

CHIC BABY BAG

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THIS STYLISH TOTE FOR BABY'S CARRY-ALONG NECESSITIES FEATURES A ROOMY INTERIOR AND ZIPPER CLOSURE, AND INCLUDES HANDY BOTTLE POCKETS ON THE FRONT AND A CHANGING PAD SECURED ON THE BACK. IT'S A GREAT GIFT FOR A NEW MOM!



SKILL LEVEL INTERMEDIATE

FINISHED SIZES

Diaper Bag: 4 x 10 x 15 inches

Changing Pad: 14 x 23 inches

MATERIALS

- Caron Simply Soft Brites medium (worsted) weight yarn (6 oz/315 yds/170g per skein):
 - 3 skeins #9608 blue mint
 - 2 skeins #9604 watermelon
- Size G/6/4mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle
- Sewing needle
- Sewing thread to match
- Matching cotton fabric: $\frac{1}{2}$ yd
- 16-inch zipper
- Stitch markers



GAUGE

20 dc = 4 inches; 14 pattern rows = 4 inches

PATTERN NOTES

Chain-2 does not count as first double crochet unless otherwise stated.

Join with slip stitch as indicated unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL STITCHES

Cluster (cl): Holding back last lp of each st on hook, 3 tr in place indited, yo, pull through all lps on hook.

Surface stitch (surface st): Holding yarn at back of work, insert hook between rows, yo, pull lp through and through lp on hook.

DIAPER BAG**Body****Top**

Row 1: With blue mint, ch 77, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn. (76 sc)

Rows 2–11: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Front

Row 1: Working in **front lps**, ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Row 2: Ch 2 (see *Pattern Notes*), dc in first st and in each st across, turn.

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Next rows: [Rep rows 2 and 3 alternately] 17 times, ending last rep with row 3.

Bottom

Row 1: Working in **back lps**, ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Rows 2–21: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Row 22: Working in front lps, ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Back

Row 1: Ch 2, dc in first st and in each st across, turn.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Next rows: [Rep rows 1 and 2 alternately] 17 times.

Top

Row 1: Working in back lps, ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Rows 2–10: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Row 11: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn. Fasten off.

Side Edging

With RS facing, working in ends of rows, join with sc at lower side edge, [sc in sc rows, 2 sc in dc rows] across. Fasten off.

Rep on opposite side beg at upper side edge.

Lower Bottle Pocket

Row 1 (RS): With blue mint, ch 78, dc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn. (76 dc)

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Row 3: Ch 2, dc in first st and in each st across, turn.

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Next rows: [Rep rows 3 and 4 alternately] 6 times. At end of last row, fasten off.

Zigzag Insert

Next row: Join watermelon in first st, ch 3, **cl** (see *Special Stitches*) first same st, *sk next 4 sts**, (cl, ch 4, cl) in next st, rep from * across, ending last rep at **, cl in last st. Fasten off.

Upper Bottle Pocket

Row 1: With RS facing, join blue mint with sc in first cl, [4 sc in next ch sp, sc in next cl] across, **do not turn**. Fasten off.

Row 2: With RS facing, join blue mint with sl st in first st, ch 1, dc in same st and in each st across, turn.

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Row 4: Ch 2, dc in first st and in each st across, turn.

Row 5: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Fasten off.

Row 6: Join watermelon with sc in first st, sc in each st across, turn.

Rows 7 & 8: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn. At end of last row, fasten off.

Edging

Working in ends of rows, with RS facing, join blue mint with sc in end of row at upper edge, [sc in each sc row, 2 sc in each dc row] across with 3 dc in end of Zigzag Insert. Fasten off.

Rep on opposite side edge.

End A

Row 1 (RS): With watermelon, ch 56, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn. (55 sc)

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each st across with 2 sc in last st, turn. (56 sc)

Row 3: Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in each st across, turn. (57 sc)

Rows 4 & 5: Rep rows 2 and 3. (59 sc at end of last row)

Row 6: Ch 1, sc in each st across with 2 sc in last st. Fasten off. (60 sc)

End B

Row 1 (RS): With watermelon, ch 56, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn. (55 sc)

Row 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in each st across, turn. (56 sc)

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in each st across with 2 sc in last st, turn. (57 sc)

Rows 4–6: [Rep rows 2 and 3 alternately] twice ending last rep with row 2. (60 sc at end of last row)

Row 7: Ch 1, sc in each st across, ch 150 (*handle*), with RS facing, sc in each sc across End A, turn.

Row 8: Ch 1, sc in each st and in each ch across, turn. (270 sc)

Rows 9–16: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

First Lower End

Row 17: Ch 1, sc in each of first 60 sts, leaving rem sts unworked, turn.

