

## **DESIGN INSPIRATION & STYLING OPTIONS**

It's summer in the city and it calls for the perfect crochet bag. The Summer in the City Bag is a beginner-friendly crochet pattern combining just two colors of yarn. Any two colors can be used, but I love the white and pop of cognac for a traditional woven summer bag look. Perfect for city errands, this little bag goes with everything. I've included a link to handles similar to those shown. I hope you love it as much as I do.

xoxo, Erin @cathedralsandcafes

## MATERIALS

- Yarn: 1 skein Lion Brand 24/7 Cotton in White (main color); 6 skeins Scheepjes Organicon in Maple (contrast color)
- Size US H/8 (5mm) crochet hook
- Stitch markers
- Tapestry needle
- Round rattan handbag handles like these or these

### GAUGE

Gauge is not important unless the weight of the yarn or size of crochet hook are changed.

#### FINISHED DIMENSIONS

7.5" diameter, 12" bottom to top edge

### ABBREVIATIONS

All Cathedrals & Cafes patterns are written in standard US terms.

Blo	Back loop only
Ch	Chain
Ch sp	Chain space
Hdc	Half double crochet
Inc	Increase (work 2 hdc into one stitch)
Мс	Magic circle
Sc	Single crochet
Sk	Skip
SI st	Slip stitch
St(s)	Stitch/Stitches
Yo	yarn over

#### NOTES

Pattern is worked using 3 strands of contrast color yarn at a time and 1 strand of main color yarn at a time. Bag is worked from the bottom up in continuous rounds. Ch 2 does not count as a stitch throughout. Place stitch marker in first stitch of each round and move up each round. When changing yarn colors, make last yo of last stitch with new color.

# PATTERN

# Body of Bag

Using 3 strands of contrast color together, begin with a magic circle.

Round 1	Ch 1, make 8 hdc into mc, sl st into 1st hdc to join, ch 2. (8 sts)
Round 2	Work 2 hdc into each st around, sl st into 1st st to join, ch 2. (16 sts)
Round 3	*1 hdc, inc* repeat from * around, sl st into 1st st to join, ch 2. (24 sts)
Round 4 (32 sts)	*1 hdc, 1 hdc, inc* repeat from * around, sl st into 1st st to join, ch 2.
Round 5	*1 hdc in next 3 sts, inc* repeat from * around, sl st into 1 st st to join, ch 2. (40 sts)
Round 6	*1 hdc in next 4 sts, inc* repeat from * around, sl st into 1st st to join, ch 2. (48 sts)
Round 7	*1 hdc in next 5 sts, inc* repeat from * around, sl st into 1st st to join, ch 2. (56 sts)
Round 8	*1 hdc in next 6 sts, inc* repeat from * around, sl st into 1st st to join, ch 2. (64 sts)
Round 9	*1 hdc in next 7 sts, inc* repeat from * around, sl st into 1st st to join, ch 2. (72 sts)
Round 10	*1 hdc in next 8 sts, inc* repeat from * around, sl st into 1st st to join, ch 2. (80 sts)
Round 11	1 sc in Blo of each st around, sl st in 1st st to join. (80 sts)
Round 12-14	1 sc in each st around. (80 sts). Fasten off.

Change to 1 strand of main color.

Round 15 1 sc in same st as join, ch 5, sk 2 sts, sc in next st\* repeat from \* until last st, ch 5, sl st into 1st st to join. Round 16 \*Ch 5, sc in next ch sp\* repeat from \* around until last chain, sc in ch sp of last chain. Round 17-18 \*Ch 5, sc in next ch sp\* repeat from \* around. Round 19 \*Ch 5, sc in next ch sp\* repeat from \* around. After last sc in last ch sp, sc 2 more in last ch sp. Round 20 Sc 3 evenly in each ch sp around, sc 2 in last 2 sts. Do not sl st to join. (80 sts) Round 21-22 Sc 1 in each stitch around. Do not sl st to join. (80 sts) Round 23 Sc 1, \*ch 5, sk 2 sts, sc in next st\* repeat from \* until last st. Sk last st, ch 5, sc in next ch sp. Round 24-27 \*Ch 5, sc in next ch sp\* repeat from \* around. After last sc in last ch sp, sc 2 more in last ch sp of round 27. Round 28 Sc 3 evenly in each ch sp around, sc 2 in last 2 sts. Do not sl st to join. (80 sts) Round 29-31 Sc 1 in each stitch around. Do not sl st to join. (80 sts) Round 32 Sc 1, \*ch 5, sk 2 sts, sc in next st\* repeat from \* until last st. Sk last st, ch 5, sc in next ch sp. Round 33-36 \*Ch 5, sc in next ch sp\* repeat from \* around. After last sc in last ch sp, sc 2 more in last ch sp of round 27.

Change to 3 strands of contrast color.

Round 37 Sc 3 evenly in each ch sp around, sc 2 in last 2 sts. Do not sl st to join. (80 sts)

#### Round 38-43

Fasten off.

# Attaching Handles

Place one handle on front center of bag, centered on the top contrasting color as shown in photo. Using 2-3 strands of contrast color yarn together, whipstitch handle to bag as shown.





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