

# Pattern Star Stitch "Big"

The pattern describes how

1. You can combine two patterns and crochet the bottom part in dc pattern before starting the Star stitch pattern;
2. To crochet Star stitch from the beginning;
3. The Star stitch pattern can stand in straight rows or staggered;
4. To start if you use a PU leather base as bottom;
5. The size can be adjusted.

Incl: Step by Step, pictures (73).  
Tutorial for lining + zipper pocket.

*Model: Star Stitch in black.*

*Size: 34 x 10 x H 36 cm.*

*Pattern with 10 ch extra.*

*Tension: 9 Star Stitch/10 cm.*

*Hook: 3,5 - 4,5 mm.*

*Yarn: 400 g.*



*Crocheted in Cosy - a wonderfully soft  
and high quality cotton blend.  
60% Cotton/40% Acrylic, 50 g/100 m.*



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### The Lining

For all bags in our collection we have added the lining – beautiful lining gives the finish, the extravagant look and the luxury feeling of quality. The lining also has a very important function – it keeps the bag in shape.

### About Star Stitch Design

The Star Stitch design is a beautiful design, which needs a little patience to learn. We recommend getting familiar with the Star Stitch pattern before starting the bag: crochet a chain of 30 ch and test the pattern. We have made a big effort, with a lot of step by step photos and text guide – but we do also tell that the best way to learn a crochet-sewing instruction is by a teacher showing you, or a video.

Pay attention to the base measure of your bag – it is the starting point for the bag's width and depth.

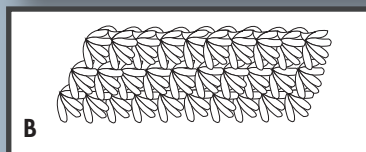
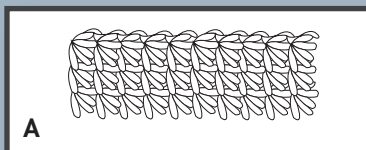
### Mix & Match – Size & Pattern

The pattern describes how the bag can be crocheted in different sizes and how two crochet patterns can be combined to create a unique handmade bag.

At the front page we have written the yarn usage and measure for our bag, as well as whether we have added an extra size.

Star stitch can be crocheted so that all Star stitches are aligned in the rows (Picture A) – or where the row has a sloping position (Picture B).

The sloping position is created by working in a spiral, as described in the pattern – the aligned row pattern is created by adding 1 ch in each round at the end.



*Should you want to make your bag smaller or larger you can start with a chain of 51 (smaller) or 71 (larger) - the rest of the pattern should be adjusted accordingly - and then crochet until the bag reaches the desired height.*

If you want a firm bottom, a base in your bag, then you start out with pulling a loop through a hole. Crochet afterwards 2 times in each hole – at the corner 3 times (choose only one of the corner holes).

Crochet a round of htr in the back loops – and afterwards continue as described in the pattern from picture 7-51.

The base of the bag can also be crocheted with double Cosy yarn, which will give a very dense and strong bag.

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## ABBREVIATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

st	Stitch(es)
ch	Chain stitch
sl st	Slip stitch
dc	Double crochet
bl	The back loop
htr	Half treble
r	Round(s)
yo	Yarn over

# STAR STITCH "BIG"

## 1. The base worked in the htr pattern – size of bag 24 x 10 x H 36 cm

Crochet a foundation chain of 61 ch. Then work in a spiral (around the foundation chain)  
The 1st round starts in the 2nd st. Then crochet 59 htr in the bl and 3 htr in the final st on the foundation chain.

*! It is very important that the increases (the 3 htr's) are made before turning the work.*

Turn the work and crochet 1 htr in each of the front loops on the opposite side, in total 58.

End with 2 htr in the final st.

Crochet 1 htr in each st, in total for 15 rounds. 122 htr in each round.

Picture guidance 1-6

*The base has now been finished in the htr pattern and measures approx. 24 x 10 cm.*





## First Star stitch, (on 1st round after the htr base)

Crochet 1 dc in the next ch (by the crochet hook). Crochet 3 ch in (the same) dc.  
This is your first loop of the star stitch pattern.

Then:

Put the hook in the 2nd ch from the hook and pull a loop through. You have 2 loops on your hook.

