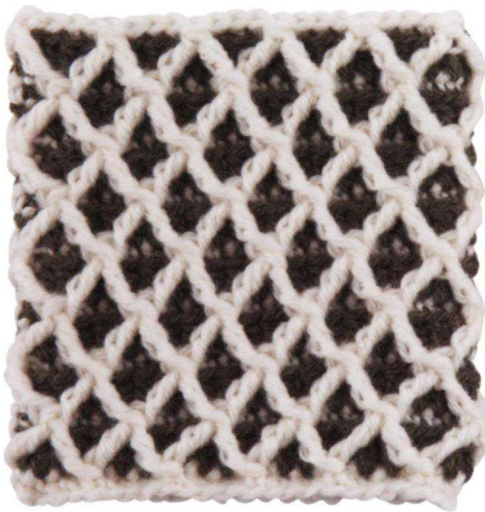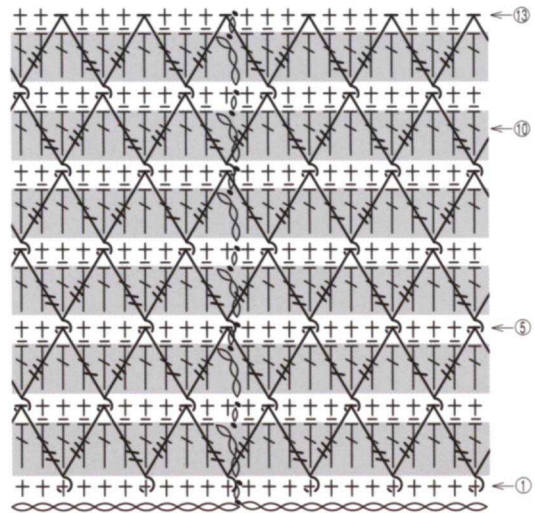# Diamond Waffle Stitch

The special quality of this pattern is its waffle-shaped texture.
Clusters of triple crochet post stitches on the right side form diagonal crossings.
If worked in two colors, the pattern stands out even more.

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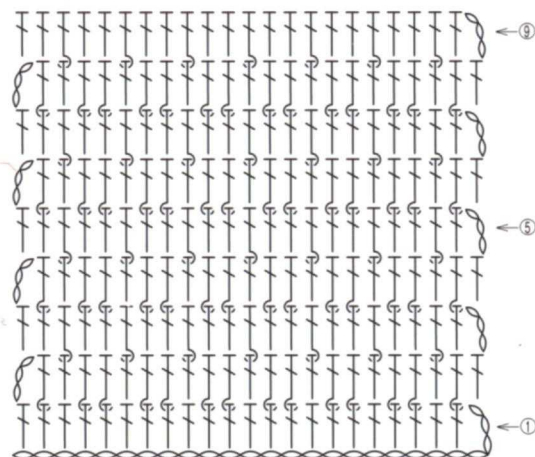◇ Swatch ◇   ◇ Pattern ◇

Waffle Stitch

This stitch looks like your breakfast waffle. It's simple to work.
Double crochet and double crochet post stitches form squares.

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◇ Swatch ◇   ◇ Pattern ◇

Point Lesson ◊ Diamond Waffle Stitch

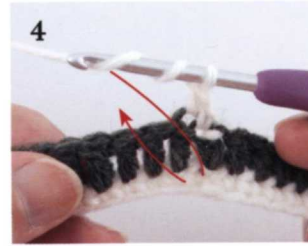※ **For this example, color A is white and color B is dark green. All rows are worked in the round.**

1

Work the first round in sc with color A. On round 2, change to color B and make 3 standing chs.
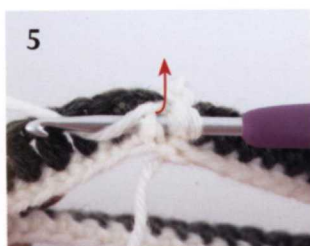
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Pull on the end of color A and tighten up the st.

