

# Eco-Friendly Travel Bag

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## SKILL LEVEL

■ ■ ■ □ INTERMEDIATE

## FINISHED SIZE

14 inches wide x 11 inches high  
x 2 inches deep

## MATERIALS

- Red Heart Eco-Ways medium (worsted) weight acrylic/recycled polyester yarn (4 oz/186 yds/113g per skein):
  - 2 skeins #3380 cornflower
  - 1 skein #3518 peacock
  - 1¾ oz/81 yds/50g each #3334 sand and #3372 petal
- Size G/6/4mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle
- Sewing needle
- ⅔ yd 45-inch-wide lining fabric
- ⅔ yd 20- or 22-inch-wide heavy-weight fusible craft interfacing
- Matching sewing thread
- Pattern-making paper
- ¾-inch magnetic snaps: 2



## GAUGE

15 sts = 4 inches; 7 dc rows and 4 sc rows = 3⅞ inches; 6 dc rows and 2 sc rows = 3 inches

## PATTERN NOTE

Join with slip stitch as indicated unless otherwise stated.

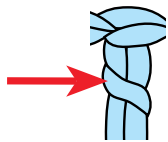
## SPECIAL STITCHES

**Linked double crochet (linked dc):** Insert hook in front bar (see illustration) of

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last dc made, yo, draw up lp, insert hook in next st or ch, yo, draw up lp, (yo, draw through 2 lps on hook) twice.



### Beginning linked double crochet (beg linked dc):

Ch 3, insert hook in 2nd ch of beg ch-3, yo, draw up lp, insert hook in same st as beg ch-3, yo, draw up lp, (yo, draw through 2 lps on hook) twice.

### 2-double crochet cluster

**(2-dc cl):** \*Yo, insert hook in indicated place, yo, draw up lp, yo, draw through 2 lps on hook, rep from \* once (3 lps on hook), yo, draw through all lps on hook.

### 3-double crochet cluster

**(3-dc cl):** \*Yo, insert hook in indicated place, yo, draw up lp, yo, draw through 2 lps on hook, rep from \* twice (4 lps on hook), yo, draw through all lps on hook.

## BAG

### FRONT/BACK

**Make 2.**

**Row 1:** With peacock, ch 48, draw up lp in 2nd ch from hook, sk next ch, draw up lp in next ch, (yo, draw through 2 lps) twice, work **linked dc** (see *Special Stitches*) across, turn. (45 sts)

**Row 2: Beg linked dc** (see *Special Stitches*), linked dc in same st as beg linked dc and in each rem st across to last st, linked dc twice in last st, turn. Fasten off. (47 sts)

**Row 3: Join** (see *Pattern Note*) cornflower in first st, beg linked dc, linked dc in same st as beg linked dc and in each rem st across to last st, linked dc twice in last st, turn. (49 sts)

**Row 4:** Beg linked dc, linked

dc in same st as beg linked dc and in each rem st across, end 2 linked dc in last st, turn. Fasten off. (51 sts)

**Row 5:** Join sand in first st, ch 1, sc in same st as beg ch-1 and in each rem st across, turn. (51 sts)

**Row 6:** Ch 1, working in sts 2 rows below around sts from previous row, sc in same st as beg ch-1 and in each st across, turn. Fasten off. (51 sts)

**Row 7:** Rep row 3. (53 sts)

**Row 8:** Beg linked dc, linked dc in each rem st across, turn. Fasten off. (53 sts)

**Row 9:** Join peacock in first st, beg linked dc, linked dc in each rem st across, turn. (53 sts)

**Row 10:** Beg linked dc, linked dc in each rem st across, turn. Fasten off. (53 sts)

**Rows 11 & 12:** With rose dust, rep rows 5 and 6.

**Rows 13 & 14:** Rep rows 9 and 10.

**Rows 15 & 16:** With cornflower, rep rows 9 and 10. (53 sts)

**Rows 17 & 18:** Rep rows 5 and 6.

**Rows 19 & 20:** Rep rows 15 and 16.

**Rows 21 & 22:** Rep rows 9 and 10.

**Rows 23 & 24:** Rep rows 11 and 12.

**Rows 25 & 26:** Rep rows 9 and 10.

**Rows 27 & 28:** Rep rows 15 and 16.

**Rows 29 & 30:** Rep rows 5 and 6.

**Rows 31 & 32:** Rep rows 15 and 16. At end of last row, **do not turn or fasten off.**

### EDGING

**Row 1:** Continuing with cornflower, ch 1, work 38 sc

evenly sp in ends of rows across side of Front/Back, 2 sc in bottom corner, sc in rem lp of each foundation ch across bottom edge to next bottom corner, 2 sc in next bottom corner, work 38 sc evenly sp in ends of rows across to last row, turn. (125 sts)

