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Designed by Maria Cook.

Felted crochet bag measures approximately 7½" high x 15" wide; felted knit bag measures approximately 8" high x 11¾" wide.

CROCHET BAG
MODA DEA® "Caché™": 4 Balls No. 2329 Tootsie **CA**; 1 ball No. 2332 Serengetti **CB**.

Crochet Hooks: 6.5mm [US K-10.5] and 5.5mm [US I-9].

Yarn needle, 13" zipper, metallic sewing thread, purchased bead and tassel; optional lining fabric, sewing needle and thread.

GAUGE: 14 sts = 4"; 10 rows = 4" in hdc before felting.
CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

SIDE: With larger hook and **CA**, ch 4.

Rnd 1: 11 Dc in 4th ch from hook; join with a sl st in top of ch-3 – 12 sts. **Rnd 2:** Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around; join – 24 sc. **Rnd 3:** Ch 1, * sc in sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from * around; join – 36 sc. **Rnds 4 and 6:** Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join. **Rnd 5:** Rep Rnd 3 – 54 sc. **Rnd 7:** Rep Rnd 4. Fasten off.

Make another Side but DO NOT fasten off; work in rows as follows:

BAG-Next Row: Ch 2, skip first sc, hdc in each sc across; turn. **Next Row:** Ch 2, skip first hdc, hdc in each hdc across and in top of ch-2; turn. Rep last row 31 more times. Fasten off.

Handle (Make 2): With smaller hook and **CB**, ch 6.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across; turn – 5 sc. **Row 2:** Ch 1, sc in each sc across. Rep Row 2 until 40" from beg. Fasten off.

Edging: Join **CA** in any st or row; ch 1, work sl st evenly around entire strap.

FINISHING: Sew first Side to bag. Sew ends of a strap together. With seam at bottom of bag, sew strap to bag about 3" in from side and to within 3" from top opening; rep with rem strap.

Felting: ** Place bag and handles in the washing machine in the smallest load with hottest water setting and a small amount of liquid detergent through one wash (agitation only) cycle.

Remove bag and check on amount of felting during this process. Two or more wash cycles may be needed before you will be satisfied with the effect. Repeat until pieces are felted and bag is desired size. Rinse in cold water to stop the felting process and to remove the soap. Pull bag into shape and allow to dry away from sun or heat for a day or two.

Felting will cause a certain amount of pilling which is easily removed by brushing briskly with a hard nylon brush. **

Sew zipper to top edge of bag. Attach tassel with beads to zipper pull. Embellish edge around zipper with metallic thread by sewing machine or by hand. Line bag if desired.

KNIT BAG

MODA DEA® "Caché™": 4 Balls No. 2347 Wink.

Circular Knitting Needle: 8mm [US 11] – 16".

Double Pointed Needles: 8mm [US 11].

Stitch marker, yarn needle, 52" #16 gauge craft wire, pliers, shank button, sewing needle and thread; optional lining fabric.

GAUGE: 16 sts = 4"; 22 rnds = 4" in St st with 2 strands before felting. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needle to obtain the gauge.**

BAG: Beg at top with circular needle and 2 strands of yarn, cast on 74 sts and join into rnd; place marker to mark beg of rnd. K 1 rnd. P 1 rnd. Now K every rnd until 7" from beg. **Shape Bottom:** [K17, K2tog, K16, sl 1, K1, pss0] twice – 70 sts. **Next Rnd:** Knit. **Next Rnd:** [K17, K2tog, K14, sl 1, K1, pss0] twice – 66 sts. Continue in this manner to dec 4 sts every other rnd until 42 sts remain, changing to double pointed needles when work gets too tight for the circular needle. Bind off.

Handles (Make 2): With 2 double pointed needles and 2 strands of yarn, cast on 4 sts. Knit 1 row. * Do NOT turn. Slide sts to opposite end of the needle, move needle to opposite hand without turning work and Knit. Rep from * until tube is approximately 25" long. Bind off.

Button Loop: Work as for Handles with ONE strand of yarn and 3 sts for 10".

FINISHING: Sew bottom of bag closed. Fold Button Loop cord in half and sew together for 2" from ends to form a loop. Sew ends inside top edge of center back. With pliers cut wire in half. Bend ends over for about ¼" to prevent sharp edges. Push one wire into each handle and secure ends. Weave in all loose ends.

Felting: Work same as for Crochet Bag from ** to **. Before drying, bend handles with your hands into shape as shown.

Center the handles at top of bag and sew firmly in place. Sew button to front of bag. Line bag if desired.



MODA DEA® "Caché™", Art. R118 (1.76 ounce/72 yard ball).

ABBREVIATIONS: beg = beginning; **CA, CB** = color A, B; **ch** = chain; **dec** = decrease; **dc** = double crochet; **hdc** = half double crochet; **K** = knit; **mm** = millimeters; **P** = purl; **pss0** = pass the slipped stitch over; **rem** = remaining; **rep** = repeat; **rnd** = round; **sc** = single crochet; **sl** = slip; **St st** = Stockinette stitch (knit every row); **st(s)** = stitch (es); **tog** = together; * or ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated; **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.



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