown (100g) Yarn A
- Stylecraft Special Chunky Spice (100g) Yarn B
- Stylecraft Special Chunky Copper (100g) Yarn C

And on the following page:

- Sirdar Hayfield Baby Chunky Applebob (100g) Yarn A
- Stylecraft Special Chunky Silver (100g) Yarn B
- Stylecraft Special Chunky Teal (100g) Yarn C

Hooks = 6mm hook

Tapestry needle to weave in the ends

Material for the lining (non-stretchy)

Needle and thread to stitch the lining into place

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Final measurements: the body of the bag is 40cm long, 37 cm wide at the bottom and 33cm wide at the top. These measurements are for the brown/orange bag on the left. The green/silver bag did measure the same when first created, however, I lined it with a stretchy lining and so it ended up quite a bit bigger! I also made the handle on the green bag much too long and so have shortened it for the brown/orange bag.



Tension: 4 rows of 6 Chicken Foot stitches = 10cm by 10cm, 2 rows of 2 Harriet Lace Shell stitches = 10cm by 10cm

Abbreviations and pattern instructions:

Words in italic = Additional instructions provided to assist with following the pattern

(xxx, xxx, xxx) = stitch sequence between brackets to be completed in next stitch i.e. multiple stitches in the new row to be made in one stitch in the previous row

[xxx, xxx, xxx] y times = repeat stitch sequence between the brackets y times

** = if multiple stitch sequence repetitions are required asterisks are also used to clarify where to start repeating sequence

Ch = Chain stitch

Dc = Double crochet (UK), or single crochet (US)

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3tr-cl = 3 treble cluster (UK), or 3 treble cluster (US) – see explanation provided in special stitches

Htr = Half treble crochet (UK), or half double crochet (US)

Htr2tog = Half treble 2 stitches together (UK), dc2tog (US) – see explanation provided in special stitches

Sk = Skip a stitch, i.e. do not crochet in the skipped stitch

Slst = Slip stitch

Sp = Space

Tr = Treble crochet (UK), or double crochet (US)

Special stitches:

1. Chicken Foot stitch



For this stitch pattern, you will need to know the following stitches:

htr2tog = Yarn over hook, insert hook into desired stitch, yarn over hook, draw hook back through stitch (3 loops on hook), yarn over hook, insert hook into next stitch, yarn over hook, draw hook back through stitch (5 loops on hook), yarn over hook, draw through 5 remaining loops.

2. Harriet Lace



For this stitch pattern, you will need to know the following stitches:

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3tr-cl = yarn over hook, insert hook into desired stitch, yarn over hook, draw hook back through stitch (3 loops on hook), yarn over hook, draw hook through 2 loops on hook (2 loops on hook), yarn over hook, insert hook into same stitch as before, yarn over hook, draw hook back through stitch (4 loops on hook), yarn over hook, draw hook through 2 loops on hook (3 loops on hook), yarn over hook, insert hook into same stitch as before, yarn over hook, draw hook back through stitch (5 loops on hook), yarn over hook, draw hook through 2 loops on hook (4 loops on hook), yarn over hook, draw hook through 4 remaining loops.

Notes: This pattern is worked from the bottom of the bag upwards. The bottom is slightly wider than the top to give the bag some shape. The 2 panels of the bag and the handle are all worked up separately. They are then sewn together using a whipstitch and the bag is lined so that it holds its shape. If it isn't lined, due to the properties of the yarn used, it will quickly become overstretched.

This pattern is written using UK terminology.

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Pattern:

- **BAG MAIN PANEL – make 2 of these:**

Bottom Chicken Foot stitch section:

Yarn A: Using 6mm hook ch45, turn.

Row 1 (RS): ch1, dc in second chain from hook, [ch1, sk 1ch, dc in ch] 22 times, turn.

Row 2: ch3 (counts as htr and ch1), [htr2tog in ch1 sp and dc, ch1] 22 times turn.

Row 3: ch1 (doesn't count as stitch), dc in htr2tog, [dc in ch1 sp, ch1, sk htr2tog] 21 times, dc in ch1 sp, dc in 2nd ch in ch3, turn.

Row 4: ch2 (counts as htr), htr2tog in same stitch as ch2 and in next dc, ch1, [htr2tog in ch1sp and dc, ch1] 21 times, htr in dc, turn.

