

Reversible Sparkle Bag



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Fig 1: Front View of Bag

Reversible Sparkle Bag

Materials: 4 x balls 4 ply acrylic metallic yarn (50gm balls)
 80 silver sequins (0.5cm diameter)
 12 big metal key rings (2.5cm diameter)
 4 small metal key rings (1.25cm diameter)
 2 wallet chains (steel, aluminium) (32cm length)
 Silver rope / Coloured ribbon
 Silver satin cloth for the bag lining
 Silver grey thread for sewing
 Plastic bag base (optional)

Equipment: 3mm crochet hook (for the rings and handles)
 4mm crochet hook (for the bag)
 Embroidery Needle for sewing
 Round Marker (safety pin or paper clip)

Abbreviations: ch/chs = chain stitch/chain stitches
 sc = single crochet
 ss = slip stitch
 dec = decrease
 cont = continue
 rep = repeat







Fig 2: Handles



Fig 3: Rope tie



Fig 4: Rope tie

<p>How to make the base of the bag</p>	<p>Using 4mm hook, chain (ch) 90. Row 1 to Row 30 sc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">31.5 cm</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">9.5 cm</p>
<p>How to make the bag</p> <p>Row 31</p> 	<p>You will be working in rounds as in amigurumi style.</p> <p>Pattern: Crochet Loops Ch 7, sc into the 4th chain of base. Rep all around the base. [56 loops]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">22 loops</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6 loops  6 loops</p> <p style="text-align: center;">22 loops</p>
<p>Row 32</p>	<p>Working in rounds. Place a marker here if you wish. Ch 7, sc into the loop as shown in the diagram below. Rep until the end of the row.</p>  <p>Rep Row 32 until work measures 27cm, ending at the marker.</p>
<p>How to make the top of the bag</p>	<p>Round 1: Sc in each of the chains of the last Crochet Loop row. [Chs: 392] Round 2: Sc Round 3: Sc 2, *(dec 1, sc 13) rep from * to end [Dec: 26 / Chs:366] Round 4 & 5: Sc Round 6: Sc 2, *(dec 1, sc 12) rep from * to end [Dec: 26 / Chs: 340] Round 7 & 8: Sc Round 9: Sc 2, *(dec 1 sc 11) rep from * to end [Dec: 26 / Chs: 314] Round 10: Make 12 holes for the threading the rope through as follows: Sc 24, ch 3, *(sc 23, ch 3) rep from * 10 times, sc 24 ch 3 [314] Round 11: Sc Round 12: Sc 2, *(dec 1 sc 10) rep from * to end [Dec: 26 / Chs: 288] Round 13 & 14: Sc Round 15: Sc 2, *(dec 1 sc 9) rep from * to end [Dec: 26 / Chs: 262] Round 16 & 17: Sc Round 18: Sc 2, *(dec 1 sc 8) rep from * to end [Dec: 26 / Chs: 236] Fasten off.</p>

How to insert a hard base to your bag (optional step)

You can insert a hard base to your bag if desired. The instructions are as follows:



You can purchase a plastic base for your bag from a speciality store or you can make it out of a transparent A3 size plastic paper holder, like me.



Measure and cut out the correct size for the base of your bag.



There are two ways to do this part:

Option A: Turn your bag inside out. Working with the wrong side of your bag, pick up and sc 90 along one of the long sides of the base of your bag. At the end of each row, attach your work to the side by sc into the short side as shown. Cont until the cover is the same size as the base. Fasten off.

Option B: Ch 90, work 30 rows in sc. Fasten off. Sew 3 sides of this 2nd base onto the original base of the bag to make a pocket.



Insert the plastic base of the bag inside this pocket. Trim the base to make it fit snugly, if necessary.





Then sew the final side of the pocket to the base neatly.



The finished base of your bag (right side facing) should look something like this.

How to make the bag handles



Make two.

Attach 2 small keyrings to the wallet chain. Then attach 2 or 3 large keyrings to the small keyring as shown.

Next, sc around each of the keyrings.



Below are some youtube videos on this technique:
by Amber Rice:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hR2ipNx7FKg>

by anniescraftvideos:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2V3QR7L5Ds4>



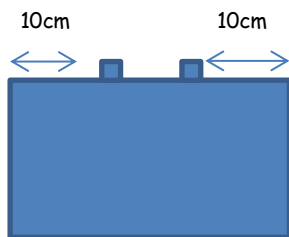
Sc along the two edges of the wallet chain.

