

# crocheted handbags — *from recycled grocery bags!*



## you'll need

### Materials & Embellishments

- Plastic grocery bags, 30-40.
- Fabric scrap for lining.
- Handles of choice.

### Tools & Supplies

- Hook-and-loop tape.
- Crochet hook.

## what to do

Fold plastic bags in half, leaving open end open, then fold again and again. Cut ½" from closed bottom and handles from

bag top. Cut ¾" pieces from bag, which are looped strips equal to width of original bag when unfolded. Tie looped strips together from all cut bags.

Chain stitch as many loops as needed for desired size purse. (Note: Fifteen stitches is approximately 9". Use 20-30 stitches for a larger bag.) Single crochet around starting loops for several rows, then add a stitch at the end of the purse. Continue to add a stitch at the ends for five or six rows. Crochet approximately 15-20 additional rows or to desired

height and cast off.

For lining, cut two rectangles 1" larger than bag. With wrong sides of fabric together; sew rectangles together, ½" from side and bottom edges. Turn wrong side out. Place lining inside purse, turning top edge under. Pin and stitch around top opening. Sew hook-and-loop tape to top opposite sides of purse.

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