



# Christmas Gift Bag

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This drawstring bag can be used at Christmas time to give any odd shaped gift or even stuff that you would put into a gift basket! Fill it with all sorts of goodies for that special someone. The base has an old CD in it to give it a flat bottom.

## Materials Needed

3oz Worsted weight acrylic yarn, Red Heart Super Saver Holly & Ivy  
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 1 old CD or DVD  
 Size H/8 or 5mm aluminum crochet hook  
 Yarn needle for weaving in ends

**Yarn Thickness:** 4mm

**Gauge:** 4dc=1"

**Finished Size:** At least 8" x 11" when lightly stuffed with plastic bags

**Skill Level:** Intermediate

**Special Stitch Used. Dcdec. Double Crochet Decrease.** Yo, insert hook in next st, yo, pull up a loop, yo, pull through 2 loops on hook, twice, yo pull through all 3 loops on hook.

## Instructions

### Inside Bottom

**RND 1:** With Holly and Ivy, Ch4.

Join w/slsl to first ch to form ring. Ch2, 16dc in ring. Join w/slsl to first dc. (16dc)

**RND 2:** Ch2. 2dc in same st as slst and in each st around. Join w/slsl to first dc. (32dc)

**RND 3:** Ch2. 2dc in same st as slst. Dc in next st. \*2dc in next st. Dc in next st. Rep from \* around. Join w/slsl to first dc. (48dc)

**RND 4:** Ch2. 2dc in same st as slst. Dc in each of the next 2 sts. \*2dc in next st. Dc in each of the next 2sts. Rep from \* around. Join w/slsl to first dc. Fasten off, weave all ends into back of work and set aside for now. (64sts)

**Outside Bottom RND 1-4:** Repeat as for Inside bottom but do not fasten off. Get your CD ready.

**RND 5:** Join inside piece to the outside piece with the wrong sides facing each other and work through both layers at the same time. Ch1, sc in each st around but slip the cd into the center before closing up. Add one more Sc before joining to make 65 sts around.

**RND 6:** Ch1, sc in same st as slst. (Sk next st. 2d, ch1, 2dc in next st. Sk next st. Sc in next st.) \*Sc in next st. Rep bet () once. Rep from \* around. Join w/slsl to first sc.

*(The Ch2. Dc in next dc. in the beginning of next round and at the beginning each of the next 16 rounds is acting as a "Dcdec" at the beginning of the round.)*

**RND 7:** Ch2. Dc in next dc. Sk next dc. (2dc, ch1, 2dc in next ch1 sp. Sk next dc. 1Dcdec.) \*1Dcdec. Rep bet () once. Rep from \* around. Join w/slsl to first dc.

**RND 8-14:** Ch2. Dc in next dc. (Sk next st. 2dc, ch1, 2dc in next ch1 sp. Sk next dc. 1Dcdec.) \*1dcdec. Rep bet () once. Rep from \* around. Join w/slsl to first dc. Fasten off Holly and



Ivy and join Burgundy in same st as slst.

**RND 15-23:** Rep RND 8.

**RND 24:** Ch2. Hdc in next st. (Sc in next dc. Sc in next ch1 sp. Sc in next dc. Hdc in each of the next 2 sts.)

\*Hdc in each of the next 2 sts. Rep bet () once. Rep from \* around. Join w/slsl to top of ch2.

**RND 26:** Ch1. Sc in each st around. Join w/slsl to ch1.

**RND 27:** This is the Casing for the drawstrings. Ch3. Dc in each sc around. Join w/slsl to top of ch3.

**RND 28:** Ch1. Sc in each dc around. Join w/slsl to ch1. Fasten off. Weave ends into back of work.

## Drawstrings

Make 2 chains, 100 chains long. Weave them Through RND 26 in opposite ways to form the drawstring. Tie the ends together with a Surgeons knot and weave ends in.

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