

## Tension

I won't ask you to worry about tension square! Due to their nature, mesh bags are soft and malleable, so the tension is not a sensible thing to worry about. The pattern is aimed for a comfortable tension.

## Pattern

This pattern is also available in a standard size.

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# Mesh Bags

## About these Bags

This pattern is for elegant hand-held mesh bags, with the particular feature that they can be packed in on themselves to form a compact ball when not in use. Much prettier and better designed than many 'string' bags you can buy or make, they take a little more work, but they will repay every bit of your effort many times over, and are easily nice enough to give as gifts.

The mesh size is smaller around the base of the bags the better to support whatever you want them to hold. The mesh in the main section of the bag adjusts as necessary to the contents. The handles are also broader than on many string bags to avoid them 'cutting' into your hand.

If you wish, you can omit the drawstrings altogether for a non-collapsible bag. You can embellish the bags with beads if you so wish. The regular bag can optionally be made with long (shoulder) straps rather than handles.

## Bag Sizes

This pattern contains two bag patterns, designed to create the most useful sizes of bag.

### Regular Bag

The regular bag is approximately 45cm across the top rim, and is endlessly useful for everything you ever want a bag for.

When tucked away into itself, the regular bag is approximately 10cm in diameter.

### Small Bag

The small bag is approximately 26cm across the top rim, and is an ideal size for a few bits such as a sandwich and drink, small crochet project, or a book. It is also a lovely bag for a child.

When tucked away into itself, the small bag is approximately 8cm in diameter.

However, by using different yarn weights and hook sizes for either of the patterns, you can make bags of a range of sizes to suit your needs.

For example, if you use 4ply and 3mm hook for the small bag pattern your bag will be approximately 31cm across the top rim.



## Materials & Equipment

For the patterns as given you will need yarn in approximately the following weights and quantities:

Regular bag	4ply	230m
Small bag	No 5 / 3ply	120m

But as discussed above, you can choose different weights of yarn to vary the bag according to your requirements. Don't forget to make a note of the yarn and hook you choose for future reference!

See 'Yarn Choices' for suggestions about the best types of yarn to choose.

You will need a 2.5mm crochet hook for the small bag and a 3mm crochet hook for the regular bag, or the sizes you prefer to use with your chosen yarn weight.

Optionally, you can include one or more beads on each of your bag's drawstring, the eyes of which need to be large enough to fit on to your chosen yarn.

You will also need a yarn or tapestry needle and some sharp scissors.

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