

# hooplayarn

## Bag for life - A very easy bag pattern

A **10mm hook** is recommended – move up to a larger size if your work is too solid or stiff  
You will need **1 bobbin** of Hoopla yarn in a colour of your choice.

In order to complete this project you will need to know how to create the following stitches.  
Instructions are included at the end of this pattern:

Chain stitch (ch)  
Double crochet (dc)  
Treble crochet (tr)  
Slip stitch (sl st)  
Magic Circle (MC)

### The Base

1. Start with EITHER 4 ch joined with a sl st to form a ring OR a MC
2. **Round 1:** ch 1, make 7 dc into your ring or circle,
3. join with sl st to first ch
4. **Round 2:** ch 1, 1dc in same st,
5. 2dc in each st round,
6. join with sl st to first ch
7. **Round 3:** ch 1,
8. 2dc in next st, 1dc in following st
9. Repeat step 8 round and join with sl st to first ch
10. **Round 4:** ch1, 1 dc in same st,
11. 1 dc in each of next 2 st, 2dc in next st
12. Repeat step 11 round
13. Join with sl st in first ch
14. **Round 5:** ch 1, 1 dc each in next 2 st
15. 2dc in next, 1 dc in each of next 3 st
16. Repeat step 15 round and join with sl st to first ch
17. **Round 6:** ch 1, 1 dc in same st
18. 1 dc each in next 4 st, 2 dc in next st
19. Repeat step 18 round and join with sl st to first ch
20. *You should have 48 st around*

### The Sides

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21. **Round 7:** ch 7, miss next st,
22. dc in next st, Ch 6, miss next st,
23. Repeat step 22 round and join to first ch with sl st
24. You should have 24 loops
25. **Round 8:** sl st into each of the next 3 sts so that you are roughly in the middle of the next loop
26. ch 7, miss next st,
27. dc in next st, Ch 6, miss next st,
28. Repeat step 27 round and join to first ch with sl st
29. **Rounds 9 – 13:** Repeat Round 8 (steps 25 -28) 5 more times
30. **Round 14:** sl st into each of the next 3 sts so that you are roughly in the middle of the next loop
31. ch 11, miss next st,
32. dc in next st, Ch 10, miss next st,
33. Repeat step 32 round and join to first ch with sl st
34. **Round 15 :** Repeat Round 14 (steps ? -?) once

## The Handles

35. **Round 16:** sl st into each of the next 3 sts so that you are roughly in the middle of the next loop
36. ch 4, miss next st,
37. dc in next st, ch 3, miss next st,
38. Repeat last step round and join to first ch with sl st
39. **Round 17:** ch1,
40. 1 double in each st round, join with sl st in first ch
41. **Round 18:** ch 1,
42. 13 dc
43. Ch 20, miss next 20 sts
44. 28 dc
45. Ch 20, miss next 20 sts,
46. 14 dc, join with sl st into first ch
47. **Round 19:** ch 1,
48. 95 tr round, join with sl st in first ch
49. **Round 20:** ch1,
50. 95 db round, join with sl st in first ch.

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Finish off by cutting yarn and sewing in the tail end securely. Don't forget to sew in the beginning tail end very firmly too.

## Stitch Key

### Chain Stitch

This stitch is abbreviated to '**ch**' in the pattern

- a. Loop the yarn over your hook '**yoh**'
- b. Pull the yarn through the loop on your hook

### Treble

This stitch is abbreviated to '**tr**' in the pattern

- a. **yoh**
- b. Now insert your hook into the stitch or space indicated by your pattern
- c. **yoh** again
- d. Pull this second loop of yarn through the stitch
- e. **yoh** for a 3<sup>rd</sup> time and pull it through 2 loops on your hook
- f. **yoh** for a final time and pull through the remaining 2 loops

### Slip Stitch

This stitch is abbreviated to '**sl st**' in the pattern

- a. Insert your hook into the stitch or space indicated by your pattern
- b. **yoh**
- c. Pull the yarn through the stitch AND the loop on your hook

### Double

This stitch is abbreviated to '**dc**' in the pattern

- a. Insert your hook into the stitch or space indicated by your pattern
- b. **yoh**
- c. Pull this loop of yarn through the stitch
- d. **yoh** for a 2<sup>nd</sup> time and pull it through 2 loops on your hook

### Magic Circle

- a. Make a ring of yarn over 2 or 3 fingers
- b. Cross the yarn over the circle and lay it behind the circle on the back of your hand
- c. Hook under the circle and pull the yarn through so that you have a loose loop on your hook
- d. Pick up the yarn as usual and pull through the loop to form your working loop which should be attached to the circle of yarn around two strands
- e. Once you have completed your foundation round, you will pull on the short end in order to tighten the circle

TIP If you are very unhappy with this (it is tricky to start with) then you can chain a circle and join with a slip stitch instead. The magic circle just means you end up with a very, very tiny hole in the bottom of your bag