

# Christmas Bag Pattern—UK Pattern—Mini Reindeer

## You will need:

- DK yarn in Christmas colours
- 3.50mm hook
- Darning Needle
- Scissors
- Stitch Marker

## Stitches Used:

- Chain (ch)
- Double Crochet (dc)
- Slip Stitch (SS)



## Notes:

- Tapestry crochet is the technique used here, two yarns are in use at all times, one is carried behind the work ready for the colour changes.
- The stitches need to be nice and tight, so the other colour doesn't show through.
- The pattern makes a bag approximately 20cm wide and 21cm tall, but this can of course be adjusted to suit your requirements.
- The base of the bag is made first, then after that it is worked in a continuous round.
- There is a grid to follow as well as a written pattern—either can be used.



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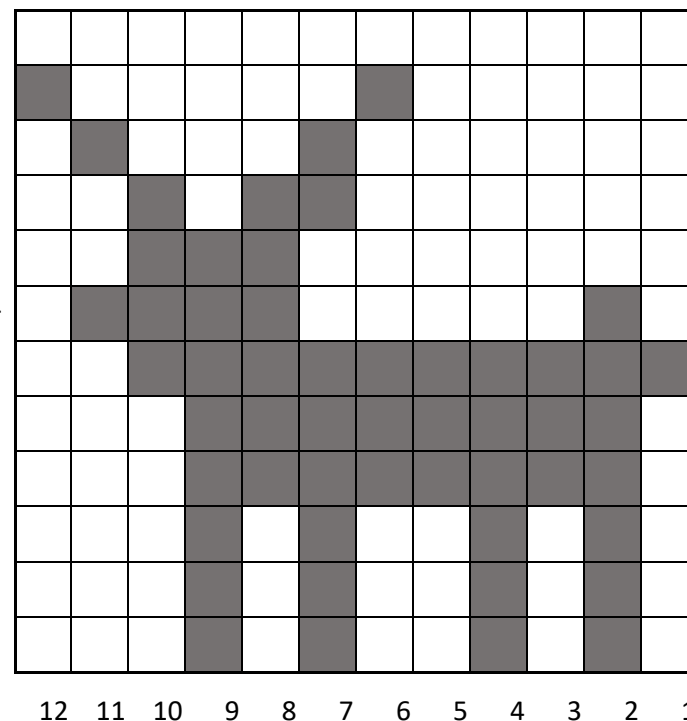
The repeating part of the pattern is 12 stitches across, see image on the right.

That means the total amount of stitches in the main section of the bag needs to be a multiple of 12.

The base of this bag is 6 rows of 36 stitches, so when you come to work around the base to form the main body of the bag there will a total of 84 stitches ( $36+6+36+6$ ) which is  $7 \times 12$ .

If a larger bag was required, for example, the base could be 6 rows of 48 stitches, which would give you 108 stitches in the main body of the bag ( $48+6+48+6$ ) which is  $9 \times 12$ .

Please note when constructing the bag, always follow the pattern from right to left (unless you are left handed, the left handed version will available at the end).



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## Pattern—Bag Base

Make a chain of 37,

**Row 1** Work 1dc into the 2nd chain from the hook and into each chain along (36dc) chain 1, turn

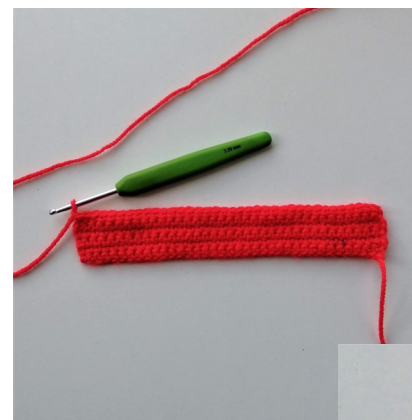
**Row 2—6** 1dc across, (36dc) chain 1 turn. After Row 6, chain 1 but do not turn.

It is time to start the main body of the bag, and to do this, start by working 1dc all around the edge of the base you have just made (use a stitch marker in your 1st stitch).

Work 6dc down the short side (see middle photo), 36dc along the 1st long edge, 6dc across the other short side, then 36dc across the final long edge. This will give you 84dc.

Instead of joining with a slip stitch, just start the next round in the 1st stitch of the last round, then work 1dc all around again. By now you should be able to see the shape of the bag beginning to form (see 3rd photo)

See the next page for the Reindeer pattern which you need to start following as you begin the next Round.



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Round 1 starts here.   
Make sure each round starts on the right hand side.

Once the base, and the 1st two Rounds of the body of the bag is complete, it is time to introduce the Reindeer.

The Rounds from here begin again at **1**, so it is easier to cross reference with the grid.

**Round 1**—1dc red, 1dc white, 1dc red, 1dc, white, 1dc x 2 red, 1dc white, 1dc red, 1dc white, 1dc x 3 red—repeat 6 more times to the end of the round.

**Round 2**—1dc red, 1dc white, 1dc red, 1dc, white, 1dc x 2 red, 1dc white, 1dc red, 1dc white, 1dc x 3 red. Repeat to end.

**Round 3**—1dc red, 1dc white, 1dc red, 1dc, white, 1dc x 2 red, 1dc white, 1dc red, 1dc white, 1dc x 3 red. Repeat to end.

**Round 4**—1dc red, 1dc x 8 white, 1dc x 3 red. Repeat to end.

**Round 5**—1dc red, 1dc x 8 white, 1dc x 3 red. Repeat to end.



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**Round 6**—1dc x 10 white, 1dc x 2 red. Repeat.

**Round 7**—1dc red, 1dc white, 1dc x 5 red, 1dc x 4 white, 1dc red. Repeat.

▲ **Round 8**—1dc x 7 red, 1dc x 3 white, 1dc x 2 red. Repeat.

**Round 9**—1dc x 6 red, 1dc x 2 white, 1dc red, 1dc white, 1dc x 2 red. Repeat.

**Round 10**—1dc x 6 red, 1dc white, 1dc x 3 red, 1dc white, 1dc red. Repeat.

**Round 11**—1dc x 5 red, 1dc white, 1dc x 5 red, 1dc white. Repeat.

**Round 12**—1dc x 12 red. Repeat.

There should now be 7 complete reindeers around the bag.

**Round 13—36** Repeat from **Rnd 1** again until you have 3 rows of Reindeers.





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The photos show the bag in various stages of completion.

**Round 37—38** 1dc all around in red

▲ **Round 39**—1dc all around in white

**Round 40**—1dc all around in red

**Round 41**—1dc all around in white

**Round 42**—SS into each stitch all around in red.



SS to join round and fasten off.

Sew in all the ends.



# Christmas Bag Pattern—Mini Reindeer—Handles

## Handles—Make 2

You can easily adjust the length of these handles, depending on how long you want them to be—just add in extra rows of dc until they are the required length.

Chain 7,

**Row 1** Start in the 2nd chain from the hook, work 1dc in each chain along (6dc). Chain 1, turn.

**Row 2—46** 1dc across (6dc) Chain 1, turn.

After Row 46 do not fasten off, fold in half along the long edge, then crochet together using double crochet all the way along.

Once you have made 2, they can be fixed to the bag.

Position them inside the bag in line with the 1st white stripe, then using white yarn, sew securely in position.





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***After Round 36, go back to the original pattern to finish off the rest of the bag.***

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