

FLOWERS ON THE BEACH

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A simple offset mesh pattern accented with textured flowers makes this fun, airy tote perfect for using at the beach or swimming pool. It easily folds up for convenient portability.

1 2 3 4 5 6 EASY

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

15½ inches wide x 18½ inches tall, excluding Handle

MATERIALS

- Premier Yarns Deborah Norville Serenity Garden fine (sport) weight dralon microfiber yarn (2¼ oz/185 yds/65g per skein): 3 skeins #0005 mountain heather
- Size H/8/5mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- Stitch markers



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GAUGE

Gauge is not important for this project.

PATTERN NOTES

Both a traditional method and an alternate no-sew method are given for attaching the handles and flowers to the bag. Only 1 method should be used.

Chain-4 at beginning of round counts as first double crochet and chain-1 unless otherwise stated.

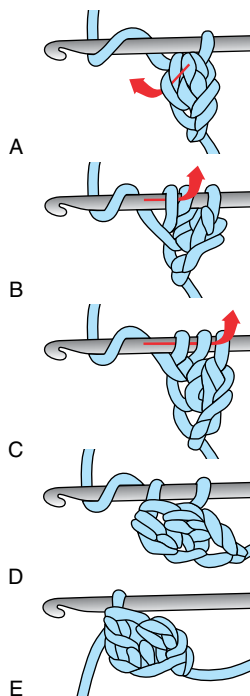
Join with slip stitch as indicated unless otherwise stated.

Slip stitch around 4th chain of beginning chain-4 counts as chain-1 space for next round unless otherwise stated.

Chain-3 at beginning of round counts as first double crochet unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL STITCH

Next foundation double crochet (next foundation dc): *Yo, insert hook in indicated st, yo, pull up lp, yo, pull through 1 lp on hook (ch-1 completed), [yo, pull through 2 lps on hook] twice (dc completed), rep from * as indicated.



Next Double Crochet Foundation Stitch

BAG

Rnd 1: Ch 74, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across, turn. (73 sc)

Rnd 2: Ch 4 (see Pattern Notes), *sk next st, dc in next st, ch 1, rep from * across, working along opposite side of beg ch, rep from * across, **join** (see Pattern Notes) in 3rd ch of beg ch-4, **sl st around 4th ch of beg ch-4** (see Pattern Notes).

Rnds 3–33: Ch 4, [dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] around, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-4, sl st around 4th ch of beg ch-4.

Rnd 34: Ch 3 (see Pattern Notes), dc in each ch-1 sp and dc around, join in top of beg ch-3.

Rnds 35–37: Ch 1, sc in each st around, join in first st. At end of last rnd, fasten off.

Traditional Handle Make 2.

Row 1: Ch 8, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across, turn. (7 sc)

Rows 2–126: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn. At end of last row, fasten off.

Sew each end of Handle to Bag as desired.

Alternate No-Sew Handle

Getting started: With Bag flat, mark first Handle location with stitch marker, approx 2 inches from side.

Row 1: Ch 8, working around sts on rnd 32 of Bag, sc around dc and through 2nd ch from hook, *sc in next ch, sc around next dc and through next ch, rep from * across, turn. (7 sc)

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Row 3: Ch 1, working around sts on rnd 33 of Bag, sc around dc and in next st, *sc in next st, sc around dc and in next st, rep from * across, turn.





Rows 4–7: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Row 8: Ch 1, working in both sts on rnd 37 of Bag and sts on row 7 of Handle, sc in each st across, turn.

Rows 9–121: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

With Bag flat, mark 2nd Handle location with stitch marker approx 2 inches from the opposite edge of Bag. Sk 7 sts and place 2nd marker.

Row 122: Ch 1, working in both sts on rnd 37 of Bag and sts on row 121 of Handle, sc in each st across, turn.

Rows 123–126: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Row 127: Rep row 3.

Row 128: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Row 129: Ch 1, working around sts on rnd 32 of Bag, sc around dc st and through 2nd ch from hook, *sc in next ch, sc around next dc st and through next ch, rep from * across, turn.

Fasten off.

Traditional Flower

Make 3.

Rnd 1: Ch 4, 11 dc in 4th ch from hook, join in top of beg ch-3. (12 dc)

Rnd 2: [Ch 4, **next foundation dc** (see *Special Stitch*) in 4th ch from hook, next foundation dc in st just made, 6 dc in base of last next foundation dc, working along opposite side of foundation dc sts, dc in each of next 2 st, sk next st on rnd 1, sc in next st] 6 times. (6 petals)

Rnd 3: Ch 1, *working around sts on rnd 2, sc around post of each foundation dc and dc on each petal, join in beg ch-1.

Fasten off.

Sew Flowers on Bag as desired.

Alternate No-Sew Flower

Make 3.

Rnds 1–2: Rep rnds 1 and 2 of Traditional Flower.

Position Flower on Bag as desired.

Rnd 3: Rep rnd 3 of Traditional Flower, working every other st around sts of both Flower and Bag.

Fasten off. **C!**

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