



# Drawstring Bath Bag

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This drawstring bag is what I am using in my bathroom to store things I want to keep out of site. I have open shelves and certain things just don't look great out in the open. You could also use this to put goodies in to give as a self wrapped gift.

## Materials Needed:

One empty Whipped topping container. Large. 5½" on the bottom. 6" diameter across the top 4¾" high.

1 ball Caron Wintuck4 Worsted Weight yarn

Small scrap white worsted weight yarn. I used Red Heart.

Size H or 5mm aluminum crochet hook

**Gauge:** 4dc=1"

**Yarn Thickness** 3mm

**Finished Size:** =10" high

**Skill Level:** Intermediate

Note: This is a tight fitting cover so if it seems to be a bit small for the container, well it is supposed to be this way. It will stretch to be a tight fit.

**Special Stitches used** Front post dc (fpd) and back post double crochet (bpd). You can read about how to do this stitch in the Featured Stitches Section.

## Instructions

### Tub preparation

Using paper punch. Punch 50 holes around rim. Just under the lip. You may want to punch 4 in first in a criss cross fashion then punch holes centered between each of these holes. Then again punch holes centered between holes again until you have 50 holes. You might want to mark the tub first with a permanent marker first then punch your holes. Each hole will be about 3/16 of an inch apart.

### Bottom

**RND 1:** Ch3. Work 10 dc in 3rd ch from hook. Join w/slst to first dc. NOT the top of ch3. (10 dc)

**RND 2:** Ch3. Dc in same st as slst. 2dc in each dc around. Join w/slst to top of ch3. (20 dc)

**RND 3:** Ch3. Dc in same st as slst. Dc in next dc. \*2dc in next dc. Dc in next dc. Rep from \* around. Join w/slst to top of ch3. (30 dc)

**RND 4:** Ch3. Dc in same st as slst. Dc in each of the next 2 dc. \*2dc in next dc. Dc in each of the next 2 dc. Rep from \* around. Join w/slst to top of ch3. (40 dc)

**RND 5:** Ch3. Dc in same st as slst. Dc in each of the next 3 dc. \*2dc in next dc. Dc in each of the next 3 dc. Rep from \*



around. Join w/slst to top of ch3. (50 dc)

**RND 6:** Ch3. Work 1bpd in each dc around. This will form a ridge on the bottom of the bag. Join w/slst to top of ch3.

**RND 7:** Ch3. Fpd in next dc. \*Dc in next dc. Fpd in next dc. Rep from \* around. Join w/s/st to top of ch3.

This next round is the pattern row. Repeat this row over and over again as instructed. The way this is written, you will be working a fpd in each dc and you will work a dc in each fpd. This creates a woven effect.

**RND 8-16:** Slst to the first fpd. Ch3. Fpd in next dc. \*Dc in next fpd. Fpd in next dc. Rep from \* around. Join w/slst to top of ch3.

### **Joining to tub rim**

**RND 17:** To join bottom to tub work a surface slst in each hole around catching the stitches of rnd 16 with each st. Insert hook in first stitch and hole, draw up a lp, \*insert hook into next stitch and hole to the left, draw up a lp and draw this lp through the lp on the hook. Rep from \* all the way around.

**RND 18:** Work 2 sc in each hole around just above stitches to cover the rim. (100 sts) Now. You can stop here and fasten off and use the tub as is for many useful things for the holidays such as holding treats or to use as a decoration. Or you can continue with the instructions below to use this as a drawstring bath bag or storage bag.

In this next round. Make sure you end up with an even

number of dc around. I ended up with 72. You may need to fudge here. I did. I just had to add one more dc anywhere in this round. See not all my patterns are perfect everytime. hehehe

**RND 19:** Ch3. Dc in next st. \*Sk next st, dc in each of the next 2 sts. Rep from \* around. Remember to add one more dc if you end up with an odd number. Very Important. You can add it any where near the end of the round in one of the stitches that would normally be skipped.

**RND 20:** Ch3. Fpd in next dc. \*Dc in next dc. Fpd in next dc. Rep from \* around. Join w/s/st to top of ch3.

**RND 21-26 :** This is worked the same as for round 8. Slst to the first fpd. Ch3. Fpd in next dc.

\*Dc in next fpd. Fpd in next dc. Rep from \* around. Join w/slst to top of ch3.

### **Casing**

**RND 27:** Ch4. Sk fpd. \*Dc in next dc. Ch1. Sk fpd. Rep from \* around. Join w/slst to 3rd ch of ch4.

**RND 28:** Ch3. Dc in each dc and in each ch1 sp around. Join w/slst to top of ch3. Fasten off and weave ends into work.

**Drawstrings.** Make two. With White, Ch 100.

Weave each string through the casing going in opposite directions. Tie the ends together and weave ends into the strings to secure them. Then you should be able to pull on the strings to close the bag.

**Enjoy!!!**

# *Pattern Notes*