

## GEM bag holder bag

We had been storing our plastic bags for recycling in another plastic bag hanging inside of our pantry. It's gotten so full at times, that in order to close the door, we had to shove the bag to the inside and quickly shut the door. So that was kind of a pain, not to mention, a little unsightly. I know we've all seen these storage bag holders at craft shows, but I wanted one NOW :-), so what better way to utilize a skill set? This is a simple pattern that works up quickly and can be done in a single color, or multi colors, with stash yarn already on hand. Those of you that do craft fairs, this may be an item that you could make and sell, while helping to

promote recycling. My testers and I used worsted weight acrylic yarn with hooks ranging from 4.5-5.5mm. The results are relatively the same. I hope you like it!!!

Ch 24. ss in 1st chain to make a ring.

R1- ch1, sc in same space. sc in each chain around. ss join to 1st sc.  
(24 sc)

R2- ch3 (1st dc), dc in same stitch. dc in next sc. (2dc in next sc, then dc in next sc) 11 times. ss to top of ch3.  
(36 dc)

R3- ch3 (1st dc), dc in same stitch. dc in each of next 2 stitches. (2dc in next stitch, one dc in each of next 2

stitches) 11 times. ss to top of ch3. (48 dc)

R4- ch2 (1st hdc), hdc in each stitch around. (48 hdc)

R5- ch3 (1st dc), dc in each stitch around. ss to top of ch3. (48 dc)

R6- ch3 (1st dc), dc in each stitch around. ss to top of ch3. (48 dc)

R7- ch1, sc in same stitch. (ch5, sk 2 stitches, sc in next stitch) 16 times, omitting the sc in the last repeat. ss to 1st sc. (16 ch5sp, 16 sc)

R8- ss to center of ch5sp, sc. (ch5, sc in next ch5sp) around, omitting the sc in the last repeat. ss to 1st sc. (16

ch5sp, 16 sc)

R9- ss to center of ch5sp, sc. (ch5, sc in next ch5sp) around, omitting the sc in the last repeat. ss to 1st sc. (16 ch5sp, 16 sc)

R10- ss to center of ch5sp, sc. (ch5, sc in next ch5sp) around, omitting the sc in the last repeat. ss to 1st sc. (16 ch5sp, 16 sc)

R11- ss to ch5sp. ch3 (1st dc), 2dc in same ch5sp. 3dc in each ch5sp. ss to top of ch3. (48 dc)

R12- repeat R5 (48 dc)

R13- repeat R5 (48 dc)

R14- repeat R5 (48 dc)

(If you'd like to increase the length of the bag, you can simply repeat R5 here as many times as you like)

R15- repeat R7 (16 ch5sp, 16 sc)

R16- repeat R8 (16 ch5sp, 16 sc)

R17- repeat R9 (16 ch5sp, 16 sc)

R18- repeat R10 (16 ch5sp, 16 sc)

R19- repeat R11 (48 dc)

R20- repeat R12 (48 dc)

R21- repeat R4 (yes, round four :-))  
(48 hdc)

R22- ch3 (1st dc), dc in next stitch.  
dc2tog. (dc in next 2 stitches, dc2tog)  
11 times. ss to top of ch3. (36  
stitches)

R23- ch3 (1st dc), dc2tog. (dc in next  
stitch, dc2tog) 11 times. ss in top of  
ch3. (24 stitches)

R24- ch1, sc in same stitch and each  
stitch around. ss to 1st sc. (24 sc)

HANDLE- ch25, sk 2 stitches from  
R24, sc in next stitch of R24. sc in  
next stitch of 24 again. ch1, turn work.  
sc in each of the 25 chains (or you  
may evenly place 25 sc around the  
ch25). sc in next st of R24. Fasten off  
and weave in any ends.

**Stuff it full of plastic bags and hang!!!!**