

# Toddler Toy Bag

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*Note: The vegetables shown are from free patterns: Carrot is by Kristi Tullus; Tomato from Lily Sugar and Cream, Ice Cream is from Drops. Keep an eye out for another fun pattern coming soon from me that these foods will accompany!*

**A quick and fun project to make, perfect for little hands and little toys. The chunky drawstring is easy to open with a pull and easy to close with a shake- and the contrasting colors are both fun and recognizable. Little guys will love filling these with cars, toy animals, or any random treasure. You can personalize them with a name or label them to aid with organizing and clean-up skills. Helps to familiarize toddler with letters, colors, numbers and the words of their favorite things! Makes a great quick-grab car trip or busy bag. These would make great presents for the little ones in your life as well as quick gifts for their friends! Included is letter/number chart and tips on surface stitching or embroidering. And a bonus to any easy pattern, there are very few ends to sew in!**



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### Skill Level

Easy

### Finished Size

5 inches wide x 6 inches tall  
(13cm x 15.5cm)

### Materials

Medium weight yarn (#4, worsted, Aran)

- 1.6oz (45g) color A
- 1oz (28g) color B
- (optional) various small amounts

Tapestry Needle

1/9 5.50mm hook

1 Stitch Marker

(Optional) Liquid Fabric Adhesive (such as Fray Check or Fray Stoppa)

### Stitches Used

MC Magic Circle

Slst Slip Stitch

Sc Single Crochet  
Dc Double Crochet  
BLO Back Loop Only  
FO Finish Off

### Gauge

3.5 stitches per inch

Bottom of bag (thru round 8) = 5 inches in diameter

### Bag

Bag is made in continuous rounds. Do not turn. Do not join until instructed. Use a stitch marker to mark the last stitch of each round.

(color A)

1 –Leaving a long beginning tail, 8sc in a MC

*\*OR\**

*Ch4 and join to make a circle. Ch1 and 8sc into the circle. (8sc)*

2. 2sc in each stitch around. (16sc)

3. (2sc in the next stitch, sc in the next) 8 times. (24sc)

4. (Sc in the next stitch, sc in the next 2) 8 times. (32sc)

5. Sc in each stitch around.

6. (2sc in the next stitch, sc in the next 3) 8 times. (40sc)

7. (Sc in the next 2, 2sc in the next stitch, sc in the next 2) 8 times. (48sc)

8. Repeat round 5.

9. Sc BLO in each stitch around. (48sc)

10. – 23. Sc in each stitch around. On the last round, slst to next stitch to join.

24. Ch1 and sc BLO in each stitch around. Slst in beginning sc to join.

25. Ch2 (does not count as a stitch). (Dc in the next 3, ch1, sk1) 12 times. Join with a slst to the beginning dc. (12 eyelets)

26. Ch1. Sc in each dc and each ch sp. Join with a slst to beginning sc. FO. Sew in the end. (48sc)

### Trim

(color B)

*Tips on Slip Stitching:* Sometimes slipstitching can be too tight and then your fabric becomes distorted. One way to prevent this is to go slow and be conscious of a full movement of the wrist- being sure your loop slides up the shaft of the hook and not only hovering at the throat. If you find this is still too tight, you can go up a hook size for the slst'ing.

*Hold bag with bottom away from you so the prettiest side of the slst shows when the bag is sitting upright.*

1. Slst around the free loops of round 9 – at the base of the bag. FO.

2. Slst around the free loops of round 24. FO.

For these ends, use hook to pull them inside the bag. Cross them over if needed to close any gap in color. Turn the bag inside out and tie the ends together. Trim. You may wish to apply some Liquid Fabric Adhesive to prevent fraying from use and laundering.

While you have the bag wrong side out, sew the long beginning end VERY WELL. This will be the stress point of the bag, so you want it to be strong.

3. Join with a ch1 to the top edge of the bag and sc in each stitch around. Join with a slst to beginning stitch. FO. Sew in this end.



### Drawstring

Cut a 14ft (4.2m) of color B. Fold in half and leaving a long beginning tail, chain both thicknesses together. FO (50chains)

Weave through the eyelets of round 25, being sure your ends are to the outside of the bag. Knot both ends together right

against the braid and trim to make a short tassel. Note: Aim for the drawstring to match the circumference of the bag when opened.

### Personalization

Method 1: Embroidery

Use the 'squares' represented by one stitch as your guide to *outline* the letters of a name or label onto the bag.



Using the chart as a guide, stitch around the OUTSIDE of the shape only, then add any center. You can go in and out in one direction, then turn back to fill in the gaps.