Row 5: ch1, dc in htr, [ch1, sk htr2tog, dc in ch1 sp] 21 times, ch1, sk htr2tog, dc in top of ch2, turn.

Row 6 to Row 13: [repeat Row 2 to Row 5] twice, turn.

Fasten off Yarn A.



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Harriet Lace section:

Using Yarn B. Join Yarn B in first dc.

Please note a picot stitch is: dc, ch3, sl st in 3rd ch

Row 14: ch1 (doesn't count as stitch), dc in dc, ch2, sk ch1, sk dc, sk ch1, *(tr, 2ch, tr) in dc, ch2, sk ch1, sk dc, dc in ch1 sp, ch3, sl st in 3rd ch, ch2, sk dc, sk ch1* repeat from * to * 5 more times, (tr, 2ch, tr) in dc, ch2, sk ch1, sk dc, sk ch1 sp, dc in dc, turn.

Row 15: ch3 (counts as tr), *sk ch2, sk tr, (3tr-cl, ch2, 3tr-cl, ch2, 3tr-cl) in ch2 sp, ch1, sk tr, sk ch2, sk picot* repeat from * to * 5 more times, sk ch2, sk tr, (3tr-cl, ch2, 3tr-cl, ch2, 3tr-cl) in ch2 sp, ch1, sk tr, sk ch2, tr in dc, turn.

Row 16: ch3 (counts as htr and ch1), *sk 3tr-cl, htr in ch2 sp, ch1, sk 3tr-cl, htr in ch2 sp, ch1, sk 3tr-cl, htr in ch1 sp, ch1* repeat from * to * 5 more times, sk 3tr-cl, htr in ch2 sp, ch1, sk 3tr-cl, htr in ch2 sp, ch1, sk 3tr-cl, htr in top of ch3, turn.

Row 17: ch1 (doesn't count as stitch), [dc in htr, dc in ch1 sp] repeat across the row ending with dc in gap made by ch3, and dc in 2nd ch of ch3, turn.

Row 18: ch1 (doesn't count as stitch), dc in dc, ch2, sk 2dc, *(tr, 2ch, tr) in dc, ch2, sk 2dc, dc in dc, ch3, sl st in 3rd ch, ch2, sk 2dc* repeat from * to * 5 more times, (tr, 2ch, tr) in dc, sk 2dc, dc in dc, turn.

Row 19: repeat row 15

Row 20: repeat row 16.

Fasten off Yarn B.

Top Chicken Foot stitch section:

Using Yarn C. Join Yarn C in first dc.

Row 21: repeat row 17

Row 22: ch1, dc in dc, [ch1, sk 1dc, dc in dc] 21 times, turn.

Row 23: ch3 (counts as htr and ch1), [htr2tog in ch1 sp and dc, ch1] 21 times turn.

Row 24: ch1 (doesn't count as stitch), dc in htr2tog, [dc in ch1 sp, ch1, sk htr2tog] 20 times, dc in ch1 sp, dc in 2nd ch in ch3, turn.

Row 25: ch2 (counts as htr), htr2tog in same stitch as ch2 and in next dc, ch1, [htr2tog in ch1sp and dc, ch1] 20 times, htr in dc, turn.

Row 26: ch1, dc in htr, [ch1, sk htr2tog, dc in ch1 sp] 20 times, ch1, sk htr2tog, dc in top of ch2, turn.

Row 27 to Row 34: [repeat Row 23 to Row 26] twice.

Fasten off Yarn C.

Remember to make 2 of these bag main panel sections.

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- **HANDLE – make one of these:**

Yarn A: Using 6mm hook ch12, turn.

Row 1: ch1, dc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in ch across row, turn.

Row 2: [dc in dc] 12 times

Row 3 – Row 20: repeat row 2 18 times

Fasten off Yarn A

Using Yarn B. Join Yarn B in first dc.

Row 21 – Row 40: repeat row 2 20 times

Fasten off Yarn B

Using Yarn C. Join Yarn C in first dc.

Row 41 – Row 60: repeat row 2 20 times

Fasten off Yarn C

Remember you only need to make 1 of these bag handles.