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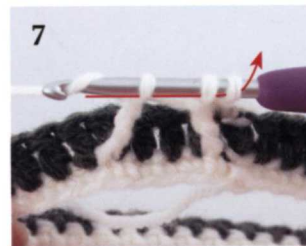Work 1 round in dc with color B. At the end, change to color A for the sl st join. 2 rounds completed.

4

Round 3: ch 1 for the standing chain, sc 1, work 1 sc in back loop. Yarn over hook twice, then insert hook, as shown by the arrow, around the legs of the first sc 2 rounds below.
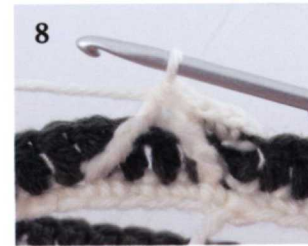
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Yarn over hook and draw up a loop, then work a tr, stopping when 2 loops are on the hook.

6

Incomplete tr.

7

Yarn over hook twice, insert the hook around the legs of the 5th st 2 rounds below from the front, and work a tr. Yarn over hook, draw yarn through 3 loops on last step of tr.
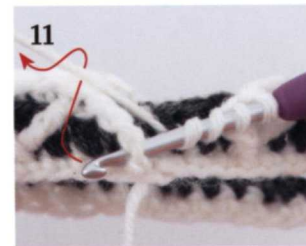
8

2 tr cluster, completed.

9

Work 3 sc in back loops, then work the same 2 tr cluster by inserting the hook in the direction of the arrows.

10

Triple crochet cluster, completed.

11

Repeat steps 9 and 10. For the last tr in the round, insert hook around the st where you inserted the hook in step 4.

12

Work one sc in back loop, then 1 sl st. Third round complete. 2 tr cluster 2 rounds below, from the front, in the direction of the arrow.

Change to color A here.

13

Round 4 is worked in dc like round 2. For round 5, change to color B, work 1 standing ch, yarn over hook twice, and insert hook around the top of the last 2 tr cluster 2 rounds below, from the front, in the direction of the arrow.
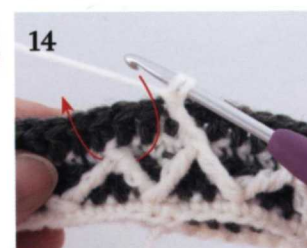
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Work an incomplete tr: yarn over hook twice, insert hook around the top of the last 2 tr cluster 2 rounds below, in the direction of the arrow. Work a tr, drawing yarn through 3 loops on last step.

15

2 tr cluster completed.

16

Continue in the same way, following the chart until you reach the end.

H Handbag

(photo on page 18)

Materials

Hamanaka Men's Club Master: natural (color 1), 160 g; blue/
green (color 70), 70 g
Yarn substitution: bulky wool: approximately 305 yards (275 m) of
natural and 135 yards (120 m) of blue/green
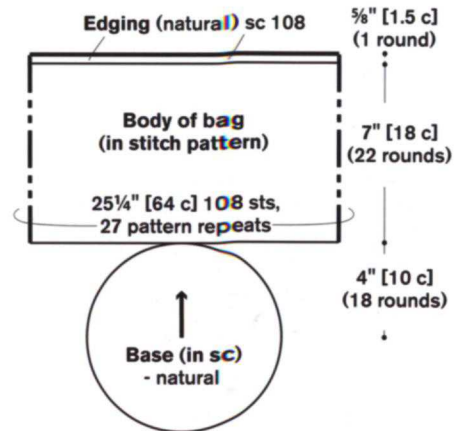Crochet hook in size 4.0 mm (US G, Japanese 7/0)

