



Why settle for an off-the-shelf laptop bag (Do you want that in black, black or black?) when you can tote your motherboard in a chic crocheted messenger bag? Use our free pattern to

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let's hear it for the bag

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# Take a Byte

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This hipster-worthy laptop bag will keep your computer nice and cozy—and will keep you looking like the walking fashion statement you are. Our free pattern will get you there in a snap! Here's how to do it:



## Outer Crochet Bag Materials:

- I Love This Yarn!® (shown in Greybeard), Three skeins of 7oz., 355 yards
- 2 ½ Yards 1" wide cotton webbing
- Two – 1" Rectangular rings
- 1 5/16" Fashion buckle



## Inner Lining Bag Materials

(optional, but necessary if planning to carry laptops or textbooks):

- 1 ½ Yards 45" fabric
- Coordinating sewing thread
- Binding tape

## Supplies/Equipment:

- 5 mm Hook
- Sewing machine
- Scissors
- Pins

## Outer Bag:

*Note: There are seven different pieces that will be stitched together at the end.*

**Side Panels – make 2 (4" X 10.5"): Ch 16.**

**Row 1:** SC 15, ch 1, turn.

**Rows 2-46** (or number of rows needed to reach 11"): SC 15, ch 1, turn. At end of last row, fasten off.

**Bottom of Bag (4" X 16"): Ch 16.**

**Row 1:** SC 15, ch 1, turn.

**Rows 2-68** (or number of rows needed to reach 16"): SC 15, ch 1, turn. At end of last row, fasten off.

**Front & Back Panel (16" X 10.5"): Ch 59.**

**Row 1:** SC 59, ch 1, turn.

**Rows 2-46** (or number of rows needed to reach 11"): SC 59, ch 1, turn. At end of last row, fasten off.

**Closure Flap (17" X 12"): Ch 63.**

**Row 1:** DC in third st from hook (counts as first DC), DC 61, ch 2, turn.

**Row 2:** DC 62, ch 2, turn.

**Row 3:** DC in back and bottom loop across (62 sts), ch 2, turn.

**Rows 4-28:** Repeat rows 2 & 3 alternately. At end of last row, fasten off.

**Outside Pocket – optional (10" X 4 ½"): Ch 35.**

**Row 1:** SC 34, ch 1, turn.

**Row 2-15:** Repeat row 1. At end of last row, fasten off.

Assemble pieces 1-6 according to diagram. Fasten pieces together with a single st to hide irregular sides. St optional pocket piece to front piece.

## Inner Lining:

Cut 2 pieces of 23" (on the fold) x 17.5" fabric (the fabric will remain doubled), one for the laptop compartment (fits a 15.1" widescreen laptop) and one for the book compartment.

Cut 1 piece 17" x 13" for the flap.

Cut 1 piece of 6" x 4 ½" fabric (optional) for inside pencil pocket. Turn under and stitch all edges.

*Tip: Attach the pocket to one compartment before assembly begins. See diagram on page 5 for placement (A).*

### To sew the compartments:

1. Zigzag or serge around all edges to prevent raveling.
2. Fold each piece in half with right sides together so it measures 11 ½" top to bottom and 17 ½" across. The fold will become the bottom of each compartment.
3. Pin right and left edges in place, and stitch the side seams along the 11 ½" edges. Press seams open, and press fold on the bottom.
4. Line up the side seams with the fold on the bottom so that a triangle forms with the bottom corners of the bag. Pin in place. See diagram (B) on page 5.
5. Measure 1" from the point of the triangle, and draw a stitching line across from side to side. This will form the corner of the compartment.
6. Sew along the stitching line, and trim the excess fabric. This will create a flat bottom on the compartment.
7. Press under ¾" on the top edge of each compartment.

### Joining the compartments:

1. Find and mark the center on the top edge of one side of each compartment.
2. Pin the wrong side of one compartment to the wrong side of the other compartment, matching the center marks.
3. Measure and mark 7 ½" from each side of the center mark.
4. Sew between the marks (15") close to the folded edges to join the two compartments.

### Attaching reinforcement strips and straps:

1. Cut four 3" pieces of webbing for reinforcement strips.
2. Zigzag all the raw edges. (It would be helpful to apply a liquid seam sealant to all the webbing's raw edges to eliminate raveling.)
3. Cut two 9" pieces of webbing for straps and fold in half.
4. Slide one rectangular ring down one end of the strap so it is caught on the fold.
5. Sew the two ends together.
6. Sew a seam across, 1" away from the fold.
7. Sew one of the 3" reinforcement strips 2" away from the ring and another 3" strip even with the bottom of the 9" strap. Repeat for the other strap. See diagram (C) on page 5.
8. Pin to lining. Sew in place.

### Attaching the cross body strap:

1. With the remaining webbing, slide 2 ½" of one end through one of the rectangular rings and fold it over.
2. Make sure right side of strap will be facing out when carried. On the other side of the strap, sew the two layers together, making a box shape with an "X" in the center. See diagram (D) on page 5.
3. Slide the fashion buckle onto the loose end of the strap, and then slide the strap through the free rectangular ring from the outside of the bag. Loop it back to the fashion buckle, and thread the strap around the center brace.
4. Sew the strap together by stitching a box shape with an "X" in the center through all the layers.

