

Windmill Bag



Can be knit, crocheted, or done in Tunisian stitch. Any yarn can be used, with appropriately-sized hook or needles. Important thing is the ratio between width and length of strips (about 1-5).

Crochet North American terms: half-double crochet (hdc), single crochet (sc).

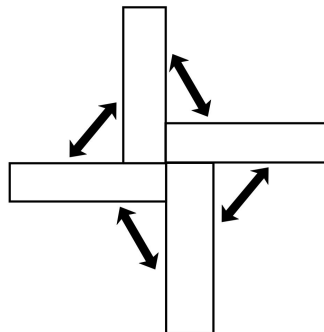
Requires 4 or 5 colours of yarn - 4 for strips and another to use around edges and for handles. Make 4 strips of different colours or make three plain and one striped with other 3 colours, or include edging colour (as in image above).

Crochet Pattern:

1) Ch 16, hdc in third ch from hook and across (14 sts), ch1, turn, hdc in first hdc and across. Repeat for 35 rows. Bind off.

2) Crochet sc border around each strip in contrasting colour, making 3 sc at corners.

3) Place stripes end to end in a windmill shape:



4) With wrong side facing (based on sc edging), whip stitch strips together where they join in the middle, as in diagram. With a yarn needle, whip-stitch two strips together on wrong side (see arrows) from the centre of each arm to the end of the shortest strip on opposite sides (one arm will be longer). Whip stitch remaining two sides together. Fold in half. Each side will have two pointed ends and two V's. Turn to the right side.

5) Sc along leading edges of top in contrasting colour, making a 7 ch loop joined into middle sc of the 3 sc on each point and across 'V' of two sides only. Make second row of sc along top edges and 10 sc in ch 7 loops. Bind off and weave in all ends.

6) Make a cord of suitable length. Ch 103 for short strap, 203 for long one, sc in 3rd ch from hook and across, or knit 4 stitches across for required length. A four pin spool knitter will make a uniform knitted cord. Thread through loops of bag and knot at one "V" without loop.