Finished size

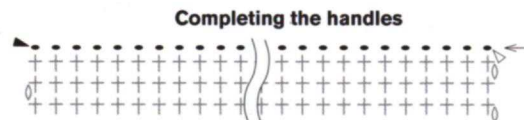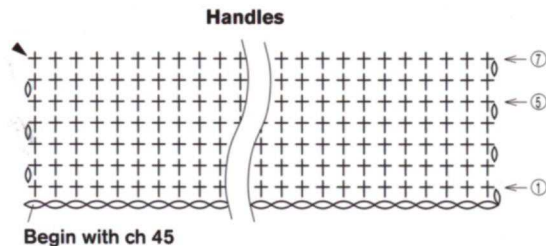Width12⅝ in (32 cm); depth 7⅝ in (19.5 cm) excluding handles

Gauge

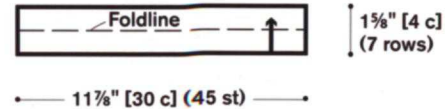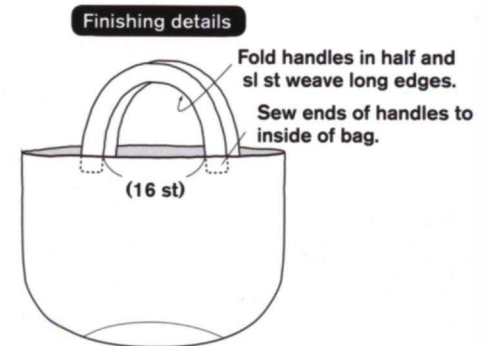17 sts x 12.5 rows = 4 in (10 cm)

Points

♦ Begin at the base with natural, and work in sc, increasing as
shown in the chart, for 18 rounds.
♦ Continue for the body of the bag in Diamond Waffle Stitch
(p. 16), following the chart for color changes, for 22 rounds.
♦ At the top edge, work 1 round sc and 1 round sl st.
♦ Make the handles in natural, using sc for 7 rows. Fold in half
lengthwise and join the edges with sl st weaving. Sew the ends
of the handles to the inside of the bag.

Edging (natural) sc 108

⅝" [1.5 c]
(1 round)

Body of bag
(in stitch pattern)

7" [18 c]
(22 rounds)

25¼" [64 c] 108 sts,
27 pattern repeats

Base (in sc)
- natural

4" [10 c]
(18 rounds)

Handles (in sc) – natural; make 2

Foldline

1⅝" [4 c]
(7 rows)

11⅞" [30 c] (45 st)

Handles

← ⑦

← ⑤

← ①

Begin with ch 45

Completing the handles

※ Fold in half lengthwise, and use
sl st weaving to join the edges.

Finishing details

Fold handles in half and
sl st weave long edges.

Sew ends of handles to
inside of bag.

(16 st)

Center ↓ **Beginning of round** ▼ **Placement for handles** **Center** ↓

← ① Edging
← ㉒
← ⑳
← ⑯
← ⑮
← ⑫
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Stitch pattern 4 sts and 4 rounds = 1 pattern repeat

