## Snowflake Shopping Bag – Designed by Itchy Crochet







Snowflake Pack Away Shopping Bag in Sirdar Ella DK

Materials: Yarn A:White Ella 126m Yarn B:Red Ella 26m 4mm Crochet Hook 6mm Crochet Hook 17mm button Sewing Needle & White or Red Sewing Cotton

Base measures 13cm / 5 inches Handles measure 18cm / 7 inches

STS = Stitches CH-SP = Chain space HTR = Half treble DTR = Double treble BL = Back of loop SK = Skip next stitch CH = Chain DC = Double crochet TR = Treble crochet INC = Increase by working 2 sts in the same space FL = Front of loop SL-ST = Slip stitch

Worked in the round, joining with a chain.

Base: Make 2 using 4mm hook.

In A: Ch 2

Round 1: 6DC in  $2^{nd}$  ch from hook. Join with sl-st into  $1^{st}$  dc. 6sts

Round 2: Ch 5 (counts as tr & 2ch), tr in 1<sup>st</sup> dc, (tr, 2ch, tr in next dc) 5 times, join with sl-st in 3<sup>rd</sup> ch at beginning of round.

6 tr, 2ch, tr clusters.

Round 3: SI-st to 2ch-sp, 3ch (counts as 1<sup>st</sup> tr from now on), in same 2ch-sp tr, 3ch, tr, (2tr, 3ch, 2tr) in each 2ch-sp around, join with sI-st in 3<sup>rd</sup> ch at start of round. 6 2tr, 3ch, 2tr clusters.

Round 4: SI-st to 3ch-sp, (3ch, 2tr, 3ch, 3tr, 1ch) in 1<sup>st</sup> 3ch-sp, (3tr, 3ch, 3tr, 1ch) in each 3ch-sp around, join with sI-st to 3<sup>rd</sup> ch at start of round. 6 3tr, 3ch, 3tr clusters.

Round 5: Sl-st to 3ch-sp, (3ch, 3tr, 2ch, 4tr, 3ch) in first 3ch-sp, (4tr, 2ch, 4tr, 3ch) in each 3ch-sp around, join with sl-st in 3<sup>rd</sup> ch at start of round. 6 4tr, 2ch, 4tr, 3ch clusters.

Break yarn A. Proceed in B:

Round 6: Join with 1dc in any 2ch-sp, (1ch, 1dc) in same space, {work the following sts in spaces between trebles, not top of each tr}, 1htr between each of next 2 tr, tr in next space, 2tr in 3ch-sp, dtr in 1ch-sp of round 4 below, 2tr in 3ch-sp, tr in next space, 1htr in each of next 2 spaces, \*(dc, 1ch, dc) in next 2ch-sp, htr in next 2 spaces, tr in next space, 2tr in 3ch-sp, dtr in 1ch-sp of round 4 below, 2tr in 3ch-cp, tr in next sp, htr in next 2 spaces\*, rep from \* to \* 5 times, join with sl-st in 1<sup>st</sup> dc. 78 sts.

Round 7: SI-st to 1ch-sp, INC in each ch-sp, 1dc in each st to end. 90 sts.

Fasten off.

To join both pieces together:

In B, with wrong sides together join yarn with a dc in FL of any INC of round 7. 1dc in FL of each of next 62sts through both pieces together, dc in each of next 14FL through ONE piece only, ch5, 14dc in next 14FL through ONE piece only, dc in each of remaining FL of second piece, fasten off.

To make bag section:

Turn work inside out.in A join with a sl-st in BL of one piece. Round 1: In BL of one piece only, (5ch, sk next 2 sts, sl-st in next st) 29 times, 5ch, sl-st T into first 5ch-sp, 30 ch loops.

Change to 6mm hook and proceed as follows:

Rounds 2 – 26: (5ch, sl-st in next ch-sp), 30 times.

Fasten off.

IMPORTANT: Do not panic when chained section looks like it is working flat. As long as you do not increase the number of chain loops it will turn out bag shaped.

Edging: With 4mm hook & B, join with sl-st to any 5ch loop. 5dc in each loop to end. 150sts.

Handles: Row 1 – 30:Ch2 (counts as 1<sup>st</sup> tr), tr in next 6 sts, turn. 7sts. Sk 29 dc, align edge of handle with next 7 dc & sl-st together through both sts. Fasten off & break yarn.

To place  $2^{nd}$  handle, Sk 29 dc, join yarn with sl-st, repeat from row 1.

Sew button on to finish