



My Mini Bag (Crochet)

with YouTube Help Video

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This bag is cute, quick, and completed using one continuous yarn strand - no need to cut, reconnect or even sew, unless you want to sew in a lining. You can wear it as a purse or a cross body bag. Check out the how-to video on the Naztazia YouTube channel here:

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

<http://naztazia.com>

Materials:

225 yards Red Heart Crochet Nylon Size 18. Sample color Grey.

Size F (3.75 mm) crochet hook. One 1" button. 2 stitch markers. Sewing needle. Scissors.

Optional craft felt for lining. Visit <http://naztazia.com> for where to purchase supplies.

Size/Gauge

8" x 8". Gauge 16 STS & 11 rows = 4" SQ

Terminology:

BEG = Beginning	CH = Chain	CONT = Continue	DC = Double Crochet
HDC = Half Double Crochet	LP = Loop	PREV = Previous	RND = Round
RPT = Repeat	SC = Single Crochet	SK = Skip/Miss	SLST = Slip Stitch
SP = Space	ST = Stitch	YO = Yarn Over	

Instructions:

Watch the YouTube tutorial video here: <http://youtube.com/naztazia> Look for "My Mini Bag."

Note: this bag is completed without cutting/reconnecting the yarn; however, do so if you feel it necessary (e.g. for the handles). Also, no sewing is required unless you want to add a lining (and I show in the video how to add an easy one with craft felt).

Body of Bag

CH 33. Bag will be worked in spiral RNDs.

RND 1: 3 SC in 2nd CH from hook. Mark 1st ST. 1 SC across, stopping before last CH. In last CH, 3 SC. Working on other side of CH, 1 SC across.

RND 2: 1 HDC around, marking first ST.

RNDs 3-21: 1 HDC around, marking first ST.

After completing last RND, lay bag flat on table. Due to slant of STs when working in spiral crochet, you may not have ended precisely at a corner. HDC to the nearest corner. Do not cut yarn.

Flap of Bag

Turn bag over and lay flat on table. Across this back side, mark off 31 STs along the top edge, while at the same time ensuring these 31 STs are centered. Mark the first and last ST.

ROW 1: Pick up hook and yarn from where you left off, and SLST over to (and including) first marked ST. Begin star stitch: Draw up 1 LP from each of the next 5 STs. YO, draw through all 6 LPs. CH 1. RPT [Draw up 5 more LPs from the following: 1 under CH, 1 under side LP of ST, 1 in base of ST, 1 in each of next 2 STs. YO, draw through all 6 LPs. CH 1] across row. HDC in the last (marked) ST. CH 2, turn.

ROW 2: 2 HDCs in each "eye" of the PREV star stitch. 2 HDCs in the very last "ST" - which is the BEG LP of the first star from PREV row. CH 3. turn.

ROW 3: Draw up 1 LP from both the 2nd and 3rd CH. Draw up LP from next 3 STs. YO, draw through all 6 LPs. CH 1. RPT [Draw up 5 more LPs from the following: 1 under CH, 1 under side LP of ST, 1 in base of ST, 1 in each of next 2 STs. YO, draw through all 6 LPs. CH 1] across row. In last ST, HDC. CH 2, turn.

ROW 4: RPT ROW 2.

RPT ROWs 3 & 4 until you achieve a total of 14 rows for the flap.

Edging

CH 1, turn work. Work 1 SC along bottom of flap edging, stopping at the midpoint. CH 6 for a button hole (test with your button before moving on). CONT with 1 SC along bottom of flap. At the corner, 3 SCs. Working up the side of the flap, SC. At the corner of flap and body of bag, SC, then add handle. CH 160, or any amount for handle length. Connect to the other corner with a SC. SLST along CH back to original corner. If SLST produces too thin of a strap for your liking, you can substitute with SC, HDC, or DC instead. Once completed, proceed with SC around front inside edging. CONT SC around flap, placing 2 extra SC in last corner. SLST to 1st SC. Cut/weave in all ends.

Sew on button. Add lining if desired. Add tassel or other decorations.

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