



## Casual Friday Handbag

with YouTube Help Video

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This Casual Friday Handbag is actually pretty simple to crochet. It consists of just chains and single crochet stitches. It is worked from the bottom up, in one piece. The trick to forming the entire bag occurs at the very last round. Did I mention this purse is lined too? And you can customize the size? Check out the how-to video on the Naztazia YouTube channel here:

<http://youtube.com/nasztazia> And feel free to Pin photos or check out other info at:  
<http://nasztazia.com>

### Materials:

2 skeins CRAFT-TEE recycled t-shirt yarn (88 yds/80 m per skein) from Premiere Yarns. Or 140 yds/128 m of any [6] Super Bulky Weight yarn. Or hold 3-4 strands of worsted weight yarn together.

Size N (9-10mm) crochet hook

Four stitch markers (paper clips, yarn scraps, safety pins), Yarn needle and scissors

Wooden handles. Button (optional).

Plastic canvas or a large sheet of craft felt for lining (optional)

### Size/Gauge

Gauge is not necessarily important; however, finished sample is: Bottom base 12.5 x 7 in (31.75 x 17.75 cm). Height 8.5 in/21.5 cm (without handles); 12.5 in/31.75 cm (with handles).

### Terminology:

|                    |             |                     |
|--------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| CH = Chain         | RND = Round | SC = Single Crochet |
| SLST = Slip Stitch | ST = Stitch |                     |

### Instructions:

#### **BEGIN**

Slipknot. CH 23. Feel free to alter this number to widen or shorten the width of this bag.

*ROW 1:* SC in 2nd CH from hook. SC across. Turn. Width=12 in/30.5 cm.

*ROWS 2-12:* CH 1. SC in each ST across. Turn. Height=6.5 in/16.5 cm.

#### **SIDES**

*RND 1:* 2 SC in all corners. 1 SC along all CH/SC edges. 1 SC in each row of row edges. Check out my video if you need help: <http://youtube.com/nasztazia>

*RNDS 2-15*: Always mark 1st ST. Working in spirals, 1 SC around. Do not cut yarn. Height = 8 in/20.5 cm.

**LINING OPTIONS** (see video <http://youtube.com/naztazia> for how-to):

- 1) Use a worsted weight yarn and create another bag inside this bag. First CH enough to duplicate the bottom base size. Then 2 SC in each corner, with 1 SC along edge stitches. Spiral SC around until you reach the height of the bag. Whipstitch lining to inside bag.
- 2) Use a longer sheet of craft felt and whipstitch lining to inside bag.
- 3) You can opt out of a lining, however it helps to cut a piece of plastic canvas or plastic folder the size of the base and place inside bag on the bottom.

**FINISHING**

Mark 4 corners. SC in first marked corner. Squeeze and pinch sides together and SC in next marked corner. SC along next edge, placing a long chain half way for a button enclosure. SC in next marked corner. Squeeze and pinch sides together and SC in next marked corner. SC along next edge. Cut, weave in ends. Sew handles and optional button if desired.