

Little Bag

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Easy 

Designed by Marilyn Coleman.

Bag measures 6½" high x 5¼" across.

AUNT LYDIA'S® "Fashion Crochet" Size 3 Thread. Art. A182 (150 yard balls): 2 Balls No. 0775 Warm Rose.

Crochet Hook: 3.5mm [US E-4].
Yarn needle. 6" square of cardboard.

GAUGE: Rnds 1-3 = 2¾" across. CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge given.

Ch 4; join with a sl st to form a ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 3, 15 dc in ring; join with a sl st to top of ch-3 – 16 sts.

Rnd 2: Ch 3, dc in same ch as joining, 2 dc in each dc around; join – 32 sts.

Rnd 3: Ch 3, dc in same ch as joining, dc in next dc, [2 dc in next dc, dc in next dc] 15 times; join – 48 sts.

Rnd 4: Ch 3, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc, [dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 15 times; join – 64 sts.

Rnd 5: Ch 3, dc in same ch as joining, dc in next 3 dc, [2 dc in next dc, dc in next 3 dc] 15 times; join – 80 sts.

Rnd 6: Ch 3, dc in next 3 dc, 2 dc in next dc, [dc in next 4 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 15 times; join – 96 sts.

Place this piece over the cardboard and trace around the edge before continuing.

Rnd 7: Ch 1, sc in **back** lp of each st around; join in both lps of first sc.

Rnd 8: Ch 1, sc in first sc, * skip next 2 sc, 5 dc in next sc, skip next 2 sc **, sc in next sc; rep from * around, end at **; join to first sc.

Rnd 9: Ch 3, 2 dc in same sc as joining,

* skip next dc, sc in next 3 dc **, skip next dc, 3 dc in next sc; rep from * around, end at **; join to top of ch-3.

Rnd 10: Ch 1, * sc in next dc, skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next sc, skip next 2 sts; rep from * around; join to first sc.

Rnds 11-27: Rep Rnds 9 and 10 eight **more** times, then rep Rnd 9 again.

Beading Rnd 28: Ch 4, skip next dc, * dc in next st, ch 1, skip next st; rep from * around; join to 3rd ch of ch-4.

Rnd 29: (Sl st, ch 3, dc) all in first ch-1 sp, * ch 3, sl st in side and top lps of last dc made, [2 dc in next sp] twice; rep from * around; join in top of ch-3. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

STRAPS (Make 2): Cut two 4½-yard lengths of thread. Bring the 4 cut ends together and tie in a knot close to the ends. Have a friend hold this end or tape it to a table. Slip a pencil or crochet hook in the loop opposite the knotted end; keeping thread taut, twirl the pencil twisting the strands until threads are very tightly twisted. Bring loop and knotted ends together; knot all ends together. Remaining thread will form the twisted cord; smooth the kinks from cord. Weave cord through the spaces of the Beading rnd of bag. Tie the cord in a knot about 2" from the ends. Cut off the original knots. Trim.

Weave the second cord through the spaces of the Beading rnd, beg in the space exactly opposite from the first cord. Finish same as for first cord.

Cut cardboard slightly smaller than tracing. Place in bottom of bag for stability.

ABBREVIATIONS: **beg** = begin(ning); **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **mm** = millimeters; **rep** = repeat; **rnd** = round; **sc** = single crochet; **sl** = slip; **sp** = space; **st(s)** = stitch(es); * or ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated; [] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.