Put the hook in the 3rd ch from the hook and pull a loop through. You have 3 loops on your hook.

Put the hook in the 4th ch from the hook and pull a loop through. You have 4 loops on your hook.

Put the hook in the 5th ch from the hook and pull a loop through. You have 5 loops on your hook.

Put the hook in the 6th ch from the hook and pull a loop through. You have 6 loops on your hook.

Yo and pull through all the 6 loops. You have 1 loop on your hook. Crochet 1 ch to finish the first Star stitch.

Picture guidance for the Star stitch 7-18\*

\* Note:

The procedure for the Star stitch is the same, regardless of whether the previous pattern is double crochet or half-treble crochet.





## Second Star stitch (on 1st round after the htr base)

There is 1 loop on the hook – place the hook through the ‘eye’ on the first Star stitch (on top of the Star stitch), to pull up another loop.

There are now 2 loops on the hook.

Then:

Put the hook under the 2nd st of the previous Star stitch. Pull a loop through.

You have 3 loops on your hook.

Put the hook in the st placed down to the left of your hook. Pull a loop through.

You have 4 loops on your hook.

Put the hook in the next st from you hook. Pull a loop through.

You have 5 loops on your hook.

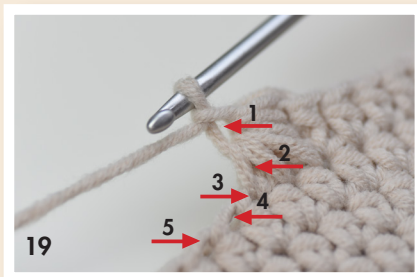
Put the hook in the next st from you hook. Pull a loop through.

You have 6 loops on your hook.

Yo and pull through all the 6 loops. You have 1 loop on your hook. To finish the first start stitch crochet 1 ch.

Picture guidance 19-25

*Continue in the Star stitch pattern, following the above description, until the end of the round. There is now 60 Star stitch in total.*







## **First Star stitch, in the second round (following the first full round of Star stitch)**

There is 1 loop on the hook – place the hook through the ‘eye’ on the first Star stitch (on top of the Star stitch), to pull up another loop.

There are now 2 loops on the hook.

Then:

Put the hook under the 2nd st of the previous Star stitch. Pull a loop through.

You have 3 loops on your hook.

Put the hook in the st placed down to the left of your hook. Pull a loop through.

You have 4 loops on your hook.

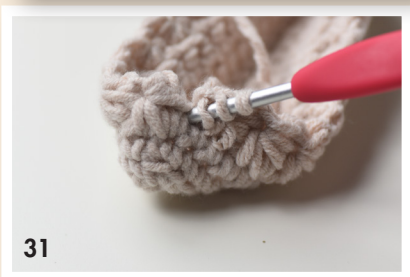
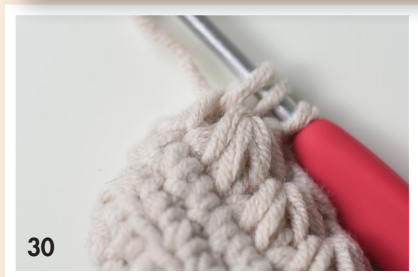
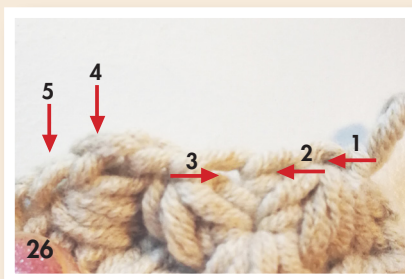
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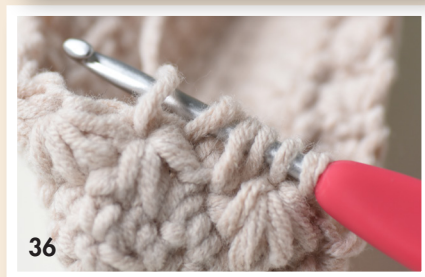
You have 5 loops on your hook.

Put the hook in the next st from you hook. Pull a loop through. You have 6 loops on your hook.

Yo and pull through all the 6 loops. You have 1 loop on your hook. To finish the first start stitch crochet 1 ch.

