Crochet Handbag from Tampa Bay Crochet

Materials:
Size J, I, H and G crochet hooks
Worsted weight yarn
Large button
Yarn needle

Abbreviations:
Ch = chain
Sc = single crochet
Dc = double crochet
Sts = stitches
Sl st = slip stitch
Sc2tog = single crochet decrease
Dc2tog = double crochet decrease

Notes:
V stitch = 3 double crochets in same stitch.

Main Body of the Bag
Leaving a 12 inch tail and using a **size J hook**, chain 66, sl st to first ch to form a ring.
Round 1 – ch 1 sc in each ch. Sl st to first sc to join. (66 sc total)

Round 2 – Ch 2 (counts as first dc), 2 dc in same st as joining to create first V stitch, skip next two sc, *V stitch in the next sc, skip next two sc*, repeat * to * to end of round. Sl st to top of ch 2 to join. (22 total v stitches)

Round 3 - Ch 2 (counts as first dc), 2 dc in same st as joining to create first V stitch, skip next two sc, *V stitch in the next sc, skip next two sc*, repeat * to * to end of round. Sl st to top of ch 2 to join.

Using size I crochet hook
 Round 4 – 5 - Ch 2 (counts as first dc), 2 dc in same st as joining to create first V stitch, skip next two sc, *V stitch in the next sc, skip next two sc*, repeat * to * to end of round. Sl st to top of ch 2 to join.

Using size H crochet hook
Round 6-7 - Ch 2 (counts as first dc), 2 dc in same st as joining to create first V stitch, skip next two sc, *V stitch in the next sc, skip next two sc*, repeat * to * to end of round. Sl st to top of ch 2 to join.

Using size G crochet hook
Round 8-10 - Ch 2 (counts as first dc), 2 dc in same st as joining to create first V stitch, skip next two sc, *V stitch in the next sc, skip next two sc*, repeat * to * to end of round. Sl st to top of ch 2 to join.

Round 11 – Ch 1, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog, single crochet in next 10 sts, sc2tog, single crochet in next 10 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog, single crochet in next 6 sts. Sl st to ch 1 to join. (61 sts total)

Round 12 – Ch 1, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog, sc in next st, sl st to ch 1 to join. (56 sts total) **Do not tie off**

To Form Top Flap
Row 1 - Ch 1, sc in next 26 sts
Row 2 – Ch 2 turn, dc in next 26 sts.
Row 3 – Ch 2 turn, dc2tog twice, double crochet in next 18 sts, dc2tog twice (22 stitches total)
Row 4 – Ch 2 turn, dc2tog twice, double crochet in next 14 sts, dc2tog twice (18 stitches total)
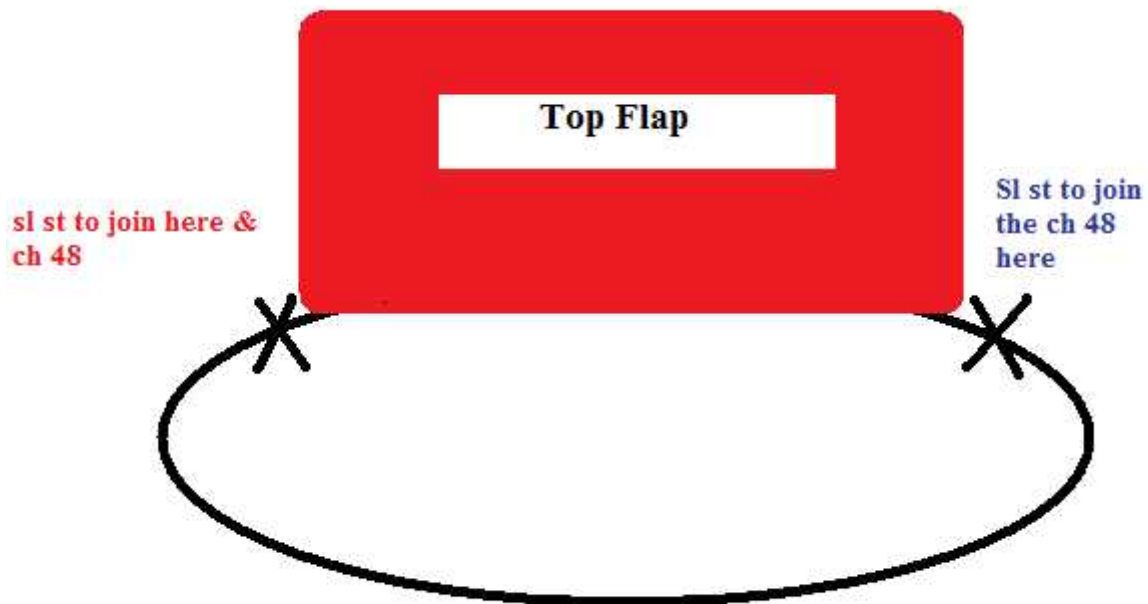Row 5 – Ch 2 turn, dc2tog twice, double crochet in next 10 sts, dc2tog twice (14 sts total)
Row 6 – Ch 1 turn, sc2tog once, sc in next 5 sts, ch 10 to create loop, join by single crocheting in next st, sc in next four sts, sc2tog over remaining two sts. Tie off.

Close Bag

Turn the bag inside out. Using the twelve inch tail at the bottom of the bag and a yarn needle, sew the bottom of the purse closed and tie off.

Strap

Beginning on left side of the bag at the base of the top flap sl st to join in the sc next to the top flap, ch 48, sl st to join in the sc stitch on the opposite side of the purse opening next to the right side of the top flap.

sl st to join here &
ch 48

Sl st to join
the ch 48
here

Top Flap

Ch 1, turn, sc in each ch across, sl st original stitch on the left side of the top flap to join. Tie off.

Button

Using a yarn needle and matching yarn, sew a large button to the front, center of the bag approximate 1.5 inches from the top ridge.

Finishing

Finish by weaving in any loose ends.

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