**Row 2:** Rep row 6 of Front/Back. (125 sts)

On paper, trace 1 Front/Back piece twice to use as pattern for Lining.

### SIDES

**Row 1:** With cornflower, ch 124, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across, turn. (123 sts)

**Row 2:** Rep row 6 of Front/Back. **Do not fasten off.**

**Row 3:** Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

**Row 4:** Rep row 2. Fasten off.

**Row 5:** With peacock, rep row 5 of Front/Back.

**Row 6:** Rep row 2.

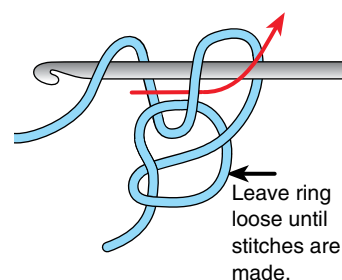
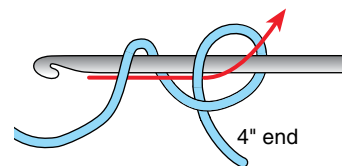
**Row 7:** Rep row 3.

**Row 8:** Rep row 4.

**Rows 9–12:** With cornflower, rep rows 5–8.

### MOTIF

**Rnd 1:** With rose dust, leaving tail, make **slip ring** (see *illustration*), ch 2, **2-dc cl**



Slip Ring

(see *Special Stitches*) in ring, (ch 3, **3-dc cl**—see *Special Stitches*) 5 times in ring, ch 3, pull tail to tighten lp, join in top of first cl. (6 cls)

**Rnd 2:** Sl st in first ch-3 sp, ch 2, (2-dc cl, ch 3, 3-dc cl) in same sp as beg ch-2, (ch 3, 3-dc cl) twice in each ch-3 sp around, ch 3, join in top of first cl. Fasten off. (12 cls)

**Rnd 3:** Join peacock in first ch-3 sp, ch 2, (2-dc cl, ch 3, 3-dc cl) in same sp as beg ch-2, \*(ch 3, 3-dc cl) in next ch-3 sp, (ch 3, 3-dc cl)

twice in next ch-3 sp, rep from \* around to last ch-3 sp, ch 3, 3-dc cl in last ch-3 sp, ch 3, join in top of first cl st. Fasten off. (18 cls)

**Rnd 4:** Join cornflower in first ch-3 sp, ch 2, (2-dc cl, ch 3, 3-dc cl) in same sp as beg ch-2, \*ch 1, 3 dc in each of next 2 ch-3 sps\*\*, (3-dc cl, ch 3, 3 dc cl) in next ch-3 sp, rep from \* around, ending last rep at \*\*, join in top of first cl. Fasten off. (12 cls, 6 ch-3 sps, 6 ch-1 sps, 12 groups of 3 dc)

**Rnd 5:** Working in **back lps** (see *Stitch Guide*), join sand in

top of first cl, ch 1, hdc in same cl as beg ch-1, \*3 dc in next ch-3 sp, hdc in next cl, sk next ch-1 sp, hdc in each of next 6 dc\*\*, hdc in next cl, rep from \* around, ending last rep at \*\*, join in first hdc. Fasten off. (6 groups 3 dc, 48 hdc)

Sew the Motif to center of 1 Front/Back.

### CROCHET BAG ASSEMBLY

With WS tog, sew the Sides to Front (*piece with Motif*). Rep for Sides and Back.

### TOP EDGE

With RS facing, join cornflower with sc in any corner junction at top of Bag, working in ends of rows, sc evenly sp across Side, sc in next corner junction, sc in each st across next Front/Back, sc in next corner junction, working in ends of rows, sc evenly sp across Side, sc in next corner junction, sc in each st across rem Front/Back, join in first st. Fasten off.

