

Rafia from Adriaafil

Rio Crochet Bag



Measurements: approx. 25 x 50 cm (9 7/8" x 19 3/4")

MATERIALS:

Rafia: 8 – 25g skeins

Hook/Notions: Size 5mm (US H), 6 stitch markers

Tension: 14 sts and 18 rounds in single crochet = 10x10 cm (4x4"). Take time to check tension and switch hook if necessary.

Directions: The bag is worked in the round beginning from the bottom.

Bag bottom: Chain 20 sts (+ 1 chain to turn). Work a round single crochet across this foundation chain. After working the last single crochet, work 3 more single crochet into the same st. Now, on the other side of the crochet chain, work single crochet and after working the last single crochet, work 3 more single crochet into the same st. Join this and every following round using a Slip st (= 46 single crochet). Mark the 1st and the 23rd st.

1st round: 1 Chain st (does not count), * 20 single crochet, 2 single crochet in the next 3 sts, repeat from * . Always begin each round with 1 chain st (this stitch does not count). (= 52 single crochet).

2nd round: * 20 single crochet, 2 single crochet in the next 6 sts, Repeat from * (= 64 single crochet).

3rd round: * 24 single crochet, 2 single crochet in the next 4 sts, 4 single crochet. Repeat from * (= 72 single crochet).

4th round: * 26 single crochet, 2 single crochet in the next 4 sts, 6 single crochet. Repeat from * (= 80 single crochet).

5th round: * 28 single crochet, 2 single crochet in the next 4 sts, 8 single crochet. Repeat from * (= 88 single crochet).

6th round: * 30 single crochet, 2 single crochet in the next 4 sts, 10 single crochet. Repeat from * (= 96 single crochet).

7th round: * 32 single crochet, 2 single crochet in the next 4 sts, 12 single crochet. Repeat from * (= 104 single crochet).

8th round: * 34 single crochet, 2 single crochet in the next 4 sts, 14 single crochet. Repeat from * (= 112 single crochet).

9th round: Do not increase: work 1 round single crochet.

10th round: Do not increase: work 1 round single crochet.

11th round: Work 1 round single crochet, inserting hook in the back loop on round below.

Now work in single crochet across the obtained 112 sts. From here on evenly increase 4 times 1 single crochet along the 5th round (increase by working 2 single crochet into 1 single crochet). Repeat this 8 more times, every 2 rounds.

You have 148 single crochet. Continue to work across these sts until total height is 23 cm (9") measured from the last round of bag bottom. Fasten off.

Fold the bag in half widthwise and place a marker on each side edge (= 74 sts each for front and back).

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Front: attach yarn in the 26th stitch from the marker and for bag handle chain 60 sts, skip 22 sts of bag upper edge and work 1 single crochet in the next 52 sts, for the other bag handle again chain 60 sts, skip 22 sts of bag upper edge and work 1 single crochet across the following 51 sts. You have 224 sts. Work 1 round single crochet across all sts. Continue to work single crochet and at the beginning and end of the handles work 2 sts tog (= 1 st of the handle and 1 st of the bag). There are 4 sts less on each round. Work 4 more rounds and fasten off.

Finishing: Weave in all ends. Work bag closure as follows: Chain 36 sts and fasten off. For the decorative balls work 4 single crochet into a magic ring. 2nd round: work 2 single crochet into each single crochet. You have 8 single crochet. 3rd round: work a single crochet into each st. 4th round: decrease 4 single crochet by working 4 times single crochet 2 tog across. Fasten off and sew the ball to close it. Work a total of 6 balls. Attach yarn at the end of the 36 chain sts and chain 6 sts. Fasten off and attach a ball to the chain. Work the other 2 balls in the same way. Secure the end of the 36-chain between the handles, from bag front to bag back, attaching 3 more balls to the end. Weave in the rem ends.

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