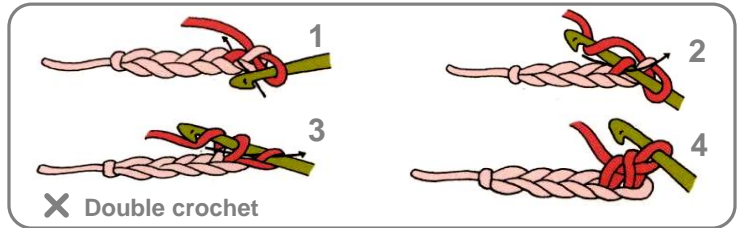
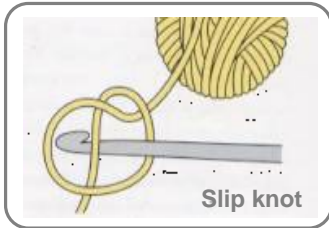




Ventimiglia handbag pattern

To create the Ventimiglia handbag you will need approximately 650 grams of Zpagetti and a 12 mm crochet hook.



An important attribute of Zpagetti is that the width and texture of the yarn varies so it is important to regularly check the size and shape of the handbag that you are making. The amount of stitches mentioned in this pattern is an indication only. The actual amount of stitches you need depends on the texture of the yarn and the desired size of the handbag.

Step 1: The bottom

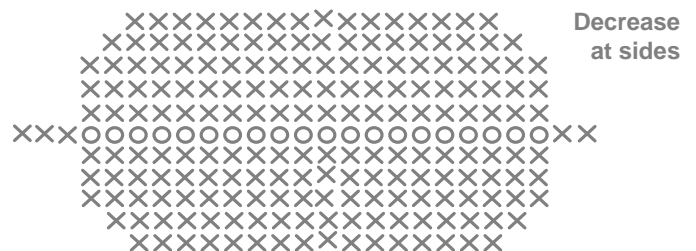
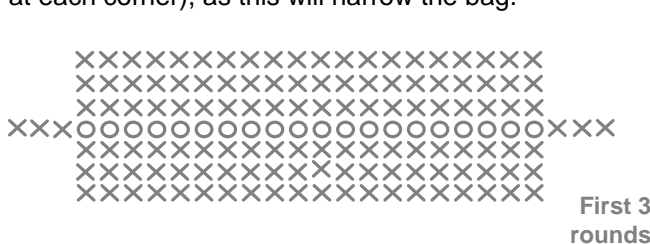
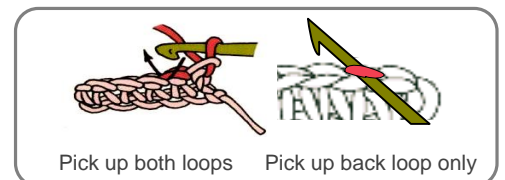
Make a slip knot followed by 15 to 20 chain stitches to make a bag with a bottom width of approximately 25 cm. Skip the first chain stitch and insert the hook into the second chain stitch to make the first double crochet stitch. Continue with double crochet until you reach the first chain stitch, then make 3 double crochet stitches into the first chain stitch to turn around. Then continue on with double crochet in the free loops on the opposite side of the beginning chain until you reach the end of the row. Make 3 double crochet stitches in the beginning chain to turn around. This will now form the bottom of the bag as shown in the diagram below.



Step 2: The shape of your bag

After finishing the bottom continue on with three rounds of double crochet stitches. You can now choose to pick up both loops or to pick up the back loop only. If you pick up only the back loop, a horizontal line will appear onto the crocheted fabric.

After the third round continue another three to four rounds of double crochet but you will need to decrease you stitches by two per round (one at each corner), as this will narrow the bag.



Continue crocheting rounds in double crochet without decreasing until the height of the bag is approximately 18 cm.

Step 3: The handles

In the next round the gap for the handles will be made. First count the number of stitches on both sides of the bag. In the diagram there are 14 stitches on each side of the bag. First make 4 double crochet stitches then 8 to 10 chain stitches followed by 4 double crochet stitches starting from the 10th stitch. You have now made a gap. Repeat on the other side of the bag to form the opposite handle. Continue on with two more rounds of double crochet. Your bag is now ready, finish off with a slip stitch.

