

# Friendship Bags – crochet by Janice Hicks

Size G hook or size preferred

## **Base:**

Chain to 13” long. Sc in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch, sc to end of row, 3 sc in last ch, sc in each free loop of beginning chain. Then you have 2 options to move to the next row:

Option 1=slip stitch to first sc, chain 1 of beginning chain

Option 2=sc in beginning chain

## **Body:**

Sc in each sc of base row, using Option 1 or Option 2 to continue to next row. Continue sc around until bag measures 13” tall. Chain 3.

## **Beading Row:**

Row 1: sc in 2<sup>nd</sup> sc, ch2, skip 1, sc in next sc. Continue around, slip st in first chain, ch 3.

Row 2: 2 dc in each loop formed in Row 1. If total length is not 14”, crochet one more row of dc. Slip st in first dc of row to finish.

## **Drawstrings:**

Chain to about 26” long. Make two. Insert through beading Row 1, threaded in opposite directions. Tie ends of each drawstring and trim excess.

Have fun with this! Vary the colors, widths of stripes, use of variegated yarns, even add embellishments if desired! This is a great way to use up some of those leftover yarns you have stashed away.

Tip: Hide ends when changing colors as you go. Getting into the bottom of the bag to hide ends when it’s 13“ deep can be a challenge!

CHILDREN’S BAGS FOR CHRISTMAS: Please make using Christmas colors.

SMALLER BAGS (especially for stuffed animals): Make initial chain 7” long. Crochet body to a height of 5 ½”, then continue to Beading Row.