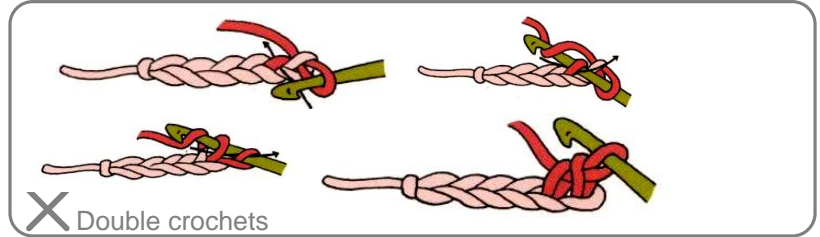
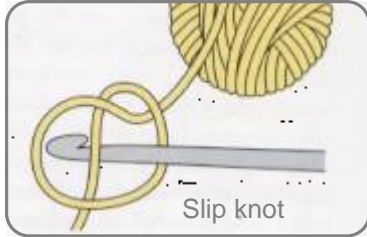


# Hooked Zpagetti



Milano handbag

You only need a limited number of basic stitches for this pattern: chain stitches and double crochets. For this bag, you need about 750 grams of Zpagetti and two (wooden) handles. We crocheted the bag using a 12 mm crochet needle.



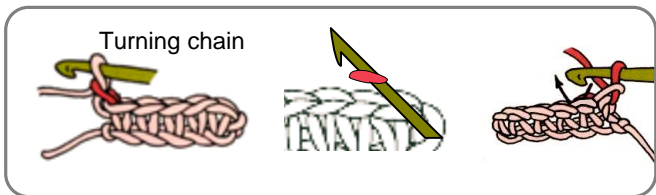
The most important quality of Hooked Zpagetti is the varying thickness and texture of the thread. That's why it is important to keep looking at the dimensions and the shape of the crocheted bag for each pattern. The number of stitches per row is therefore not a fixed number, but should be determined depending on the desired dimensions of the end result.

## Step 1: a crocheted piece

You start by making a slip knot. Then make a number of chain stitches. This will be one of the sides of the bag. We will make what is essentially a large crocheted piece which is eventually folded in half and crocheted together. The number of chain stitches required for the entire side of the bag will be approximately 30 to get a bag height of about 20-22 cm. Please note! The sequence is therefore twice as long as the final height of the bag. Then you will make the first double crochet as shown in the image above. Continue like this in every stitch until you return to the first chain stitch. Then make a turning chain stitch and turn your work over.

When you've turned over the work, you will continue to make double crochets.

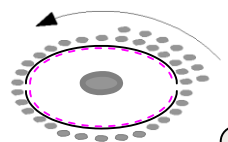
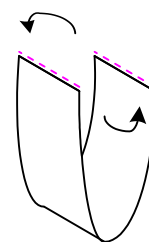
*Ridge effect:* To get the ridge effect of the bag in the picture, you have to keep crocheting through the back thread of the stitch instead of through the whole V.



Continue like this for about 20-22 rows. You will end up with 10 to 20 wide ridges and the bag will be about 30 cm wide.

## Step 2: the shape of your bag

Now fold the crocheted piece in half. The fold is the bottom of the bag. The thread is still attached to the work, at the top of the bag. The top edge of the bag is made from a number of rows of slip stitches. This is actually the first time you make a double crochet and pull the thread through the hook on the crochet needle straight away. (Also keep pulling it through the back thread of the stitch). Continue like this for about 4 rows and fasten off your thread. You can now crochet together the sides of the bag.



## Step 3: handles and finishing touches

Attach the handles to the top edge of the bag. Crochet a flower or make a nice decoration to attach anywhere you like. Work away all irregularities on the inside of your bag by braiding loose ends through the crochet work using a thin crochet needle and by fixing them in place with a needle and thread, if necessary. It is worth making a nice lining using a piece of fabric.