

DRESS IT UP

JUTE BAG

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WHO KNEW JUTE COULD BE SO CLASSY AND SOPHISTICATED WHEN COMBINED WITH THE MAGICAL MANIFESTATIONS OF A CROCHET HOOK? THIS BAG HAS HIGH-FASHION LOOKS WITH OR WITHOUT THE OPTIONAL JEWELRY EMBELLISHMENTS.

SKILL LEVEL  INTERMEDIATE

FINISHED SIZE

11½ x 17 inches, excluding Straps

MATERIALS

- 3-ply jute (220 feet per ball):
5 balls
- Lily Sugar'n Cream medium (worsted) weight cotton yarn (2½ oz/120 yds/71g per ball)
1 ball #00001 white
- Sizes H/8/5mm and J/10/6mm crochet hooks or size needed to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle
- Sewing needle
- Sewing thread to match fabric
- 1 yd lining fabric
- Hook-and-loop tape
- 3 pairs earrings or buttons: optional
- Chain bracelet
- Stitch marker



GAUGE

Size J hook and jute: 3 sc = 1 inch;
3 sc rows = 1 inch

PATTERN NOTES

Work in continuous rounds, do not turn or join unless otherwise stated.

Mark first stitch of each round.

Work in back loops unless otherwise stated.

Join with slip stitch as indicated, unless otherwise stated.

BAG

Rnd 1: With size J hook and jute, ch 35, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across with 5 sc in last ch, working on opposite side of ch, sc in each ch across

with 4 sc in last ch, **do not join** (see *Pattern Notes*). (74 sc)

Row 2: Now working in rows and in **back lps** (see *Stitch Guide and Pattern Notes*), 2 sc in first st, sc in each of next 32 sts, 2 sc in each of next 5 sts, sc in each of next 32 sts, 2 sc in each of last 4 sts. (84 sc)

Row 3: 2 sc in each of first 2 sts, sc in each of next 32 sts, 2 sc in each of next 10 sts, sc in each of next 32 sts, 2 sc in each of last 8 sts. (104 sc)

Rows 4–35: Sc in each st around. At end of last rnd, fasten off.

Trim

With size H hook, join white with sc in any lp of 14th rnd from top edge, sc in each st around. Fasten off.

Rep Trim on next rnd up 7 times for a total of 8 rnds of Trim.

Strap

Make 2.

Rnd 1: With size J hook and jute, ch 100, sc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across with 5 sc in last ch, working on opposite side of ch, sc in each ch across with 4 sc in last ch, **join** (see *Pattern Notes*) in beg sc. Fasten off.

Rnd 2: With size H hook, join white with sc in first st, sc in each st around, join in beg sc. Fasten off.

Sew Strap to Bag as shown in photo. Attach earrings or buttons to ends of Straps as shown in photo.

Lining

Measure inside of Bag, allowing ¾-inch seam allowance on all edges.

From fabric, cut front and back, and then side and bottom.

With RS of fabric pieces tog, sew front and back to sides and then to bottom.

Place Lining inside Bag, turn top edge under ¾ inch and sew in place.

Cut piece of hook-and-loop tape, and sew or glue to inside center of Bag.

SMALL PURSE

Rnd 1: With size J hook and jute, ch 20, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across with 5 sc in last ch, working on opposite side of ch, sc in each ch across with 4 sc in last ch. (44 sc)

Rnds 2–12: Sc in each st around. At end of last rnd, fasten off.

Trim

With size H hook, join white with sc in any lp of 5th rnd from top edge, sc in each st around. Fasten off.

Rep Trim on next rnd up twice for a total of 3 rnds of Trim.

Lining

Measure inside of Purse, allowing ¾-inch seam allowance on all edges.

From fabric, cut front and back.

With RS of fabric pieces tog, sew front and back tog around 3 side edges leaving top edge open.

Place Lining inside Purse, turn top edge under ¾ inch and sew in place.

Cut piece of hook-and-loop tape, and sew or glue to inside center of Small Purse.

Attach 1 end of bracelet to top edge of Bag and the other end to top edge of Small Purse.

Attach earrings or buttons to 1 side of Small Purse. 