



Open Shell Bag Holder

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This bag holder is made in all one piece except for the hanger at the top. It uses 2 different sizes of brass rings and one small plastic cabone ring. It is fun and easy to make and hold several of those plastic shopping bags!

Materials Needed

2oz Worsted weight acrylic yarn in a Multi color
2oz Worsted weight acrylic yarn in solid blue that coordinates with the multi color
1- 3" diam brass ring
1- 6" diam brass ring
1- 1" diam cabone ring
Size H/8 or 6mm aluminum crochet hook
Yarn needle for weaving in ends

Yarn Thickness: 4mm

Gauge: 4dc=1"

Finished Size: 17"x6" not including hanger

Skill Level: Beginner to intermediate

Beginning Open Shell: (BOPSh): Ch4, dc, ch1, dc, ch1, dc.

Open Shell: (OpSh): Dc, ch1, dc, ch1, dc, ch1, dc.

Instructions

RND 1: Join multi to 6" brass ring. Ch1. 66sc in brass ring. Join w/slst to first sc.

RND 2: Ch1, sc in same st as slst. (Ch2. Sk 1 sc. Sc in next sc. Ch3. Sk 3 sc.) *Sc in next sc. Rep bet () once. Rep from * around. Join w/slst to first sc.

RND 3: Ch1. Slst into the next ch2 sp. Ch1, sc in same sp. (OpSh in next ch3 sp.) *Sc in next ch2 sp. Rep bet () once. Rep from * around. Join w/slst to first sc.

RND 4: Slst in next dc, next ch1 sp, next dc and next ch1 sp. BOPSh in same ch3 sp. Ch1. Sk next 2 ch1 sps. *OpSh in next ch1 sp. Ch1. Sk next 2 ch1 sps. Rep from * around. Join w/slst to 3rd ch of ch4.

RND 5-8: Slst in next dc, next ch1 sp, next dc and next ch1 sp. This space is known as

the center space of the open shell 'OpSh', and will be referred to as such from here on out. BOPSh in same sp. Ch1. *OpSh in next ch1 center sp of next OpSh. Ch1. Rep from * around. Join w/slst to 3rd ch of ch4. After round 8, fasten off multi. Join solid color to any ch1 center space of an OpSh.

RND 9-20: BOPSh in same sp. Ch1. *OpSh in the next ch1 center space of next OpSh. Ch1. Rep from * around. Join w/slst to 3rd ch of ch4. At the end of round 20. Fasten off solid.

RND 21: Join multi in ch1 center space of any open shell. BOPSh in same sp. Ch1. *OpSh in center ch1 space of next OpSh. Ch1. Rep from * around. Join w/slst to 3rd ch of ch4.

RND 22-26: Rep RNDs 5-8. There will be one more RND 5 repeat.

RND 27: Slst to the center of the current OpSh. Ch1. Sc in 3" brass ring and same ch1 center sp of OpShe. Work 2 sc in brass ring. *Sc in 3" brass ring and center of next



OpSh. Work 2sc in brass ring. Rep from * around. Join w/slst to first sc. Fasten off and weave ends into back of work.

Hanger

Leaving a tail of 6" long, make 2 chains 61 sts long. Fasten off both leaving a 6" tail. Use a lark's head knot to attach chains to 1" plastic ring. Weave the 6" tails evenly spaced in 4 places on the 6" brass ring.