



Striped Afghan Stitch Shoulder Bag

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Designed by Darla Sims.

Bag measures 12½" wide x 9" high.

TLC® "Essentials™": 1 skein each 2675 Dark Thyme **A** and 2820 Robin Egg **B**.

Afghan Hook: 5.5mm [US I-9].

Crochet Hooks: 5.5mm [US I-9] and 3.75mm [US-F-5].

Yarn needle, one round ¾" button, two 1¼" D rings.

GAUGE: 12 sts = 4"; 12 rows = 4" in afghan st. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

SPECIAL ABBREVIATION

sc2tog = draw up a loop in next 2 sc, yo and draw through all 3 loops on hook – 1 sc decreased.

NOTE: Each row of Afghan Crochet is worked in two half rows, all worked from the right side.

BAG

With afghan hook and **A**, ch 36.

First Half Row 1: Keeping all loops on hook, draw up a loop in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across – 36 loops on hook. Drop **A**.

Second Half Row 1: Join **B**, yarn over and draw through 1 loop on hook, * yarn over and draw through 2 loops; repeat from * until 1 loop remains on hook (last loop counts as first st of next row).

First Half Row 2: Skip first vertical bar, keeping all loops on hook, draw up a loop in each vertical bar to last bar; insert hook in last vertical bar AND the strand directly behind it and draw up a loop. Drop **B**.

Second Half Row 2: Pick up **A** and repeat Second Half Row 1.

Repeat Row 2 for pattern, alternating colors as before until 24" from beginning, ending with Second Half of Row 2 with **A**. Do not fasten off. Mark center of last row for button loop placement.

Edging

Rnd 1: With larger crochet hook and **A**, ch 1, work sc around entire outer edge of piece, working 3 sc in each corner; join with a slip st to first sc.

Rnd 2: Slip st in each sc to marker, ch 7 for button loop, slip st in each sc around; join. Fasten off.

Button Cover

Rnd 1: With smaller crochet hook and **B**, ch 2; 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook. Do not join but work in continuous rounds.

Rnd 2: 2 Sc in each sc around – 12 sc.

Rnds 3 and 4: Sc in each sc around; join with a slip st in next sc. Fasten off leaving 8" tail. Place button at center of button cover. Thread tail into yarn needle, weave through sts; draw up firmly; fasten securely.

Gussets (Make 2)

Row 1: With larger crochet hook and **A**, ch 10; sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across; turn – 9 sc.

Rows 2-8: Ch 1, sc in each sc across; turn.

Row 9: Ch 1, sc2tog, sc in each sc to last 2 sc; sc2tog; turn – 7 sc.

Rows 10-25: Repeat Rows 2-8 twice more – 3 sc at end of Row 25. Do not fasten off.

Edging

Rnd 1: Ch 1, sc around gusset, working 3 sc in each corner; join with a slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

Strap

Rnd 1: With larger crochet hook and **A**, ch 81; 2 sc in 2nd



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ch from hook, sc in each ch to last ch, work 3 sc in last ch, working on opposite side of ch, sc in each st across and 1 sc in same ch as first 2 sc; join with a slip st to first sc. Fasten off.

Assembly

With the top (narrow end) of each gusset even with the top of the front of the bag, pin in place down the side, across the bottom and up the other side of the gusset, leaving the top of the gusset and about 3½" of the back of the bag free. (The 3½" of the back forms the flap.) Sew gussets in place. Sew button to bag front to correspond to button loop.

Sew ends of strap to D rings. Sew D rings to top of gussets.



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ABBREVIATIONS: **A, B** = color A, B; **ch** = chain; **mm** = millimeters; **rnd** = round; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **yo** = yarn over; * = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.



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