Picture guidance 26-37

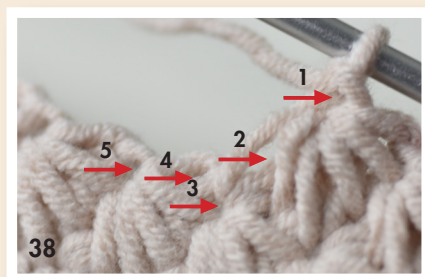




## Continuation of Star stitch

Continue in the Star stitch pattern until the end of the r and the following r until the work reaches the desired height - 61 Star stitch in each round. Guidance can be found in the chapter "*Second Star stitch*".

Picture guidance 38 - 51







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## Assembly of the base

Shape the base by turning the bag inside out. Holding the sides, pull at the sides of the bag to make the corners show. Make a seam straight across 5 cm in from each corner, the length of the seam will be approx. 10cm. Then fold the corner towards the middle of the bag and stitch to the base.

Picture guidance 52-56

*The handbag is now ready to assemble and add handles.*

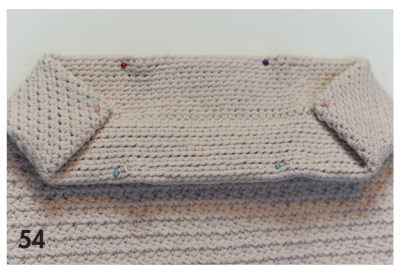


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## 2. If Star stitch is used for the base – Size of bag 24 x 10 x H 36 cm

### First Star stitch, (on the foundation chain)

Crochet a foundation chain of 61 ch. Then work in a spiral (around the foundation chain)  
The 1st round starts in the 2nd st. Then crochet 1 dc in the next ch of the foundation chain, (by your crochet hook). Crochet 3 ch in the same dc.

There is 1 loop on the hook – this loop stays on the hook and place the hook through in 2nd ch, to pull another loop (from the yarn tread) on the first Star stitch (on top of the Star stitch).  
There are now 2 loops on the hook.

Then:

Put the hook in the 3rd ch from the hook and pull a loop through. You have 3 loops on your hook.

Put the hook in the st placed down to the left of your hook. Pull a loop through.

You have 4 loops on your hook.

Put the hook in the bl, from the hook and pull a loop through. You have 5 loops on your hook.

Put the hook in the bl, from the hook and pull a loop through. You have 6 loops on your hook.

Yo and pull through all the 6 loops. You have 1 loop on your hook.

To finish the first start stitch crochet 1 ch.

## Second Star stitch (on the foundation chain)

There is 1 loop on the hook – place the hook through the ‘eye’ on the first Star stitch (on top of the Star stitch), to pull up another loop.

There are now 2 loops on the hook.

Then:

Put the hook under the 2nd st of the previous Star stitch. Pull a loop through.

You have 3 loops on your hook.

Put the hook in the st placed down to the left of your hook. Pull a loop through.

You have 4 loops on your hook.

Put the hook in the bl, from the hook and pull a loop through. You have 5 loops on your hook.

Put the hook in the bl, from the hook and pull a loop through. You have 6 loops on your hook.

Yo and pull through all the 6 loops. You have 1 loop on your hook. To finish the second start stitch crochet 1 ch.

*The second Star stitch has been finished.*

## Continuing of Star stitch – (on the foundation chain)

Continue in the Star stitch pattern for the next 29 Star stitches in the bl and in accordance with the guidance given in the chapter *Second Star stitch on the foundation chain*.

## First rounding.

*There is 1 st left on the foundation chain.*

In this, crochet 1 Star stitch (*this Star stitch creates the circle of the base*).

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There are now 2 loops on the hook.

Then:

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You have 3 loops on your hook.

Put the hook in the st placed down to the left of your hook. Pull a loop through.

You have 4 loops on your hook.

Put the hook in the final st bl from the hook. Pull a loop through. You have 5 loops on your hook.

Put the hook in the final st front loop from the hook. Pull a loop through.

You have 6 loops on your hook.

Yo and pull through all the 6 loops. You have 1 loop on your hook. To finish the second start stitch crochet 1 ch.

## Continuing of Star stitch – on the foundation chain

Continue in the Star stitch pattern for the next 29 Star stitches in the bl and in accordance with the guidance given in the chapter *Second Star stitch on the foundation chain*.

