

## Crocheted Handbag

**Size** about 34 cm x 20 cm x 6 cm.

All measurements are in centimeters (cm).  
For approximate inch sizes simply multiply  
by 0.4 (or divide by 2.54).

**Materials** Patons Cotton Twist, 250 g  
#00397 silk.  
3-4 mm [size D/3-G/4] crochet hook, or size  
to obtain gauge, 4 curtain rings about 34 mm  
across, and a metal snap.

**Basic pattern** sc [UK = dc]. start each row  
with 1 ch for turning. From 2nd row insert  
hook through both bars of st. of previous  
row.

**Gauge** 15–16 sc and 18 rows, each to 10 cm  
[4"].

### METHOD

**Front:** crochet 54 ch + 1 ch for turning, and  
work in basic patt.

When work measures 16 cm work 4 small  
pleats as foll: crochet 5 sc, 1 pleat to the right  
(= miss 5 sts. and work 1 sc into 6<sup>th</sup> st.), 5 sc,  
then work 2<sup>nd</sup> pleat to the right.

Crochet the 12 center sts. in patt, then 1 pleat  
to the left (= pick up just the front bar of the  
foll sc and also the 6<sup>th</sup> foll st. and work 1 sc),  
5 sc, then work 2<sup>nd</sup> pleat to the left, work rem  
4 sts. in patt.

Cont over 34 sts.

When work measures 20 cm end work.

Work back panel of tote alike.

Side panels with base: crochet 10 ch + 1 ch  
for turning and cont in basic patt.

When work measures about 66 cm end work.

**Loops:** crochet 4 times 6 ch + 1 ch for  
turning and work in basic patt.

When work measures 10 cm end work.

**Fastenings:** crochet 6 ch + 1 ch for turning  
and cont in basic patt.

When work measures about 10 cm miss 1 st.  
at each end of every row twice with sl-st for  
tip, then end work.



**Straps (make 2 alike):** crochet 6 ch and  
join to a ring with 1 sl-st, then work sc in  
rounds.

When work measures about 42 cm end work.

**Finishing:** crochet side panels with base to  
front and back with sc from outside, leaving  
4 cm at upper edge free.

Sew loops to each outer edge on either side,  
about 3 cm from upper edge, enclosing the  
curtain rings. Sew straps to the curtain rings.  
Sew fastenings to back about 4 cm from  
upper edge. Sew snap to front and to tip of  
back fastenings.