Bucket bag Alkekengi

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Beginner

Finished measurements:

Base: 28x13 cm (11 $\frac{1}{32}$x5 $\frac{1}{8}$").

Height: 30 cm (11 $\frac{13}{16}$").

Materials: Adriafil Rafia natural (67): 10 skeins; size 4 mm (8UK-G/6US) and size 5 mm (6UK-H/8US) crochet hooks; stitch markers (= SM); 1 faux leather bag handle (as in picture or of your choice).

Patterns and stitches: chain, slip stitch, double crochet.

Tension: 17 dcs and 19 rows using size 5 mm crochet hook = 10x10 cm (4x4").

Take time to check tension and change hook if necessary.

Directions:

Base: using size 5 mm crochet hook and yarn held double chain 20 sts.

Round 1: ch1 (counts as 1st dc), dc19 into back loop only, dc3 in last st (Note: place a SM in each one of last 3 dcs), turn, dc19 into front loop only, dc2 in last st, ss1 in 1st ch (Note: place a SM in each one of last 2 dcs and in 1st dc of round: you have 3 SMs at each end) (= 44 dcs).

Round 2: (ch1 (counts as 1st dc) and dc1) in 1st marked st, dc19, dc2 in each marked st, dc19, dc2 in each marked st, ss1 in 1st ch (= 6 sts increased).

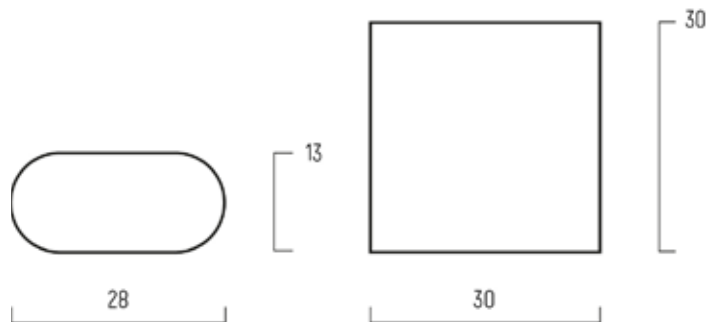Work 6 more rounds as given (= 86 dcs).

When the base reaches the desired size (= 28 x 13 cm; 11 $\frac{1}{32}$-5 $\frac{1}{8}$"), remove all SMs. Change to size 4 mm crochet hook and using only 1 strand of yarn work 1 round of double crochet increasing 24 sts evenly across (= 110 dcs).

Work rounds of double crochet until the bag reaches the desired height (= 30 cm; 11 $\frac{13}{16}$"), then work 1 round of slip stitch.

Finishing:

For drawstring, using size 5 mm crochet hook and yarn held double crochet a chain 120-150 cm (47 $\frac{1}{4}$-59 $\frac{1}{16}$") long. Work 1 round of slip stitch.

Place 2 SMs about 6-7 cm (2 $\frac{3}{8}$-2 $\frac{3}{4}$") apart at centre front, 5 rounds below upper edge, then thread drawstring all around beginning and ending at SMs. Attach handle (see picture).

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