← ①
← ⑱
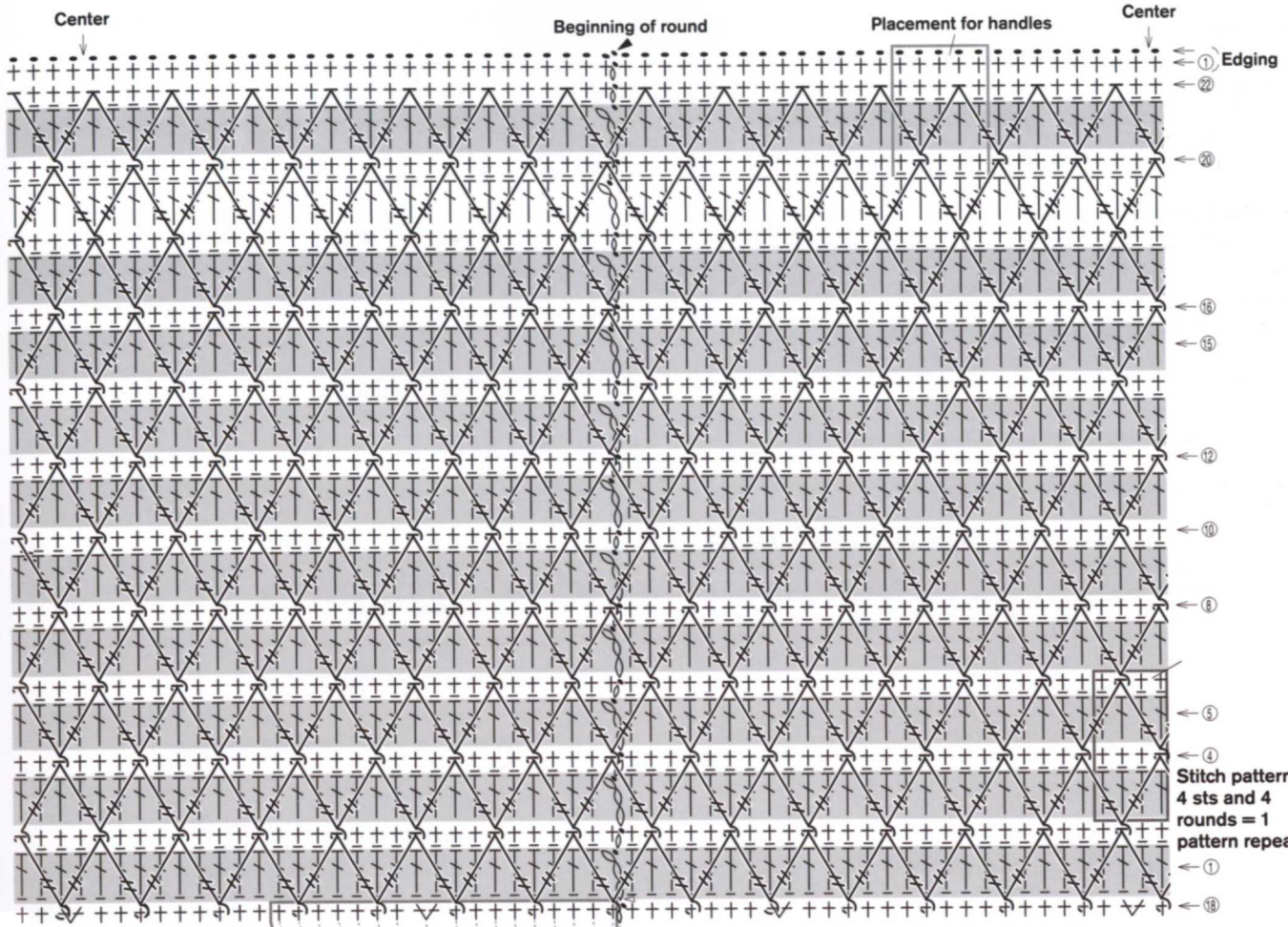
※ In stitch pattern, change color on rounds 4, 8, 12, 16 and 20 with ch 1 in new color, then work it tog with the triple crochet front post st from previous round.

Repeat 6 times around

Increases for the base

Round number	Stitch count	
18	108 st	(+6 st)
17	102 st	(+6 st)
16	96 st	(+6 st)
15	90 st	(+6 st)
14	84 st	(+6 st)
13	78 st	(+6 st)
12	72 st	(+6 st)
11	66 st	(+6 st)
10	60 st	(+6 st)
9	54 st	(+6 st)
8	48 st	(+6 st)
7	42 st	(+6 st)
6	36 st	(+6 st)
5	30 st	(+6 st)
4	24 st	(+6 st)
3	18 st	(+6 st)
2	12 st	(+6 st)
1	6 st	

= Triple crochet front post st

Colors
+ · ⌡ = Natural
▌ = Blue/green

Sc Base

▷ = Attach yarn
► = Cut yarn