Row 18: Ch 1, **sc dec** in first 2 sts, sc in each st across, turn. (59 sc)

Row 19: Ch 1, sc in each st across with sc dec in last 2 sts, turn. (58 sc)

Row 20: Rep row 18. (57 sc)

Row 21: Rep row 19. (56 sc)

Row 22: Rep row 18. Fasten off. (55 sc)

2nd Lower End

Row 1: With RS Facing, sk 150 sts for handle, join watermelon with sc in next st on End A, sc in each st across, turn. (60 sc)

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each st across with sc dec in last 2 sts, turn. (59 sc)

Row 3: Ch 1, sc dec in first 2 sts, sc in each st across, turn. (58 sc)

Row 4: Rep row 2. (57 sc)

Row 5: Rep row 3. (56 sc)

Row 6: Rep row 2. Fasten off. (55 sc)

Changing Pad Loop**Make 2.**

Row 1: With blue mint, ch 26, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn. (25 sc)

Rows 2–4: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn. At end of last row, fasten off.

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew zipper to Top of Diaper Bag according to manufacturer's instructions.
2. Pin Bottle Pocket to Front, with WS of Bottle Pocket facing RS of Front, matching lower edge of Bottle Pocket to back lp row of Bottom sew bottom of Bottle Pocket in place.
3. With RS of Ends and Body facing out, pin Ends to Body.
4. With front of Bag, facing, beg at upper edge of right side, join watermelon with sc in first sc of Edging, working through all thicknesses of Sides, Ends and Pocket, sc pieces tog, when you reach the Handle, turn so that RS of Body is facing you, working from left to right, **reverse sc** (see Fig. 1) in end of each row across to other side, turn and sc Body, Ends and Pocket tog, when you reach the Handle, turn, reverse sc in end of each row across, join with sl st in beg sc. Fasten off.

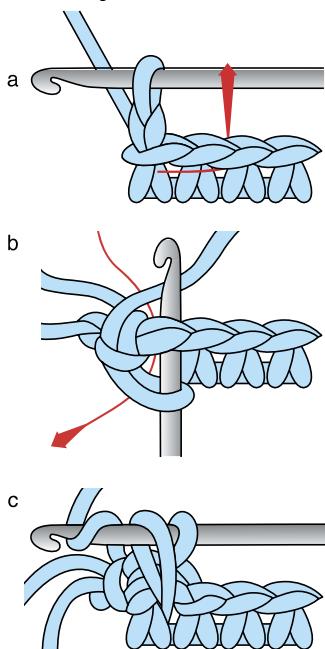


Fig. 1
Reverse Single Crochet

5. With 2 strands blue mint, **surface st** (see *Special Stitches*) from bottom edge of Bottle Pocket to top edge 5 inches in

from 1 end of Bottle Pocket. Rep on opposite end.

6. Sew Changing Pad Loops to Back of Body 4 inches in from each side edge, matching lower edge of loops with back loop row of Bottom. Sew upper edge of Changing Pad Loops 4 inches from Bottom edge.

Lining

Cut 1 piece 14 x 40 inches. Fold in half. Allowing ½-inch seam allowance, sew side seams.

Turn under ½ inch around top edge, place in bag. Sew top edge of lining in place.

CHANGING PAD

Row 1 (RS): With watermelon, ch 58, dc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn. (56 dc)

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Row 3: Ch 2, dc in first st, and in each st across, turn.

Next rows: [Rep rows 2 and 3 alternately] 33 times.

Edging

Rnd 1: Ch 1, sc in each st across to last st, 3 sc in last st, place marker in center corner st, evenly sp 104 sc in end of rows across, working in starting ch on opposite side of row 1, 3 sc in first ch, place marker in center corner st, sc in each ch across to last ch, 3 sc in last ch, place marker in center corner st, evenly sp 104 sc in end or rows across, 2 sc in same st as beg sc, place marker in center corner st, **join** (see *Pattern Notes*) in beg sc. Fasten off.

Zigzag Insert

Rnd 2: With RS facing, join blue mint with sl st in any marked st, ch 3, (tr cl, {ch 4, tr cl} twice) in same st, *sk next 5 sts, [(tr cl, ch 4, tr cl) in next st, sk next 4 sts] across to next marked st**, (tr cl, {ch 4, tr cl} twice) in next marked st, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in top of beg tr cl. Fasten off.

Edging Continued

Rnd 3: With RS facing, join watermelon



with sc in any corner tr cl, sc in same st, *[4 sc in next ch sp**, sc in sp between tr cl] across to ch sp before next corner, 4 sc in next ch sp, 3 sc in corner tr cl, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, sc in same corner as beg sc, join in beg sc.

Rnd 4: Ch 3, 2 dc in same st, *dc in each st across to corner**, 3 dc in corner st, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 5: Ch 1, sc in first st, ch 1, sk next st, [sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st] around, join in beg sc. Fasten off.

Beg at 1 short end, roll Changing Pad up. Insert in Changing Pad Loops on back of Diaper Bag. **Cl!**