

Washed Ashore Handbag

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Materials:

- Approx. 250 yds of worsted weight yarn
- Size I- 5.50mm crochet hook (or size needed to obtain gauge).
- Size J- 6.00mm crochet hook
- Two 1.25" buttons
- Tapestry Needle

Abbreviations:

- ch- chain
- st(s)- stitch(es)
- yo- yarn over
- slst- slip stitch
- LDC- linked double crochet
- SC- single crochet
- SC2tog- single crochet 2 sts together
- rep- repeat

Special Stitches:

Linked Double Crochet-Insert hook into the horizontal bar of the previous st (or second ch from hook if you are beginning a new row/round), pull up a loop, insert hook into next st, pull up a loop, yo, pull through 2 loops, yo, pull through remaining 2 loops.

Notes:

- Joins are made by putting a slst into the first st of the round.
- Ch 1/ch 2 at the beginning of each row/round DOES NOT count as a st. The first st of each row/round will be put in the same st as the join.

Gauge- 16 sts x 9 rows= 4" in LDC



Pattern-***With I hook:***

R1: Ch 30, 2 LDC in 3rd ch from hook, LDC in next 26 ch, 5 LDC in last ch. You will now be working along the opposite side of the ch. LDC in next 26 ch, 3 LDC in last. Join. (62 sts)

R2: Ch 2, 2 LDC in next 2 sts, LDC in next 26 sts, 2 LDC in next 5 sts, LDC in next 26 sts, 2 LDC in last 3 sts. Join. (72 sts)

R3: Ch 2, 2 LDC in next 4 sts, LDC in next 26 sts, 2 LDC in next 10 sts, LDC in next 26 sts, 2 LDC in last 6 sts. Join. (92 sts)

Switch to J hook:

R4-14: Ch 2, LDC in each st around. Join. (92 sts)

Switch to I hook:

R15: Ch 2, LDC in each st around. Join. (92 sts)

R16: Ch 1, SC in next 20 sts, SC2tog, SC in next 20 sts, 2 SC2tog, SC in next 20 sts, SC2tog, SC in next 20 sts, 2 SC2tog. Join. (86 sts)

R17-20: Ch 1, SC in each st around. (86 sts)

R21: Ch 1, SC in next 42 sts, marking the 42nd st with a stitch marker. SC in next 21 sts, ch 20, SC in next 7 sts, ch 20, SC in remaining 16 sts. Join. (86 SC) DO NOT fasten off.

Handle:***With I hook:***

Ch 1, turn, slst in next 2 sts.

R1: Ch 2, turn, LDC in next 8 sts working OVER, not into, the slsts. Leave remaining sts unworked. (8 sts)

R2-49: Ch 2, turn, LDC in each st across. (8 sts)

Pull up a loop and remove hook. Insert hook into the marked stitch and pull the loop through the stitch. Ch 1, slst the handle to the bag using only the front loops of the bag and back loops of the handle. Continue to slst in each st around the back of the bag (push button loops back as you get to them- see photo) and along the sides of the handle. Fasten off when you get back to the first slst.

Join yarn in any st on the opposite side and slst across the front of the bag and along the other side of the handle. Slst in the same st you started in and fasten off. Weave in all ends.

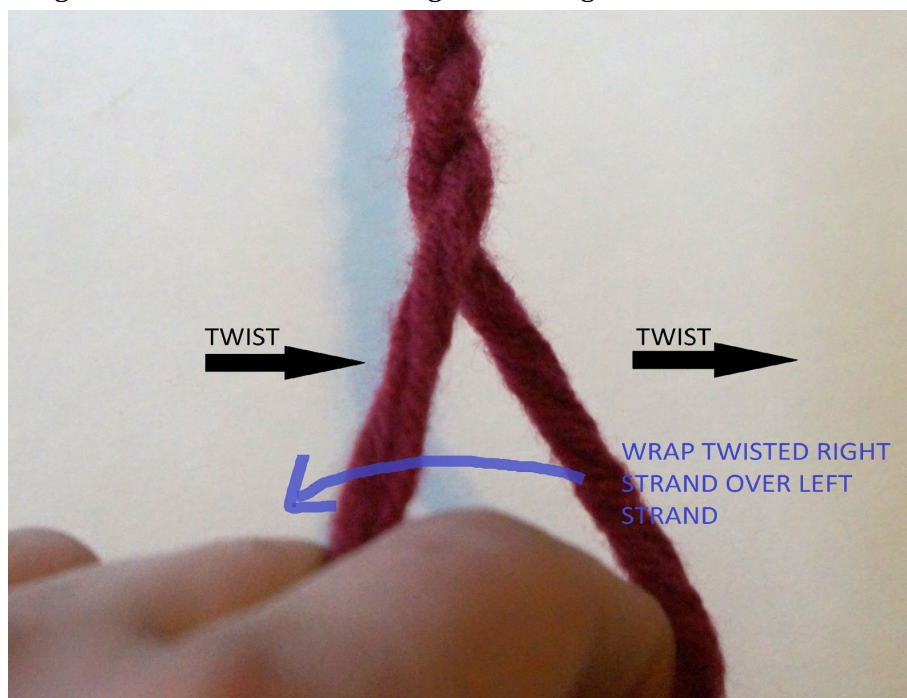


Loops:

Insert hook under the post of st 11 (32, 53, 76) of round 16 and join yarn. Ch 5, slst around the post below the LDC of round 15. Fasten off. Thread the ends to the inside of the bag and weave in ends.

**“Rope” embellishment:**

Cut 8 pieces of yarn approximately 5.5 feet long. Hold all strands evenly together and tie a knot in one end, leaving a 3-3.5” fringe. Tape the knotted end to a table or stable surface to hold it in place. Take 4 strands in each hand and begin twisting both strands clockwise. As you are twisting, twist those two strands together in a counterclockwise motion (right hand over left) (see photo). Continue twisting until there are 3-3.5” of fringe remaining. Secure with a knot.

**Finishing:**

Sew buttons to the front of the bag using the button loops as a guide for placement. Feed “rope” through loops and tie in a loose square knot.

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