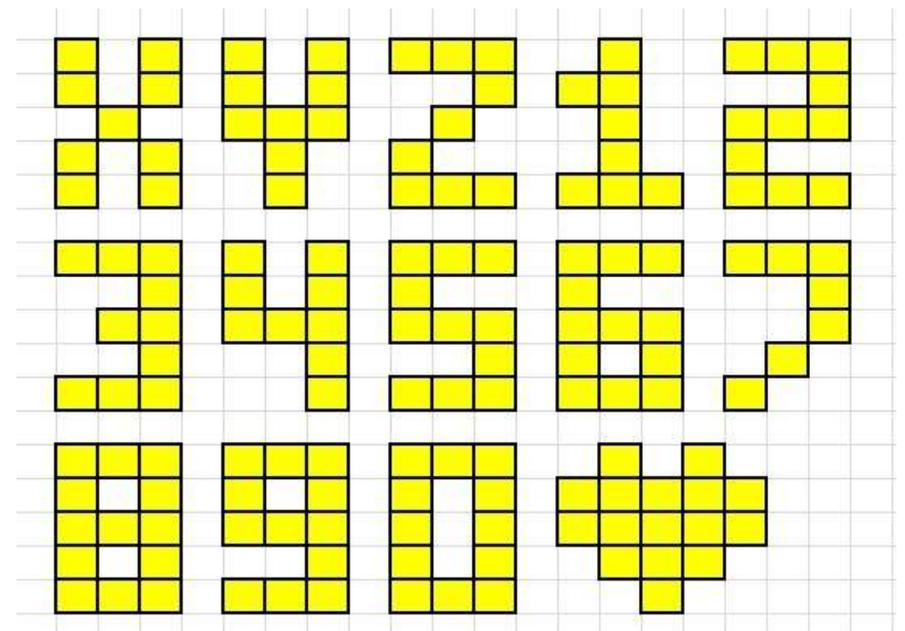
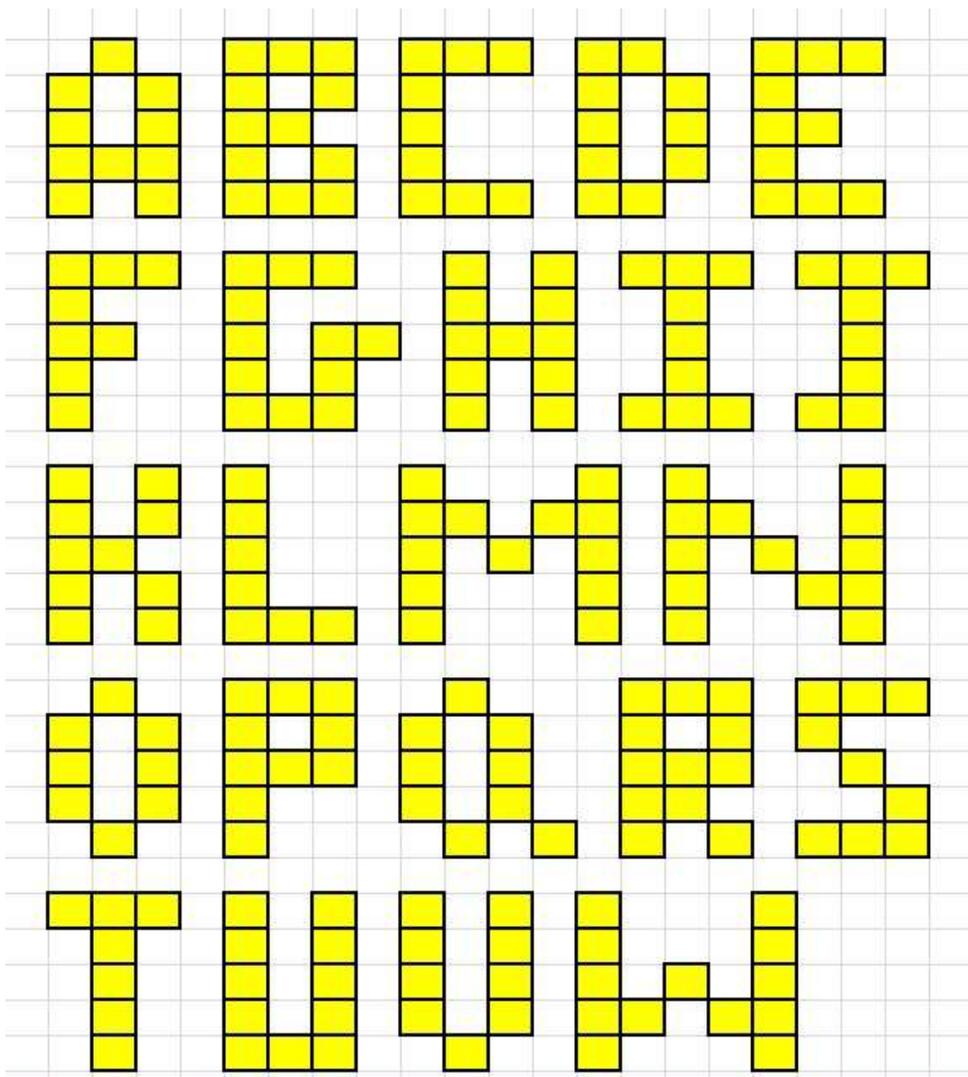
### Method 2: Surface Crochet

By placing your working yarn end inside the bag and inserting your hook down through the space between stitches, you can catch the yarn and slst across the surface, one space and stitch at a time to create lines. This will require lots of cutting and rejoining and there will be a lot of ends to knot and trim, but it's a nice look and easier and faster for some than Method 1. This method is also very useful if you wish to add stripes to your bag as I did on the Tiger Bag.



Pull that ending tail to the wrong side and knot it to the beginning tails or nearest extra tail.

You can handle the ends left by the letters the same way as you did the trim. I only recommend that you don't have too big a gap between pairs of ends tied together as this would make a bad place that horse legs or dinosaur horns could get caught!



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**Other stitching Ideas**

*Cross-stitch-* You may be better at that than me!

*Surface Stitching from the back* – If you noticed above, the back side of a surface stitch makes a nice clean line.

**Other Decorating Ideas:**

- Crocheted Appliques
- Store-Bought Patches
- Buttons
- Fabric Paint
- Fancier Embroidery

