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Crochet the coolest pulls for your backpack that no one else will have. Start by single crocheting a rectangle for the pull then have fun decorating it with charms, felt stickers, bells and beads.

Bet you can't make just one!



Supplies

- 1 skein or ball of medium weight acrylic yarn in any color—look for this symbol on the yarn label:
- Size 5.5 mm/I-9 crochet hook
- Scissors
- Yarn needle to weave in ends
- Glue (Optional)
- Assorted charms, bells, felt stickers and beads (Optional)



Note about beads: Check out the kids' accessory area at Michaels for a selection of ornaments to decorate your pull.

Stitches used

- Slip knot, chain stitch, single crochet

Measurements

3" x 1 1/4" (7.5 x 3 cm)

or

4" x 1 1/4" (10 x 3 cm)

or

The size you like!



Instructions

1. Make a slip knot leaving a 6" (15 cm) length of yarn at the end.
2. Insert the crochet hook through the slip knot loop. Grab the yarn from the ball or skein with the hook and pull it through the slip knot to form another loop. You just made one chain stitch! (The stitch should fit loosely around the hook. If it is too large, gently pull on the end of loop to make them smaller. If it is too small, pull on the end of the loop to make it bigger.) Make 4 more chain stitches. This is the foundation row for your zipper pull.
3. Single crochet into the second chain from the hook and in the remaining three chain stitches for a total of 4 single crochet stitches. At the end of the row, make a chain stitch and turn your work.
4. Single crochet in all four stitches for the next 11 rows for the 3" (7.25 cm) pull and for the next 15 rows for the 4" (10 cm) pull.

FINISHING

5. When the pull is the length you like, cut yarn leaving a 6" (15 cm) tail. Pull tail all the way through last loop on the hook and gently tighten. This prevents the stitches from unraveling.
6. Thread the yarn tails through the needle and weave them in and out of stitches along the edge of the pull for approximately 1" (2.5 cm). Trim off the remaining yarn.
7. Let the fun begin. Depending of what ornaments you decide to use, glue, tie or sew them on the pull.
8. Cut a 4" (10 cm) length of yarn to tie your pull to the zipper on your backpack.

Link to project photo: <http://www.craftyarnCouncil.com/C11>