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# Clothespin Sacl

## **Abbreviations**

approx approximately beg beginning bet between BO bind off CC contrasting colour ch chain cn cable needle CO cast on cont continue dc double crochet dpn(s) double point needle(s) dec(s) decrease(s) foll follow(ing) half double crochet hdc hk hook increase inc incl including K knit Kl f&b knit 1 st in front and back ktbl knit through back loop kwise knitwise K2tog knit two together loop(s) lp(s) M1make one M1Lmake one left MlR make one right MC main colour P purl pattern patt place marker pm passover psso pu pick up pwise purlwise remaining rem repeat rep rnd(s) round(s) right side RS single crochet SC sk skip sl m slip marker space(s) sp(s) slip, slip, k2 slipped sts tog ssk stitch(es) st(s) st st stockinette stitch through back loop tbl together

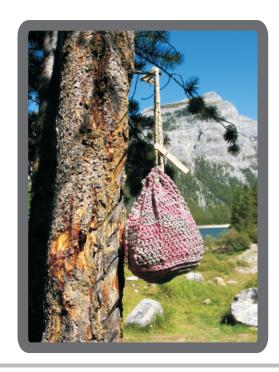
tog

WS

YO

wrong side

yarn over



This is a very practical sack for all kinds of things, but I like to use mine for clothespins - a camping necessity! It is worked in one piece, with a round bottom, ribs around the body of the bag and a simple drawstring. Choose a durable fibre, like cotton or hemp.

Craft: crochet

Skill Level: Rookie-Apprentice-Virtuoso-Genius

Skills: ch, hdc, dc, fpdc

Finished Measurements: approx. 6" from top to bottom (lying flat),

13" circumference

**Note:** Mine holds about 50 traditional spring loaded clothespins.

Gauge:  $18 \text{ sts } \times 9 \text{ rows} = 4$ " on 4 mm in patt (18 sts = 4" on

4.5 mm needles as given on ball band)

Yarn: 75g, 142 yds (130 m) of something durable, dk weight; if you would like a larger sack, I would suggest a worsted weight cotton

and a 5.5 mm hook

Suggested Brand: 1.5 balls Marina Mercerized cotton (discontinued)

Needles/Hooks: 4 mm hook

Other Materials: tapestry needle or teeny crochet hook



#### Instructions:

**Note:** Insert hook through back loops for bottom only and through both loops for the rest of the sack.

Starting with the bottom of the sack, ch 6. Join in a ring with a sl st. Pm for beg of rnd and slip it as you go along.

**Note:** I do not "join" my rnds at the end of each rnd for this project, I simply carry on with the next rnd - you may choose to join with a sl st and beg the next rnd with a ch 2.

Rnd 1: 12 hdc in ring.

Rnd 2: 2 hdc in each st around. 24 sts.

Rnd 3: \*1 hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st\*, rep from

\* to \* around. 36 sts.

Rnd 4: 1 hdc in each st around.

**Rnd 5:** rep Rnd 3. 54 sts.

Rnd 6: rep Rnd 4.

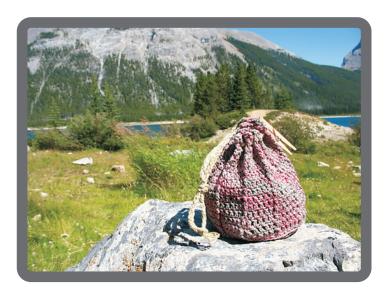
Rnd 7: \*1 hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in next st\*, rep

from \* to \* 2 more times. 60 sts.

## **Body of Sack:**

Rnd 1: sc in each st around, inserting hook through back loop as well as the st behind and below it (this creates a nice, durable edge on the bottom)

Rnd 2: inserting hook through both loops, \*dc in next 5 sts, fpdc (front post double crochet) in next st\*, rep from \* to \* around and around and around until your sack is one inch shorter than you would like the finished bag to be (for example shown, I worked 12 rows).



**Next** (eyelet rnd): \*sk first sp, dc in next 3 sts, ch1, sk next st, fpdc in next st\*, rep from \* to \* to beg of rnd (fpdcs should line up with previous ones worked).

Next: rep Rnd 2.

Cut yarn and finish with a sl st into next st to tie off. Weave in ends.

# Finishing:

Make a ch string approx 26" long and weave through eyelets. I tied a knot in the end of mine and then another a few inches down to make a loop for convenient hanging.

A clothes dryer is one of the most energy intensive appliances in the house. Save money and cut out harmful CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by drying your clothes outside in the fresh air!

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