A useful youtube video showing this technique:

by whimsyhollic:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Z9p9KlxHwI>

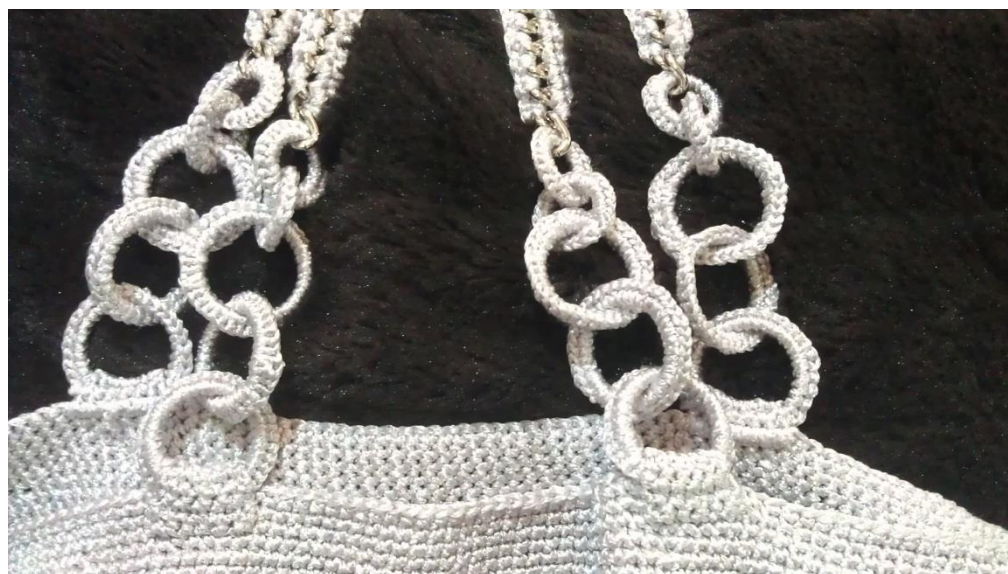
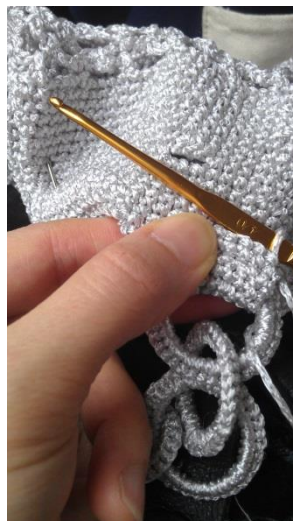
How to attach handles to the bag



Lay your bag flat on the table. Measure 10cm from from the outer edges.



* Pick up and sc 7 on the top edge of your bag. Turn. Then sc 8 to 10 rows more depending on the thickness of your crocheted keyring. Adjust where necessary. Fasten off. Repeat from * for the other 3 handle holders on your bag.



How to attach lining to your bag



Lay your bag flat on a piece of cloth which has been folded into 2. Measure around the bag leaving sufficient material allowance (see below for a rough ballpark figure).

Extra material allowance:

Top: bag measurement plus 10cm

Bottom: bag measurement plus 20cm

Left side: bag measurement plus 5cm

Right side: bag measurement plus 5cm



Turn your bag inside out and place a cushion inside the bag to give it volume. Then carefully pin the lining to your bag.



The bottom corners of the lining should be folded down as shown. Carefully remove the lining from the bag. Using a sewing machine, sew the bag lining. (see [option card pocket](#)) Attach the lining to your bag and sew in place.



Optional card pocket: You can make a small pocket inside your bag lining to put namecards or receipts in. I like to put my metro card in it.

Cut out a piece of cloth 16cm by 13cm. Sew a 1.5cm edge around the cloth and then 3 sides of the pocket onto your bag lining as shown.

How to decorate your bag with sequins and ribbons



With your bag right-side-facing, sew sequins on all sides of your bag at approximately 2.5cm intervals. These sequins reflect and refract light and help to make your bag sparkle and shimmer.

You can use a silver rope or coloured ribbons to embellish your bag (see pictures below).

An added bonus is that this bag is also reversible.



To give you an idea of the actual size of this bag, this is what the bag looks like on me. :)



I hope you enjoy making this bag! If you have any questions then please contact me. Happy crocheting!