

## Crocheted Summer Sling

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This carrier is designed to carry a bottle that is the same shape and size as a liter soda bottle. It features a carrying strap plus a drawstring, making it versatile for your hiking needs. Felting can be a surprise and change the size planned for. The key to predictable results is sampling. I hope you have fun with this project!

Please see notes about different felting tips at the end of the pattern.

### **Finished size after felting:**

Approximately 12" high x 5" diameter

**Hook:** K hook, or size needed to achieve gauge.

**Yarn:** a worsted weight yarn which will felt, **double-stranded** throughout.

220 yds of red

100 yds of natural white (NOTE: do not use a bleached white yarn. The bleaching of yarn makes it less able to felt).

150 yds of blue

A small amount of white cotton yarn or twine (a dyed cotton may bleed during felting)

Zippered pillow cover or pillow case which can be tied closed. Felting process may cause yarn to shed which could clog washing machine.

**Gauge in half double crochet, unfelted:** 14 sts=5"; 9 rows=4.5 "

### **Abbreviations and terms:**

St(s) = stitch(es)

Ch = chain

HDC = half double crochet

SC = single crochet

Rnd = round

Rep = repeat

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## **Directions:**

### **Base**

With white,

Ch4, join with slip st to form a circle.

Rnd 1: Ch 2, then work 10 HDC into the ring. Slip st to join rnd. (11 sts)

Rnd 2: Ch 2, work 1 HDC into same st as ch, work 2 HDC into every st around, slip st to join rnd (22 sts)

Rnd 3: Ch 2, work 1 HDC into same st as ch, work 1 HDC in next st, \*work 2 HDC in next st, work 1 HDC in next st,\* rep around, slip st to join rnd (33 sts)

Rnd 4: Ch 2, work 1 HDC into same st as ch, work 1 HDC in the next 2 sts, \*work 2 HDC in next st, work 1 HDC in next 2 sts,\* rep around, slip st to join rnd (44 sts). Cut yarn and pull through slip st to finish base.

### **Sleeve**

With red,

From back of base to front, attach yarn by working ch 2. Work HDC in each st around by working around post of st instead of top of st. Work 2 HDC in 1 every 11th st to increase sts to 48. Slip st to join in rnd.

Next rnd: ch 2, work HDC into same st, HDC around, slip st to join.

Continue in this manner until red section measures approximately 4". Cut yarn.

With white, ch 2, work HDC into same st, HDC around, slip st to join. Cut yarn.

With blue, ch 2, work HDC into same st, HDC around, slip st to join. Continue until blue section measures approximately 3". Cut yarn

Rep 1 white rnd. Cut yarn.

With red, ch 2, work HDC into same st, HDC around, slip st to join. Continue until red section measures approximately 4". Cut yarn.

Rep 1 white rnd. Do not cut yarn.

Form holes for drawstring as follows:

Ch 2, HDC in same st, \*HDC 3, ch 1, skip 1 st, HDC in next st, ch 1, skip 1 st , HDC 6\*. Rep around. Slip st to join rnd.

Rep 1 white rnd. Cut yarn and draw through to finish off.

### **Strap**

Alternate colors in strap as desired.

Ch 6, turn.

Skip 1 ch, SC in 5 sts, ch 1, turn.

Rep this row until strap measures approximately 28".

Sew strap to sleeve, attaching at base of 1st red section and top of 2nd red section.

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**Drawstring**

Cut 6 lengths of yarn (using whichever color you prefer) approximately 42” long. Knot at one end. Braid together, or work a twisted cord by anchoring knotted end and simultaneously twisting each bundle of 3 to the right. Twist quite tightly, and without letting go of the ends, knot together and allow yarns to twist back onto themselves.

**Felting**

Thread cotton yarn through holes at top of bag to prevent them from closing during felting.

Place piece in pillow case or cover and close end. Do not include drawstring.

Using a small amount of detergent, place all but drawstring in washer and set to hottest temperature and strongest agitation. Start washing machine and remain close by! If you have a top loader you can check the felting and stop the process at any time. With a front loader, you will have to let it go the entire cycle. If it hasn’t felted to the size desired, you can restart your top loader, but may want to try shocking the piece with alternating hot and cold rinses if you have a front loader.