

CROCHET OR KNIT A CHLOE COVER

FROM LAZY GIRL DESIGNS

LAZY SECRET #8

Have you ever thought about combining your love of yarn and bags? It's easy to do. In this example, we used a variegated mohair yarn in a thin sport weight and created a yarn cover using a single crochet stitch.

Creating a yarn cover is ideal for the Chloe Handbag #120 and Katy Bags #121 patterns. These are small bags and the yarn cover is easy to sew into the seams as the bag is constructed. The yarn cover does not replace the fabric cover for the bag. The yarn cover is fused to the bag cover fabric using an iron-on fusible web such as Steam-A-Seam 2 from The Warm Company.

Things To Keep in Mind:

- Buy enough yarn and match dye lots if you need more than one skein. Make sure your yarn can withstand the heat of being ironed.
- Thin is in! The yarn cover needs to be sewn into the bag seams, so use a thin yarn. Here I've used a sport weight. Stay thinner than a worsted weight yarn for best results.
- Crochet or knit using a hook/needle that will not leave large holes between the stitches - unless that's what you want. Since this will be fused to the cover, you will be able to see the fusible web between the stitches.
- The tighter your stitches, the stiffer your yarn cover will be. So use a hook/needle that creates a piece soft enough to be folded into the bag shape.
- Make the yarn cover big enough, but not too big. Any part of your yarn cover that is larger than the fabric cover will become part of the seam allowance on the inside of the bag - and this can add bulk where you don't want it. You will probably want to cut your yarn cover to match the fabric cover and stitch through all layers close to the fabric edge to secure the loose yarn ends. Remember, the whole thing is fused, so it's pretty secure.
- My yarn cover for this bag ended up being about 1/2" short. I stretched it - just a bit and it looked okay to me. It's yarn, it's forgiving.
- I don't recommend that you try this with any of our designs until you've tried it with Chloe or Katy. Many of our designs have you sewing through a bunch of layers at the end. This means, you will want to manage the thickness of the project. To do so, you could leave the batting out to compensate for the yarn thickness. Make the project once without yarn before trying it with yarn.
- Select a cover fabric being mindful that it will show a bit between stitches on the yarn cover. It can coordinate or contrast.

How-To Make a Crocheted or Knitted Cover for Chloe:

- Crochet or knit a rectangle 12 1/2" wide x 16 1/2" long for the yarn cover.
- Adhere the yarn cover to the cover fabric using fusible transfer web. I like Steam-A-Seam 2 because it has adhesive on both sides and will hold everything in place before fusing with an iron. Follow manufacturers directions. Press using a pressing cloth/sheet.
- Stitch around the entire rectangle, through all layers using 1/8" seam allowance. Use a straight stitch is recommended.
- Cut cover notches as per the pattern instructions. Stitch the freshly cut notch edges using 1/8" seam allowance.
- Continue with the bag construction as per the pattern directions. No need to quilt or embellish.



TIPS

- If you use a magnetic snap closure, try not to cut through the yarn to make holes for the prongs on the closure. Instead, try to manipulate the fibers out of the way and cut holes in the fabric only.
- We wrapped part of the handle with some decorative yarn. We made a loop, pulled the yarn through similar to a buttonhole stitch and did this several times to cover about 2" of the handle. Then we used a large-eye needle and pulled the loose yarn ends under the wrapping. Then we scrunched it all together real tight. We also did some loose wrapping on the handle tabs.
- Cut off a few yards of each yarn you buy and start a collection to use for embellishments.



CHLOE HANDBAG #120

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