CROCHETED
Shell Stitch Bag
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SIZE:	Finished size = Approx 5" in diameter and 6" in height.	

LEVEL OF EXPERIENCE: Intermediate.

MATERIALS: 2 ball *Twinkle,* by **DARK HORSE LLC**
Crochet Hook Size 5.00. Approx 12" of round elastic.

GAUGE: In sc, 3 sts and 3 rnds = 1"
In shell st, 1 shell = 1" and 1 row = 1".

STITCHES USED: Shell = 5 dc in same st.

BAG

BOTTOM: Starting at bottom, chain 3, join with sl st to form a ring.
RND 1: Work 8 sc in ring. DO NOT join and DO NOT turn each rnd.
RND 2: Work 2 sc in each st around = 16 sts.
RND 3: Work 2 sc in each st around = 32 sts.
Continuing in Rnds, work * 1 sc in each of next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st. Repeat from * until piece measures approx 5" in diameter (or across) and ending with 60 sts.
SIDE: RND 1 (right side): (Sk 2 sts, sc in next st, sk 2 sts, shell in next st) 10 times, sl st in beg sc = 10 shells. Ch 3. Turn.
RND 2: (Sc in middle dc of next shell, shell in next sc) 9 times, sc in middle dc of next shell, 4 dc in same sc as beg ch-3, sl st to beg ch-3 = 10 shells. Ch 1. Turn.
RND 3: Sl st in 1st dc, sc in next dc, (shell in next sc, sc in middle dc of next shell) 9 times, shell in next sc, sl st in beg sc = 10 shells. Ch 3. Turn.
Repeat Rnds 2 and 3 until side measures approx 4 ½", ending with Row 2, or on wrong side.
ELASTIC RND: Holding elastic on wrong side, work Rnd 3 working over elastic.
Work 2 more Rnds
HANDLE: ROW 1: Sl st in each of next 2 dc, sc in next dc, shell in next sc, sc in middle dc of next shell. Ch 3. Turn.
ROW 2: 2 dc in 1st sc, sc in middle dc of next shell, 3 dc in next sc. Ch 1. Turn.
ROW 3: Sc in 1st dc, shell in next sc, sc in turning ch. Ch 3. Turn.
Repeat Rows 2 and 3 until handle measures approx 10", ending with Row 3
FINISHING: Skip 3 shells on side and sew handle to opposite side of bag. Adjust elastic to desired opening in bag, tie a knot, trim ends of elastic. Apply a drop of fabric glue to knot. Work in all ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

beg = beginning	pat or pats = pattern or patterns	st or sts = stitch or stitches
ch = chain	rnd or rnds = round or rounds	tog = together
dc = double crochet	sc = single crochet	tr = triple or treble crochet
hdc = half double crochet	sk = skip	yo = yarn over hook
lp = loop or loops	sp or sps = space or spaces	

NOTES

1. A star * shown in a pattern row denotes that the stitches shown after this sign must be repeated from that point.
2. Round brackets ( ) enclosing a particular stitch combination denotes that the stitch combination must be repeated in the order shown.
3. Square brackets [ ] enclosing a particular stitch combination denotes that the stitch combination must be repeated within a stitch combination in the order shown.
4. A slip stitch is a non stitch and does not count as a stitch.

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