### STRAP

**Row 1:** Ch 116, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across, turn. (115 sts)

**Row 2:** Ch 1, working in beg ch around sts from previous row, sc in same st as beg ch-1 and in each st across, turn.

**Row 3:** Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

**Row 4:** Ch 1, working in sts 2 rows below around sts from previous row, sc in same st as beg ch-1 and in each st across, turn.

**Rows 5–10:** [Rep rows 3 and 4 alternately] 3 times. Fasten off at end of last row.

Sew each end of Strap to Top Edge sts worked across Sides.



Weave in ends.

## LINING

Iron interfacing to wrong side of lining fabric. Cut out front and back Lining pieces allowing for  $\frac{5}{8}$ -inch seams all around including the top edge. Measure  $3\frac{1}{4}$ -inch x approximately 36-inch piece of lining fabric for Sides

Lining. Machine- or hand-sew Front and Back Linings to sides Lining. Turn top edge under and press.

Attach purse magnets through lining fabric so prong ends are on wrong side of fabric. Fold down prongs. Cut 4 more pieces of Lining just large enough

to cover the prongs of the magnets. Sew in place to prevent prongs from working through crocheted Bag.

Place Lining inside Bag. Using sewing needle and matching thread, sew Lining and Bag tog along top edges just below the last row of crochet sts. **cw**



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# STITCH GUIDE

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## STITCH ABBREVIATIONS

<b>beg</b> .....	begin/begins/beginning
<b>bpdc</b> .....	back post double crochet
<b>bpsc</b> .....	back post single crochet
<b>bptr</b> .....	back post treble crochet
<b>CC</b> .....	contrasting color
<b>ch(s)</b> .....	chain(s)
<b>ch</b> .....	refers to chain or space previously made (i.e., ch-1 space)
<b>ch sp(s)</b> .....	chain space(s)
<b>cl(s)</b> .....	cluster(s)
<b>cm</b> .....	centimeter(s)
<b>dc</b> .....	double crochet (singular/plural)
<b>dc dec</b> .....	double crochet 2 or more stitches together, as indicated
<b>dec</b> .....	decrease/decreases/decreasing
<b>dtr</b> .....	double treble crochet
<b>ext</b> .....	extended
<b>fpdc</b> .....	front post double crochet
<b>fpdc</b> .....	front post single crochet
<b>fpdc</b> .....	front post treble crochet
<b>g</b> .....	gram(s)
<b>hdc</b> .....	half double crochet
<b>hdc dec</b> .....	half double crochet 2 or more stitches together, as indicated
<b>inc</b> .....	increase/increases/increasing
<b>lp(s)</b> .....	loop(s)
<b>MC</b> .....	main color
<b>mm</b> .....	millimeter(s)
<b>oz</b> .....	ounce(s)
<b>pc</b> .....	popcorn(s)
<b>rem</b> .....	remain/remains/remaining
<b>rep(s)</b> .....	repeat(s)
<b>rnd(s)</b> .....	round(s)
<b>RS</b> .....	right side
<b>sc</b> .....	single crochet (singular/plural)
<b>sc dec</b> .....	single crochet 2 or more stitches together, as indicated
<b>sk</b> .....	skip/skipped/skipping
<b>sl st(s)</b> .....	slip stitch(es)
<b>sp(s)</b> .....	space(s)/spaced
<b>st(s)</b> .....	stitch(es)
<b>tog</b> .....	together
<b>tr</b> .....	treble crochet
<b>trtr</b> .....	triple treble
<b>WS</b> .....	wrong side
<b>yd(s)</b> .....	yard(s)
<b>yo</b> .....	yarn over

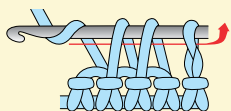
## YARN CONVERSION

OUNCES TO GRAMS	GRAMS TO OUNCES
1.....	28.4
2.....	56.7
3.....	85.0
4.....	113.4
25.....	7/8
40.....	1 3/8
50.....	1 3/4
100.....	3 1/2

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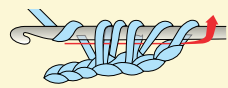
sl st (slip stitch)	=	sc (single crochet)
sc (single crochet)	=	dc (double crochet)
hdc (half double crochet)	=	htr (half treble crochet)
dc (double crochet)	=	tr (treble crochet)
tr (treble crochet)	=	dtr (double treble crochet)
dtr (double treble crochet)	=	ttr (triple treble crochet)
skip	=	miss

**Single crochet decrease (sc dec):**  
(Insert hook, yo, draw lp through) in each of the sts indicated, yo, draw through all lps on hook.



