



Skill Level: intermediate

How much yarn: 5 balls (each ball 50g and 125m) of **Cotton Soft** yarn (100% Makò Mercerized Cotton) shade no. 31319 for a size like the one in the picture

Hook: A 3.00mm crochet hook

Sewing needle: Yarn needle with rounded point

Other items: A clutch metallic closure
A sufficient amount of patterned cotton fabric
Sewing thread and needle

STITCHES

Using crochet hook: Chain (ch) – Slip stitch (ss)
Double crochet (dc). **BASKET STITCH:** **1st round:** ch1 (which will never be counted as a stitch), 1 dc into each st, ending with 1 ss into first dc. **2nd round:** (which will never be counted as a stitch), 1 dc into first dc, * 1 dc into next st two rounds below (= insert hook into corresponding beginning ch), 1 dc into following st; rep from * ending with 1 dc into next st two rounds below and 1 ss into first dc. **3rd round:** ch1 (which will never be counted as a stitch), 1 dc into next st two rounds below (= insert hook into corresponding st on 1st round), * 1 dc into following st, 1 dc into next st two rounds below (= insert hook into corresponding st on 1st round); rep from * ending with 1 dc into next st and 1 ss into first dc. **4th round:** (which will never be counted as a stitch), 1 dc into first dc, * 1 dc into next st two rounds below (= insert hook into corresponding st on 2nd round), 1 dc into following st; rep from * ending

with 1 dc into next st two rounds below and 1 ss into first dc. Rep 3rd and 4th rounds throughout.

TENSION

Work an approx 15x15 square sample in basket st with 3mm crochet, and wash it. Then, based on resulting stitches and rounds, make any changes to the beg chains and centimetres in height, to adapt them to desired measurements. Take time to check tension before starting work: it is essential to work to the stated tension to achieve success.

INSTRUCTIONS

Commence with a number of chains equal to the internal measurement of the short side of the chosen closure (to take the measurements correctly, keep the closure open) and work in rows of dc for a length equal to the internal measurement of the long side of the closure, obtaining a rectangle (the rectangle will have the measurements of the inside of the open closure). Without cutting the yarn, work all around the rectangle 4 rounds of dc, then continue in basket stitch. After working the necessary rounds to reach the desired height for the clutch, cut and secure the yarn.

FINISHING

With Cotton Soft yarn cover the entire closure by working a round of dc around the metal tube. To make the cover even thicker and more compact, work a second round of dc overlapping the previous one. Join the closure to the top edge of the clutch. Cut a rectangle from the cotton fabric measuring the bottom of the bag and a rectangle measuring the four sides. Make the lining and sew it inside the clutch, along the top edge, using thick, hidden stitches after having folded 1 cm on the inside