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Tapestry crochet shoulder bags are a lot of fun to make. They are about 6"-7" long/wide just the right size to carry a passport, wallet, keys and other bare necessities for when you do not wish to carry a large bag. They do take a little while to make if you are not used to tapestry crochet, but they are well worth the time and effort. The more colours one uses for the bag, the taller it will be. Included is a blank tapestry crochet graph that you can colour in to make your design. Then using the written instructions below, you will be on your way to making your very own bag. The pictures above are some examples of designs made in this way.

For this shoulder bag, you will need to know how to change colours with tapestry crochet and how to mirror single crochet. For help and tips on tapestry crochet, go to [www.tapestrycrochet.com](http://www.tapestrycrochet.com). The lady from this site is great! Alternatively, you could probably adjust the designs you make with this graph to whichever crochet technique you prefer that uses a graph pattern. I used a 2.1mm hook and crochet cotton lace for the bags pictured above, but if you would prefer to use a thicker yarn, just be sure to use a corresponding hook size to match it. If you do that instead, keep in mind you will produce a larger bag, and that you may need to use a lining. Happy Hooking!

#### You will need:

- crochet cotton thread (I used ciruculo clea but you can use any brand you prefer); 2+ colours. Approximately 100m-200m in each colour, less with many colours, more with fewer colours.
- a 1.9mm or 2.1mm hook will produce a bag approximately 6"-7" in size.
- embroidery needle
- sewing needle
- thread in a matching colour
- 6"-8" zipper, alternatively you can use velcro, or whatever fastener you prefer.

#### Abbreviations:

ch chain

st stitch

f/o fasten off

tapestry sc tapestry single crochet (sc while carrying other colours in between stitches)

mirror same as tapestry sc, only this time take the loops (st) from the back instead of the front.  
 tapestry sc \*If you need help with the mirror part of this st, go to youtube and type "mirror crochet".  
 There should be a video tutorial by SadDaysCrochet on how to do this.

## First Things First:

To start, you will need to design your tapestry crochet bag. Pick some colours and make your design. Each space in the graph is equal to one stitch. When it is ready, continue reading the instructions below.

## Bag Instructions: Make 2

Use the graph you designed as you crochet according to these instructions. Each space in the graph is equal to one stitch. When odd rows are worked, the right side is facing you, and when even rows are worked, the wrong side faces you. To each side of the graph, it says the row number (odd to one side and even on the other), and points in the direction you need to follow.

with base colour, or first colour used in the graph, ch 56, pull last ch tight

**row 1:** tapestry sc in the 2nd ch from hook and in each st across according to the graph, ch 1, pull tight, turn. (55 st)

**row 2:** mirror tapestry sc in each st across according to the graph, ch 1, pull tight, turn.

**row 3:** tapestry sc in each st across according to the graph, ch 1, pull tight, turn.

**rows 4-55:** repeat rows 2 & 3 alternately according to the graph, f/o.

## Strap Instructions: Make 1

For the first two bags pictured above, I just used the base colour for the strap and carried the rest because they had a base colour. However, for the last one, I alternated colours and how many rows of the colour I did because each colour was used the same amount of times: (4 rows first colour, 2 rows second colour, 4 rows third colour, 2 rows first colour, 4 rows second colour, 2 rows third colour) repeat. Feel free to do it, however you would like.

