



# Shell Stitch Drawstring Bag

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This lustrous bag is great for any semi formal occasion.

If you made one in white, it can be used as a wedding reception bag for the bride. And this is quick enough to make a one for each bride's made in the color that would match their gowns. It is made in 3 sections. The main part of the bag is made first, then the bottom is made and stitched on, then the casing and top are made last on the first round that is made.

## Materials Needed

2 balls Lustersheen. Cream  
Size F/5 3.75mm aluminum crochet hook  
Fine yarn needle

**Yarn Thickness** 2mm

**Gauge:** 1shell =1" 5rows=2"

**Finished Size:** 8"x7½"

**Skill Level:** Intermediate

## Instructions

**RND 1:** Starting At top. Ch60. Being careful not to twist chain. Join w/slst to first ch to form ring. Ch1. Sc in each ch around. Join w/slst to ch1.

**RND 2:** Ch1. Sk next sc. 5dc in next sc. Sk next sc. \*Sc in next sc. Sk next sc. 5dc in next sc. Sk next sc. Rep from \* around. Join w/slst to ch1.

**RND 3:** Ch3. 4dc in same st as slst. Sk next 2 dc. \*Sc in next dc. Sk next 2 dc. 5dc in next sc. Sk next 2dc. Rep from \* around. Join w/slst to top of ch3.



**RND 4:** Slst in the first 2dc. \*Sc in next dc. Sk next 2 dc. 5dc in next sc. Sk next 2 dc. Rep from \* around. Join w/slst to first sc.

**RND 5:** Rep rnd 3.

**RND 6-21:** Rep rnds 4&5 until you complete rnd 21.

**RND 22:** Slst in the first 2dc. \*Sc in next dc. Sk next 2 dc. 4dc in next sc. Sk next 2 dc. Rep from \* around. Join w/slst to first sc.

**RND 23:** Ch3. 2dc in same st as slst. Sk next 2dc. \*Sc in space just before next dc. Sk next 2 dc. 3dc in next sc. Sk next 2 dc. Rep from \* around. Join w/slst to top of ch3.

**RND 24:** Slst in the first dc. Sc in next dc. Sk next dc. \*2dc in next sc. Sk next dc. Sc in next dc. Sk next dc. Rep from \* around. Join w/slst to first sc.

**RND 25:** Ch3. Sk next dc. \*Sc in next sp just before next dc. Sk next dc. Dc in next sc. Sk next dc. Rep from \* around. Join w/slst to top of ch3. You should now have a total of 30 stitches around.

**RND 26:** Ch1. Sc in each st around. Join w/slst to first sc. Fasten off and weave ends into back of work.

## Bottom

**RND 1:** Ch3. 9dc in 3rd ch from hook. Join w/slst to top of ch3.

**RND 2:** Ch3. Dc in same st as slst. 2dc in each st around. Join w/slst to top of ch3.



**RND 3:** Ch3. Dc in same st as slst. Dc in next st. \*2dc in next st. Dc in next st. Rep from \* around. You should now have 30 stitches around. Do not fasten off.

## Stitch bottom to bag.

Line up the bottom circle to the bottom hole in the bag. Wrong sides facing each other. Stitching through both thicknesses, work a sc in each st around. Join w/slst to first sc. Fasten off and weave ends into inside of bag.

## Make Casing at top of bag.

**RND 1:** Join yarn in rnd 1 at top of bag. Ch1, sc in each st around. Join w/slst to first sc.

**RND 2:** Ch3. Dc in each st around. Join w/slst to top of ch3.

**RND 3:** Ch1. Sc in each st around. Join w/slst to top of ch3.

**RND 4:** Ch1. Sk next sc. 5dc in next sc.  
Sk next sc. \*Sc in next sc. Sk next sc. 5dc  
in next sc. Sk next sc. Rep from \* around.  
Join w/slst to ch1. Fasten off and weave  
ends into back of work.

### **Drawstrings Make 2**

Make a chain 60chs long.  
Weave chains through casing dc stitches  
in opposite directions. Be sure they go  
over and under the same dcs as you

weave. That way the bag will open and  
close. Trim the excess ends to about 3/8"  
of the end of the chains.

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