STITCHING PIECES TOGETHER:

You can block the pieces first before stitching together to achieve desired shape. Remember that the bottom section of the bag is meant to be slightly larger than the top section of the bag to give it some shape (22 Chicken Foot stitches across the bottom and 21 Chicken Foot stitches across the top).

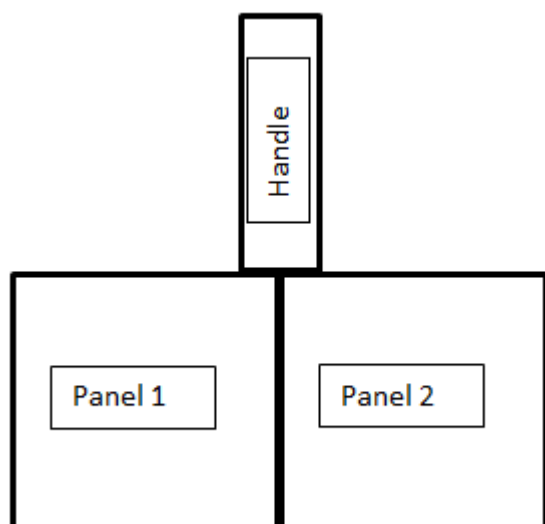
When the pieces are dry and ready to stitch together, put wrong sides of 2 panel pieces together and pin into place. Then stitch around edges by doing a dc stitch through both panels. I used the same colour yarn as I used for each section so that you can't see my joining stitches. This means there are more ends to sew in but the bag looks more professional as you can't see the joins. See the picture below.



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I then used pins again to pin the handle into the place I wanted it to be, which was on the join between the two panels on either side. So half of the handle sits on one panel and the other half sits on the other panel. The diagram below shows how the handle connects to the panel. In this diagram, I have only joined the main bag panels along one side. The handle is then stitched on using a joining dc stitch.



FINISHING OFF:

Sew all the yarn ends in.

I would recommend lining this bag with a non-stretchy material as otherwise, due to the yarn used, it will stretch and become misshapen. To line the bag, locate 2 pieces of material of a suitable colour. Remember that you will be able to see the material through the lace stitching on the bag. You will have to decide which side of the material you will be able to see through lace stitching on the bag from the outside and which you will be able to when you look in the bag. I would recommend a plain colour material so that it looks good on both sides, or if you choose a patterned material, choose one which the pattern does not show on the other side.

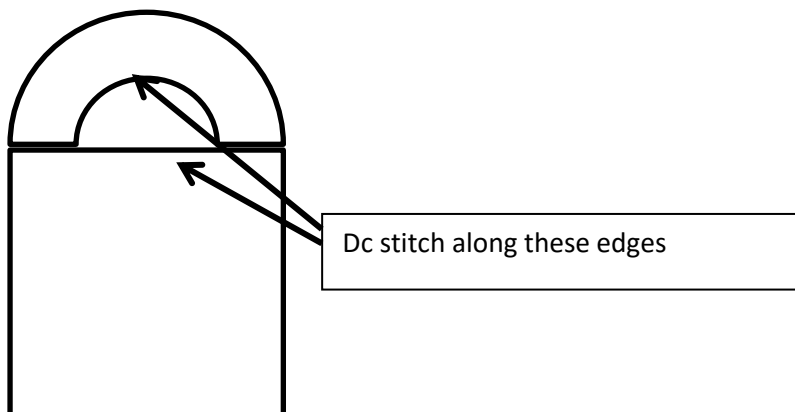
Lay the bag on the material and draw around the shape of the bag, leaving an inch or so gap around the edge for hems. Cut out the material pieces. Sew the 2 pieces together and hem the top of the lining. To hem the lining, turn over the ragged cut edge at the top, iron it into position and then stitch around the top of the lining.

The lining is now ready to be stitched into your bag. I would recommend hand stitching the lining into the bag as it can be tricky to machine sew into crochet. Pin the lining in the right position for your bag and then hand stitch the lining into place.

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There is also the option to do a crocheting edging around the top and the handles of your bag. Choose a yarn colour (A, B or C) and then dc stitch around the edges. I did this on the green/silver bag but not on the orange/brown bag. I think I prefer it without edging.



Your bag is now finished and ready to be enjoyed!!



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