### Second rounding

*There is 1 st left on the foundation chain.*

In this, crochet 1 Star stitch (*this Star stitch creates the circle of the base*).

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There are now 2 loops on the hook.

Then:

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You have 3 loops on your hook.

Put the hook in the st placed down to the left of your hook. Pull a loop through.

You have 4 loops on your hook.

Put the hook in the next st from you hook. Pull a loop through. You have 5 loops on your hook.

Put the hook in the next st from you hook. Pull a loop through. You have 6 loops on your hook.

Yo and pull through all the 6 loops. You have 1 loop on your hook. To finish the second start stitch crochet 1 ch.

The 1st round of Star stitch has been completed.

### Second round of Star stitch

For the 2nd r, crochet 60 Star stitch round and over the 1st r. and in accordance with the guidance given in the chapter *Second Star stitch on the foundation chain*.

### First Star stitch (on 3rd following the second full Star stitch r)

There is 1 loop on the hook – place the hook through the ‘eye’ on the first Star stitch (on top of the Star stitch), to pull up another loop. There are now 2 loops on the hook.

Then:

Put the hook under the 2nd st of the previous Star stitch. Pull a loop through.

You have 3 loops on your hook.

Put the hook in the st placed down to the left of your hook. Pull a loop through.

You have 4 loops on your hook.

Put the hook in the st at the top of the first Star stitch of the 1st round. Pull a loop through.

You have 5 loops on your hook.

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## Universal sewing instructions for bag lining and zipper pockets

Always read the whole description before you start – it contains details that are important for your full understanding

### Lining for the bag:

1. Put the bag on the lining fabric and draw the outline of the bag with chalk or a pencil. Cut around the drawn line - cut two equal pieces, so you have two pieces / sides, both the same size. Note: If the bag is to have a base then the height of the fabric must be adjusted accordingly.

2. Sew three sides together with backstitches. If your bag has a base, a "flat" piece in the bottom, add this to the height of the fabric before cutting. It may be an advantage to wait with the final cut of the lining fabric until the base has been sewn together.

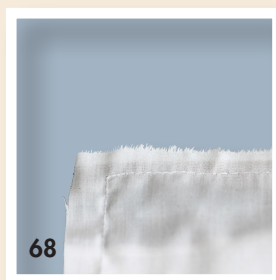
3. Make the base as follows: Put the already sewn lining fabric on a flat surface (photo 68) and in each of the two sewn corners 'pull' the fabric away from the corner – now the fabric forms a 'flat' piece and a 'triangle' (photo 69). Stitch the triangle down at the desired location depending on the size of base you want (choose how many centimetres in). When you have sewn both triangles you have your base (photo 70).

4. When your base is completed it is a good idea to place the lining into the bag to correctly measure the required length. Let the fabric line the bag and cut at the desired height. Before cutting it is also possible to take into consideration a folded edge. This will give a nice transition inside the bag. Sew the lining on with invisible stitches.

### Zip locked pocket inside the bag:

5. A pocket is made of two pieces (equal size) of lining fabric, sewn together on three sides.

6. Sew the back of the zipper to the front of one of the pieces of fabric. Fold the edge of the other piece so that the two pieces are placed right side against right side and still are equal in size. The pocket is now finished.





**Placing the pocket in the lining of the bag:**

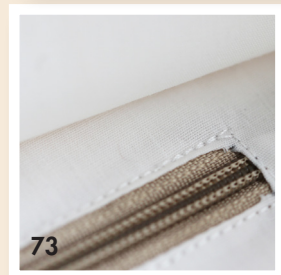
7. Put the pocket where you would like it to be, attach it to the lining with pins, then draw a line where you want the opening of the zipper. The opening can be shorter than the zipper; the extra part of the zipper will then be inside the pocket.

8. Cut the fabric where the marking for the opening is. Cut two small 'notches' of approx. 0,5 centimetres from each end of the opening - this is to make the area look nicer.

9. Fold the 'notches' back (photo 71).

10. Add the pocket, with the zipper upwards, onto the underside of the bag so that it fits with the opening in the lining. Sew on using backstitches (photo 72-73).

You have now made the lining with a zip locked pocket and all you need to do now is to attach the lining at the top of the bag with invisible stitches.



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