



Covered Tote Bag

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Materials Required:

AMERICAN THREAD

"AUNT LYDIA'S" HEAVY RUG YARN

4 - 70 yd. Skeins Watermelon

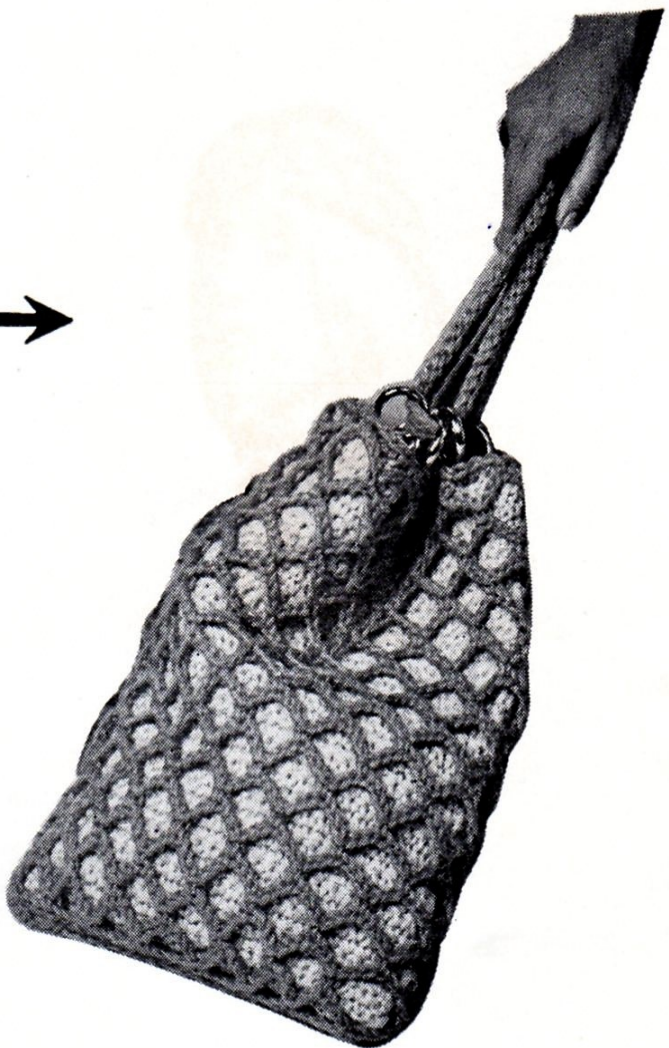
2 - 70 yd. Skeins Buttercup for bag and head band.

Aluminium Crochet Hook Size J OR ANY SIZE HOOK WHICH WILL RESULT IN STITCH GAUGE BELOW

6 Brass Rings

GAUGE: 5 sts = 2 inches; 3 rows = 1 inch
BAG

UNDER SECTION: With Buttercup ch 31, 1 sc in 2nd st from hook and in each remaining st of ch, ch 1 to turn all rows.
2nd ROW: 1 sc in each sc. Repeat 2nd row until section measures 14 inches from beg, cut yarn. Work another section in same manner. **MESH COVER:** With Watermelon ch 32, 3 sc in 2nd st from hook, 1 sc in each st of ch to within last st, 3 sc in last st, working on opposite side of starting ch, 1 sc in each of the next 29 sts, join in 1st sc. **2nd ROUND:** Ch 1, sc in next sc, * ch 7, skip next 3 sc, sc in next sc, repeat from * 14 times, ch 3, dc in 1st sc (this brings yarn in position for next round). **3rd ROUND:** Ch 7, sc in center st of next loop, repeat from beg all around ending with ch 3, dc in dc. Repeat 3rd round 13 times, cut yarn.



FINISHING: Place the 2 under sections tog and sew 3 sides tog leaving opening on 1 short side. Place mesh cover over bag tacking sc row in position to lower edge of bag. **EDGE:** Attach Watermelon in center st of loop at side and in side seam, sc in same space, * 1 sc in each of the next 3 sc of under section, working through both thicknesses, work 1 sc in center st of next loop and next sc, repeat from * 6 times, 1 sc in each of the next 2 sc, sc through center st of next loop and side seam, work remaining edge to correspond, join, cut yarn. Place rings evenly; sew in position. **TIES: (Make 2):** With Watermelon ch 32, sl st in 2nd st from hook and in each remaining st of ch, cut yarn. Lace ties through rings starting each one at opposite end. Knot ends of ties tog.