

Polka-Dot Diaper Bag

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SKILL LEVEL

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FINISHED SIZE

14 x 11 inches, excluding shoulder strap

MATERIALS

- Red Heart Bamboo Wool medium (worsted) weight yarn (1¾ oz/87 yds/50g per ball):
 - 10 balls #3365 cocoa (A)
 - 5 balls #3775 lipstick (B)
- Size K/10½/6.5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Sewing needle and matching all-purpose thread
- Gold 1-inch/25mm D-rings: 2
- 1-inch/2.5cm-wide pieces of hook-and-loop tape in desired color: 3
- Old pillowcase for felting process



GAUGE

3 dc = 1 inch

PATTERN NOTE

Chain-3 at beginning of row or round counts as first double crochet unless otherwise stated.

BAG

BODY

FRONT, BACK & FLAP

Row 1: With A, ch 152, dc in 4th ch (*beg 3 sk chs count as first dc*) from hook and in each rem ch across, turn. (150 dc)

Rows 2–4: **Ch 3** (*see Pattern Note*), dc in each dc across, **changing color** to B in last st, turn.

Row 5: With B, ch 3, dc in each dc across, changing color to A in last st, turn.

Rows 6–9: With A, ch 3, dc in each dc across, changing color to B in last st, turn.

Rows 10–34: [Rep rows 5–9 consecutively] 5 times. At end of last row, fasten off.

BACK POCKET

Row 1: With A, ch 42, dc in 4th ch (*beg 3 sk chs count as first dc*) from hook and in each rem ch across, turn. (40 dc)

Rows 2–34: Rep rows 2–34 of Front, Back & Flap.

SIDE

Make 2.

Row 1: With A, ch 18, dc in 4th ch from hook and in each rem ch across, turn.

Rows 2–23: Ch 3, dc in each dc across, turn.

Row 24: Sl st in each of next 4 dc, dc in each of next 8 dc, turn.

Rows 25–30: Ch 3, dc in each of next 7 dc, turn. At end of last row, fasten off.

Attach B to the top side of back pocket and work 2 sc in the side of each dc. Fasten off.

SIDE POCKET

Make 2.

Row 1: With B, ch 18, dc in 4th ch from hook and in each rem ch across, turn.

Rows 2–11: Ch 3, dc in each dc

across, turn. At end of last row, fasten off.

SHOULDER STRAP

Row 1: With A, ch 8, dc in 3rd ch from hook and in each rem ch across, turn. (6 dc)

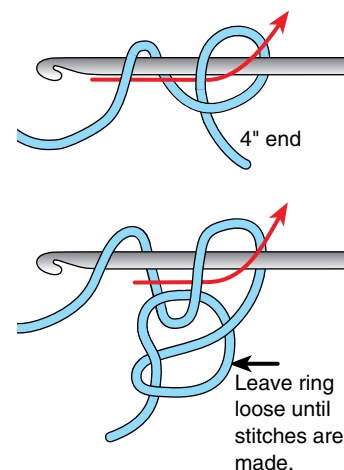
Rows 2–55: Ch 3, dc in each dc across, turn. At end of last row, fasten off.

Attach B at beg of Strap and work 1 rnd of sc around Shoulder Strap, work 1 sc in the top of each dc and 2 sc in the side of each dc. Fasten off.

POLKA DOTS

Make 12.

Rnd 1: Make a **slip ring** (*see illustration*), ch 3, 11 dc in slip ring, pull the end to tighten the center.



Slip Ring

Rnd 2: Ch 3, dc in same sp, *dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc, rep from * around. Fasten off. (20 dc)

ASSEMBLY

Note: When working around the edge, work 2 sc in side of each dc, work sc in top of each dc.

Holding 1 Side and edge of Body tog and working through both thicknesses, join B, work sc across, working in Flap only, sc around Flap to 2nd Side, holding 2nd Side and edge of Body tog, working through both thicknesses, sc across, working in inside Bag Front only, sc around.

EDGING

Work 1 rnd of reverse sc in the same sc round. Fasten off.

FELTING

Place all pieces in an old pillowcase. Set washing machine on hot wash/cold rinse, lowest load size, rough agitation and add some mild detergent or dish soap. Place pillowcase and a pair of old jeans or a few towels in the washer and let the machine run for a few minutes. Pull out the diaper bag and check the size. If it is the right size, it is time for rinsing. Otherwise, place the pieces back in pillowcase and place pillowcase back in washer. Rep washing procedure several times until Bag reaches desired size.

Lay pieces flat on dry towel and let dry completely.

When dry, place Side Pockets in position and hand-sew edges with matching all-purpose thread.

Sew Back Pocket in place.

Sew D-rings in place on Sides. Pass Shoulder Strap through D-rings and sew D-rings in place.

Place Polka Dots randomly on Bag and sew them in place.

Sew 2 hook-and-loop pieces to inside of Flap and Body across each other for closure. Sew 1 piece of hook-and-loop tape to inside of Back Pocket. **CW**



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