

Acrobatic bags



My favorite crochet stitch the past year has been the "Acrobatic Stitch", and I've been making a few things with this fun, easy and quick stitch. This is my version of market bag. I've used three of Scheepjes cotton yarn to make three different sized bags, using the exact same pattern: Cahlista, Catona and Maxi Sweet Treat/Sugar Rush. I haven't listed the colors I've used as it is the perfect leftover projects so use up what you've got at home.

Material

Yarn: Different colors (or use the same on the entire bag if you like) of Cahlista, Catona, and Sweet Treat/Sugar Rush.

Crochet hook: 4,5 mm for Cahlista; 3 mm for Catona; 1,25 for Sweet treat/sugar rush.

Height of the bags: Cahlista: 35 cm, Catona: 26 cm, Sweet Treat/Sugar Rush: 14 cm

Other stuff: Needles for attaching the ends.

Start:

Begin by crocheting a round bottom. I made mine one color per round. All rounds begin with a standing double crochet and ends with "invisible join", but a simple slip stitch works as well. Start all rounds in the first double crochet of an increase.

Round 1: 12 dc in to a magic loop (first is made of chain 2) (=12 dc)

Round 2: 2 dc inc in every dc from previous round (=24 stolpar)

Round 3: * 1 dc, 2 dc inc* repeat *-* til end of round. (=36 dc)

Round 4: * 2 dc, 2 dc inc * repeat *-* til end of round. (=48 dc)

Round 5: * 3 dc, 2 dc inc * repeat *-* til end of round. (=60 dc)

Round 6: * 4 dc, 2 dc inc * repeat *-* til end of round. (=72 dc)

Round 7: * 5 dc, 2 dc inc * repeat *-* til end of round. (=84 dc)

Round 8: * 6 dc, 2 dc inc * repeat *-* til end of round (=96 dc)

Round 9: * 7 dc, 2 dc inc * repeat *-* til end of round. (=108 dc)

Round 10: 1 sc in each dc, no increases. (=108 sc)

Pattern"Acrobatic stitch":

Start each round with a standing dc instead of the first dc and end each round with a slip stitch in the first dc.

Round 1: *5 dc into 3-chain, chain 4, skip 6 dc* repeat *-* until end of round. (OBS The first round: *5 dc in any stitch, chain 4, skip 5 sc*)

Round 2: *(3 dc, chain 3, 3 dc) into same chain 4, skip 5 dc* repeat *-* until end of round.

I used one color per round, totally 17 rounds. On the last round (round 1) make chain 2 instead of chain 4.

Top and handles:

I made the top and the handles in the same color on the two smallest bags, and in different colors on the big Cahlista bag.

Crochet a round of sc: 1 sc in each dc and 2 sc in each chain 2.

Time for handles:

Handleround 1: * 1 sc in the sc made in the 1st dc of a '5 dc-group', chain 30. Skip 3 '5 dc-groups' and 2 'chain 2s' (from the last acrobatic stitch round, these now have sc made into them), 1 sc into the 1st sc of two made into chain 2.* 1 sc into each of the following sc's made into the following 7 'chain 2's' and 6 '5 dc-groups'. Repeat *-* for the second handle, end with 1 sc into every sc until end of round.

Handleround 2: 1 sc into each chain of handle and 1 sc into each sc until end of round.

Handleround 3 and 4: 1 sc into each sc until the end of round.

Sew in all ends and block if you like. I blocked by soaking the bags and letting them dry with rolled up towels inside the bags, hanging.