ch 5, pull last ch tight

**row 1:** tapestry sc in the 2nd ch from hook and in each st across, ch 1, pull tight, turn. (4 st)

**row 2:** mirror tapestry sc in each st across, ch 1, pull tight, turn.

**row 3:** tapestry sc in each st across, ch 1, pull tight, turn.

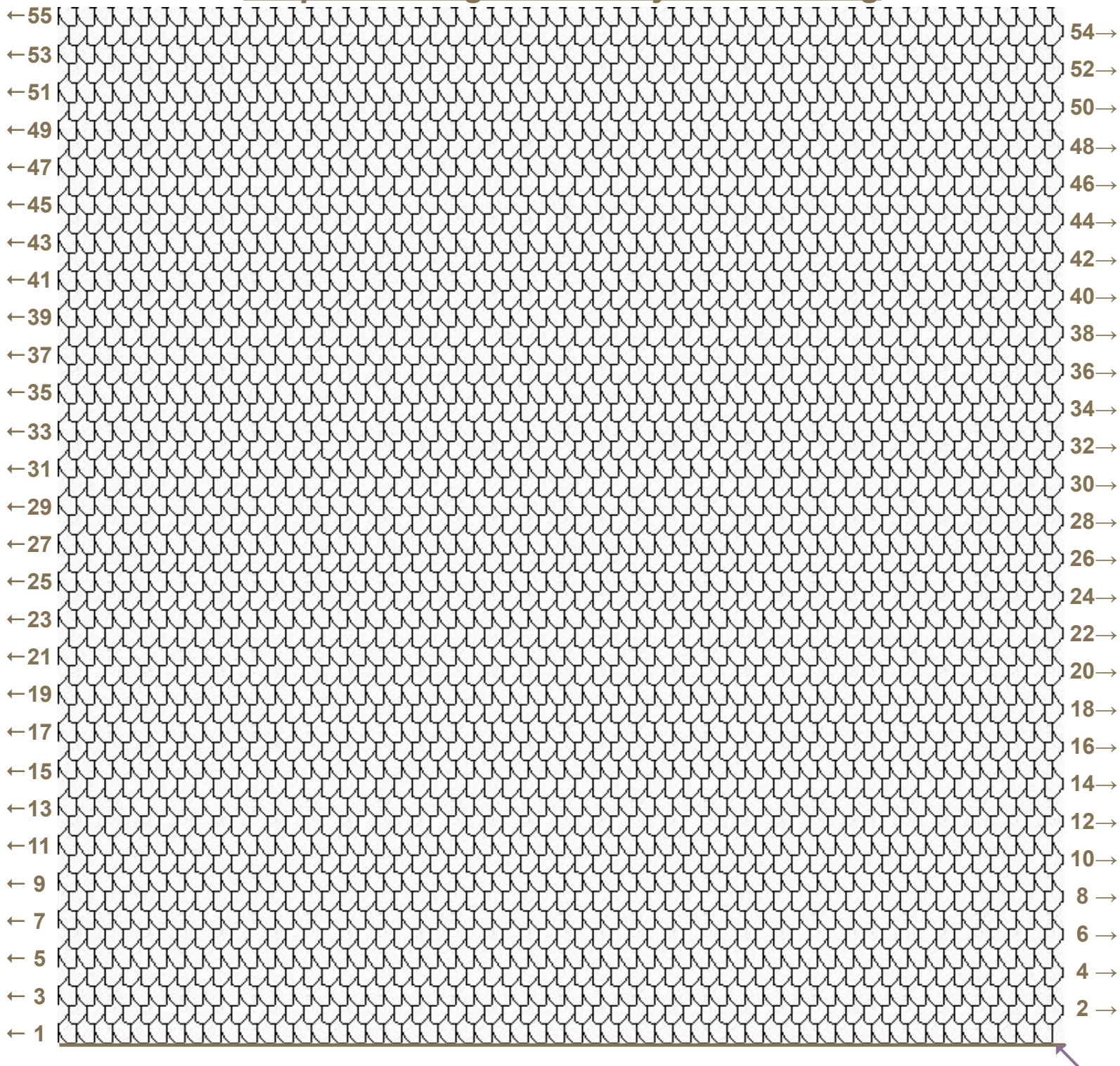
**rows 4+:** repeat rows 2 & 3 alternately until you reach desired length (at least 200 rows, approximately), f/o.

With right sides of bag together, sew down one side of bag, then the bottom of the bag, and finally the other side of the bag. Make sure to sew the excess yarn as you go. Tie off, and turn right side out. Next, sew the ends of the straps to opposite sides of the bag so that they are centered. Sew on the zipper, or your choice of fastener.

There you have it! A super fun and easy tapestry crochet shoulder bag!

\*If you have any questions, or need help with this pattern, feel free to [contact me](#). I will be more than happy to help you!

## Graph to Design Your Very Own TC Bag



Start Here

*All you have to do is colour in the spaces above, however you like. How it looks on this graph is more or less exactly how it will look when you have crocheted it.*

\*This tapestry crochet graph paper is designed by Carol Ventura - [www.tapestrycrochet.com](http://www.tapestrycrochet.com), and has been modified by Rebeckah Ferger - [www.rebeckahstreasures.com](http://www.rebeckahstreasures.com) to be just the right size for a shoulder bag. The graph is 55 st x 55 rows.