



Blue Shoulder Bag Crochet

With ample space for those small essentials, this nifty shoulder bag will appeal to fashionistas everywhere.

You can make it larger by simply using thicker yarn and a bigger crochet hook or increasing the number of rounds. Easy to make, it's an ideal project for beginners and a wonderful last-minute gift to crochet for a friend.

Materials:

4mm **PONY** Bamboo Crochet Hook
PONY Braid Star
PONY Safety Stitch Markers
 100 gr DK Yarn
 Metallic floss silver
 Button

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Materials:

- 100 g DK Yarn, approx. 105m/50 g (e.g. 70% cotton, 30% wool)
- Metallic Floss Silver, e.g. from **Madeira**
- **PONY** Crochet Hook 4 mm, e.g. Bamboo
- **PONY** Safety Stitch Markers
- **PONY** "BRAID STAR"
- 1 Button in matching colour



Size: appr. Ø 13 cm, height 15 cm

Basic Pattern: Work a spiral in double crochet (dc), i.e. work the 1st dc of the 2nd and every successive round into the 1st stitch of the previous round. Mark the beginning of the round with a safety stitch marker. Work one dc into each stitch, unless otherwise indicated. To increase, work 2 dc into one stitch on the previous round. Spread the increases evenly across the round and place the increases of the following rounds into the same stitch as the previous round.



Bag: Begin by making 2 chains. Work the basic pattern into the 2nd chain from the hook

Round 1: work 8 double crochet

Pull the yarn end gently to tighten the hole at the centre. Do not join the round.



Round 2-7: Increase 8 double crochets in each row = 56 stitches



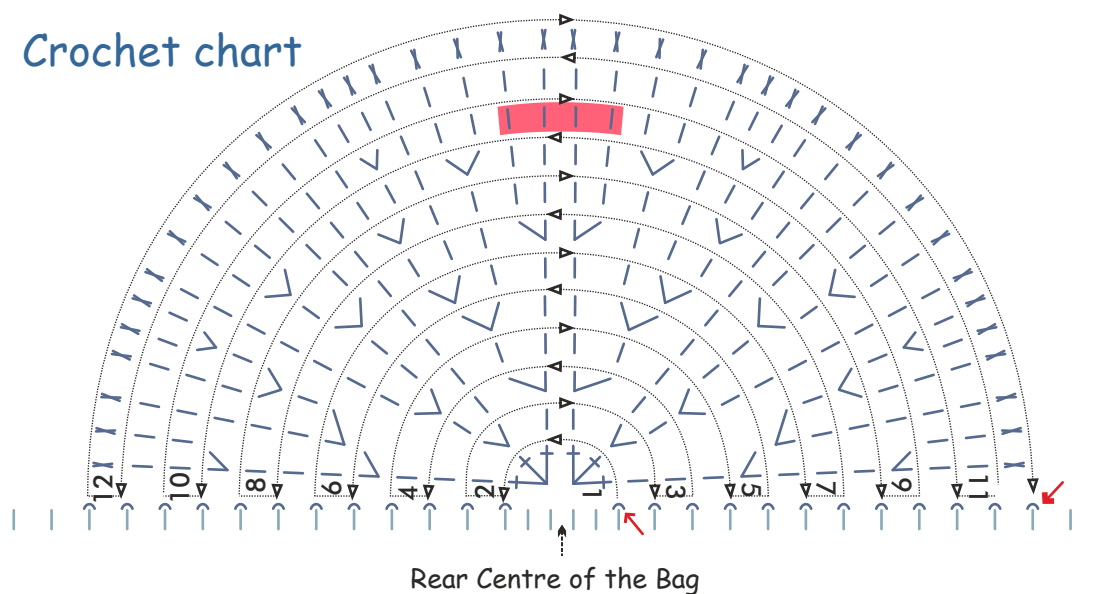
Round 8-35: Work dc evenly without increases. Finish round 35 with a slip stitch into the following dc. Cut the yarn and sew in loose ends. The round ends in the centre of the bag front.

After a few rounds without increases, the edging curves and forms a bowl. From this point onwards, it is no longer necessary to move the stitch marker to the new row ends. In order to mark the upper centre of the bag front however, the stitch marker should remain hooked on the bag.



Start working the flap as per the crochet symbol chart, in rows. Work a slip stitch into the marked stitch (see arrow start) and work the Right and Wrong side rows as described. Work the 1st and 12th row by following the arrows. After each row, work 2 slip stitches into the upper edge of the bag to start the next row, turn the work. The blue double crochet symbols at the base of the chart represent the last row of the bag.

Crochet chart



Description:

← = Start

↖ = End

• = 1 chain

^ = 1 slip stitch

| = 1 double crochet

⋈ = 1 reverse double crochet (= double crochet worked from left to the right)

† = 1 treble crochet

Symbols joined at the base should be worked into same stitch below.



Don't turn the work at the beginning of 12th row, but work reverse double crochet (crab stitch) from left to right. Cut off the yarn at the end arrow and sew up loose ends. Now only a few steps remain to be finished. For the button hole loop, chain a number of stitches depending on the size of the selected button. The loop required for a 5 cm toggle button consists of 8 chains.



Sew the loop to the center of the inner flap. Then decorate the bag front and add the star (image below) with stem stitches using the metallic floss. For the final step, work a cord, length approx. 120 cm using the Pony BRAID STAR. To start, holding 2 strands of yarn, do 7 2 m lengths of chain. These long chain cords will be used to create the bag cord. You will find detailed instructions on the packaging of the Braid Star.

Now you only have to sew the cord ends onto the upper bag edges, and your blue bag is finished.