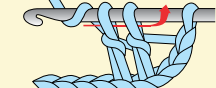
Example of 2-sc dec

**Half double crochet decrease (hdc dec):**  
(Yo, insert hook, yo, draw lp through) in each of the sts indicated, yo, draw through all lps on hook.



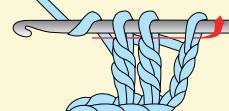
Example of 2-hdc dec

**Double crochet decrease (dc dec):** (Yo, insert hook, yo, draw lp through, yo, draw through 2 lps on hook) in each of the sts indicated, yo, draw through all lps on hook.



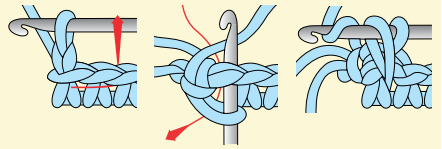
Example of 2-dc dec

**Treble crochet decrease (tr dec):** Holding back last lp of each st, tr in each of the sts indicated, yo, pull through all lps on hook.

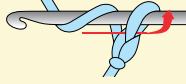


Example of 2-tr dec

**Reverse single crochet (reverse sc):** Ch 1, sk first st, working from left to right, insert hook in next st from front to back, draw up lp on hook, yo, and draw through both lps on hook.

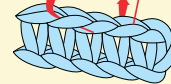


**Chain (ch):** Yo, pull through lp on hook.

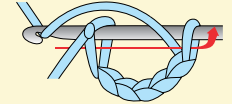


**Front loop (front lp)**  
**Back loop (back lp)**

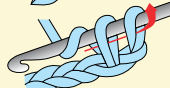
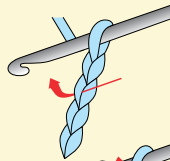
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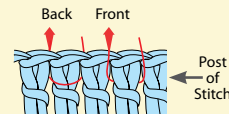
**Slip stitch (sl st):** Insert hook in st, pull through both lps on hook.



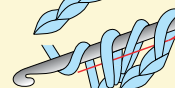
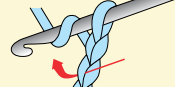
**Single crochet (sc):** Insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, yo, pull through both lps on hook.



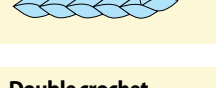
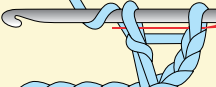
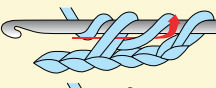
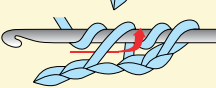
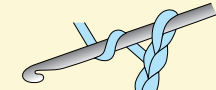
**Front post stitch (fp):**  
**Back post stitch (bp):** When working post st, insert hook from right to left around post of st on previous row.



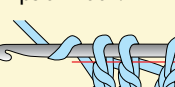
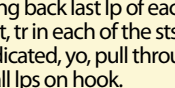
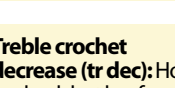
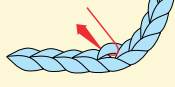
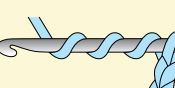
**Half double crochet (hdc):** Yo, insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, yo, pull through all 3 lps on hook.



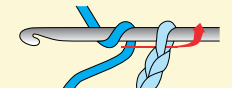
**Double crochet (dc):** Yo, insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, [yo, pull through 2 lps] twice.



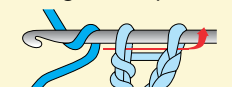
**Double treble crochet (dtr):** Yo 3 times, insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, [yo, pull through 2 lps] 4 times.



**Chain color change (ch color change)**  
Yo with new color, draw through last lp on hook.



**Double crochet color change (dc color change)**  
Drop first color, yo with new color, draw through last 2 lps of st.



**Treble crochet (tr):** Yo twice, insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, [yo, pull through 2 lps] 3 times.