### Attaching the crochet bag to the lining:

1. For flap lining, press under ½" on one 17" edge and both 13" sides. Pin the folded edges to the outside edges of the crocheted flap with the raw edge facing the bag. Sew the folded edges in place.
2. Insert entire lining component into the crocheted bag.
3. With wrong sides together, pin the folded edge of the lining to the crocheted bag's top edge. Make sure it is covering the raw edge of the flap lining.
4. Stitch across the back of the flap, stopping at the sides and then sewing across the top front of the bag. Hand stitch the sides together.

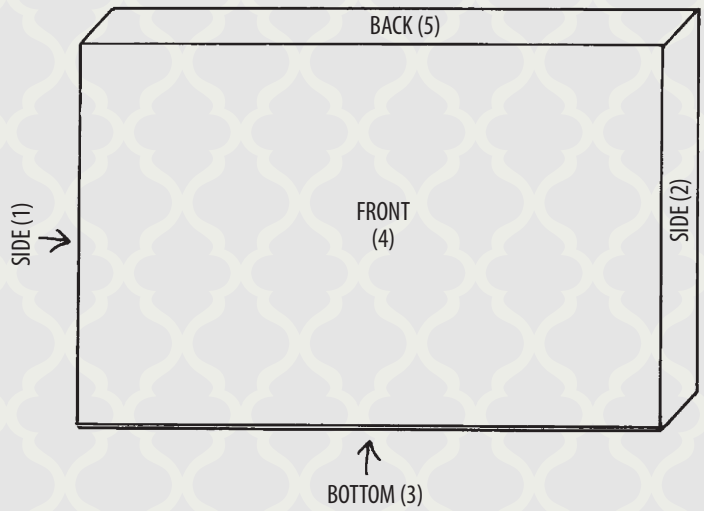
### Flourishes:

- Button and loop closures can be added to secure the flap.
- Ties can be added to prevent the contents from falling out if the bag is carried upside down.

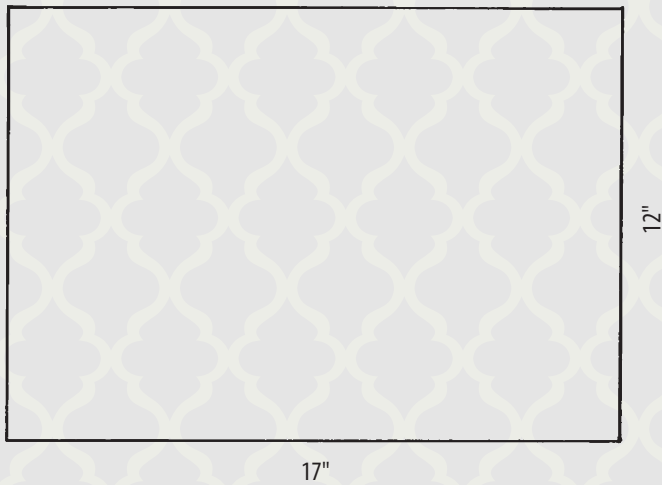
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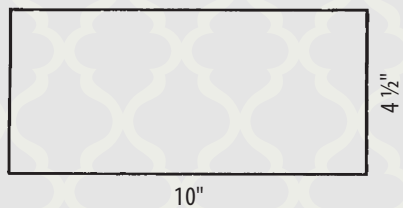
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### CLOSURE FLAP

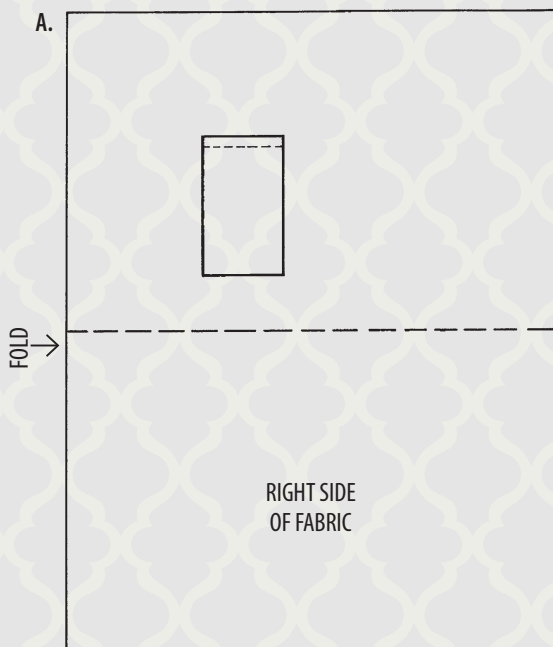


### OUTSIDE POCKET *Optional*



# Lining for Cross-Body Messenger Bag

## POCKET PLACEMENT ON LAPTOP BAG LINING



## BOX STITCHING DIAGRAM

