

Rafia from Adriafile

Antigua Bag Crochet



Measurements: Bag diameter: approx. 21 cm (8 ¼”).

Materials:

Rafia: 3 – 25g skeins

Hook/Notions: Crochet hook size 4 mm (USG); 1 large button, cardboard and fabric glue

Stitches:

Crochet chain, Slip st, Single crochet, Half double crochet, Double crochet. Bobble: = work 5 double crochet in 1 st, remove hook from loop and insert it in the 1st double crochet, now draw through the loop of the 5th double crochet.

Instructions:

Chain 5 sts for the foundation chain and join with a Slip st making a ring.

1st round: chain 1, 6 Single crochet into the ring, join the round with a Slip st.

2nd row: chain 1, 2 Single crochet in each of the Single crochet, join the round with a Slip st. You have 12 Single crochet.

3rd round: chain 1, * 1 Single crochet into the first st, 2 Single crochet into the next st, repeat from * join the round with a Slip st. You have 18 Single crochet.

4th round: chain 1, * 1 Single crochet into the following 2 sts, 2 Single crochet into the next st, repeat from *, join the round with a Slip st.

You have 24 Single crochet.

5th round: chain 2, * 1 Half double into the first Single crochet, 2 Half double into the next Single crochet, repeat from * join the round with a Slip st. You have 36 Half double.

6th round: chain 2, 1 Half double into the first st, * 2 Half double into the next st, 1 Half double into the following 2 sts, repeat from *, join the round with a Slip st. You have 50 sts.

7th round: chain 2, 1 Half double into the next 3 sts, * 1 Bobble into the next st, 1 Half double into the next 4 sts, repeat from *, join the round with a Slip st.

8th round: chain 2, * 1 Half double into the next 4 sts, 2 Half double into the next st, repeat from *, join the round with a Slip st. You have 60 Half double.

9th round: chain 2, * 1 Half double into the following 2 sts, 2 Half double into the next st, repeat from *, join the round with a Slip st. You have 80 Half double.

10th round: chain 1, 1 Single crochet in each st, join the round with a Slip st.

11th and 12th round: repeat the 10th round. Button loop: at the end of the 12th round chain 8 sts, skip 3 sts and secure the loop with a Slip st.

For the other side of the bag work these 12 rounds, omitting the button loop. Side panel: chain 6 + 1 chain to turn and work 6 Single crochet across this chain. At the end of the 6 chain sts, always chain 1 st to turn. When total length is 45 cm (17 ¾”) fasten off. Attach the side panel to either bag parts using Single crochet. With the button loop in the center, at upper edge leave 25 sts unworked. Handle: chain 130 + 2 chain sts to turn; work 1 Half double into each chain. You have 130 Half double. At the end chain 4, and on the other side of the chain sts also work 130 Half double. Fasten off. Sew the handles on the inner edge of bag upper edge. Sew on the button. To give the bag sturdiness, cut out a piece of cardboard to the same measurement as the round bag pieces and using textile glue stick it to bag inside.

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