Flat Bag Strap Cover

A removable fabric tube that slides over a detachable strap. It adds a soft cover without becoming part of the bag's load-bearing structure.

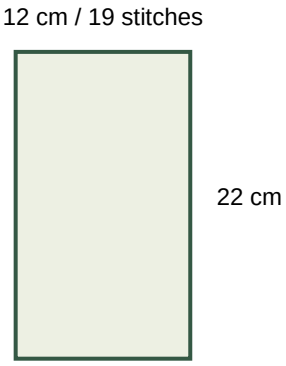
NOT PHYSICALLY SAMPLE-TESTED. Counts are calculated from an assumed gauge. Swatch and check fit before committing yarn. Drawings are construction schematics, not finished photographs.

Flat panel target	12 x 22 cm
Stitches per row	19
Rows	40
Main stitch	Single crochet (sc)
Assumed planning gauge	16 stitches / 18 rows per 10 cm

Before you begin

Use a smooth medium-weight yarn suited to the intended purpose and a 5 mm hook as a starting point. You also need a ruler, tapestry needle, scissors, and removable markers. Yarn quantity is not sample-tested: use a measured swatch and the yarn planner. For covers, have the object available for a fit check.

The panel before assembly



Your step-by-step plan

01 Make a swatch first

Use a smooth medium-weight yarn and a 5 mm hook as a starting point. Work a swatch larger than 10 x 10 cm in single crochet. The calculation example uses 16 stitches and 18 rows per 10 cm. This is an assumed planning gauge, not a measured sample result. Change the counts using your own swatch if it differs.

02 Begin the foundation

Chain 20 loosely. Single crochet in the second chain from the hook, then work one sc in each remaining chain. You should have 19 stitches. The skipped chain and turning chain do not count as stitches.

03 Build the panel

For rows 2-40, chain 1, turn, and work one sc in each stitch across, starting in the first actual stitch. Finish in the last actual stitch, not in the turning chain. Keep 19 stitches in every row. Use a single color unless you deliberately plan and record a variation.

04 Pause and measure

After several rows, lay the fabric down without pulling and check the width. At the assumed gauge, 19 stitches produce about 11.9 cm and 40 rows about 22.2 cm. The nominal 12 x 22 cm dimensions are rounded. Seams and folds will change the final usable size.

05 Finish and assemble

Fold the 12 cm width in half and seam the long edge only. Leave both short ends open. Slide over a detached strap and reconnect the original strap hardware correctly.

06 Check before using

Decorative cover only. Do not replace or alter the structural strap with this piece.

Troubleshooting

Check the largest strap buckle before sewing; it must fit through the finished opening.

Adapt the size

Use your measured stitch and row gauge to calculate a new flat panel. This plain stitch uses a multiple of one. Add 1 foundation chains to the chosen stitch count. Account for folds, seam allowance, and the thickness of the intended object separately.

Keep a record

Yarn and lot: _____ Hook: _____ Measured gauge: _____
Changes / next step: _____

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