Chapter 1

The Great Outdoors
COTTON SWEATBAND

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Cotton Sweatband

**Materials:**
- About 2 ounces of worsted weight cotton yarn
- Crochet hooks size G and H

With size H hook, ch 12; join with a sl st to the first ch to form ring.

**Round 1:** Ch 1, sc in the same st as joining and in each ch around; do not join.

**Round 2:** Sc in each sc around; do not join. Repeat round 2 until the piece measures 17-18” (or the length you desire.)

*Change to size G hook. Fold tube lengthwise so that stitches match on the last row; sc closed through both thicknesses; ch 1, turn. You should have 6 sc.

**Next row:** (Work sc dec) 3 times; ch 1, turn. To work sc dec: (insert hook in next st and pull up a loop) 2 times; yo and pull through all 3 remaining loops on hook.

**Next row:** (Insert hook in next st and pull up a loop) 3 times; yo and pull through all 4 remaining loops on hook.

**Tie:** Ch 51. Sl st in the 2nd ch from hook and in each ch
across; sl sl through st of previous row. Fasten off. Weave in ends.* Repeat from * to * on the opposite end, making sure tube lies flat.

**Optional:** You can substitute a piece of wide elastic for the ties.

Happy Crocheting!
Hang this on your outdoor spigot for quick clean-up after gardening. The nylon yarn really “scrubs” and holds up well in the weather!

Materials:
- Needleloft 100% nylon (plastic canvas) yarn
- Crochet hook size G
- Bar of Lava soap

Soap Pouch
Ch 12.

**Round 1:** Sc in the 2nd ch from hook, (ch 3, skip next ch, sc in the next ch) 5 times, ch 3, sc in the same st, (ch 3, skip next ch, sc in the next ch) 5 times, ch 1; join with as hdc in the first sc to form last loop. (12 ch-3 loops)

**Round 2:** (Ch 3, sc in the next ch-3 loop) 11 times, ch 1; join with as hdc in the first sc to form last loop. (12 ch-3 loops)

**Rounds 3-15:** Repeat round 2. Fasten off.

Drawstring
Ch 150. Fasten off.
**Finishing**

Weave drawstring through loops of round 13; tie ends of drawstring together securely. (To prevent fraying ends, pass the ends quickly through a candle flame to melt. DO NOT let the yarn catch on fire!) Pull up two drawstring “handles” (see illustration below.) Insert soap, pull the drawstring closed and tie in an overhand knot to secure. Hang handles over outdoor spigot.

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Hanging Bird Feeder or Bird Bath

Materials:
- 180 yards of Needleloft 100% nylon (plastic canvas yarn)
- Crochet hook size H
- 12” plastic plant saucer
- One 2” lucite ring
- Optional: Hot glue

Ch 4; join with a sl st to the first ch to form ring.

**Round 1:** Ch 3 to count as the first dc, work 11 more dc in the ring; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3. (12 dc)

**Round 2:** Ch 3 to count as the first dc, dc in the same st as joining, work 2 dc in each remaining dc around; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3. (24 dc)

**Round 3:** Ch 3 to count as the first dc, 2 dc in the next dc, (dc in the next dc, 2 dc in the next dc) 11 times; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3. (36 dc)

**Round 4:** Ch 3 to count as the first dc, dc in the next dc, 2 dc in the next dc, (dc in each of the next 2 dc, 2 dc in the next dc) 11 times; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3. (48 dc)

**Round 5:** Ch 3 to count as the first dc, dc in each of the next
2 dc, 2 dc in the next dc, (dc in each of the next 3 dc, 2 dc in the next dc) 11 times; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3. (60 dc)

**Round 6:** Ch 3 to count as the first dc, dc in each of the next 3 dc, 2 dc in the next dc, (dc in each of the next 4 dc, 2 dc in the next dc) 11 times; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3. (72 dc)

**Round 7:** Ch 3 to count as the first dc, dc in each of the next 4 dc, 2 dc in the next dc, (dc in each of the next 5 dc, 2 dc in the next dc) 11 times; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3. (84 dc)

**Round 8:** Ch 3 to count as the first dc, dc in each of the next 6 dc, 2 dc in the next dc, (dc in each of the next 6 dc, 2 dc in the next dc) 11 times; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3. (96 dc)

**Round 9:** Ch 3 to count as the first bpdc, bpdc around the post of each remaining dc around; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3. (96 bpdc)

**Round 10:** Ch 3 to count as the first dc, dc in each of the next 15 bpdc, 2 dc in the next bpdc, (dc in each of the next 16 bpdc, 2 dc in the next bpdc) 5 times; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3. (102 dc)

**Round 11:** Ch 3 to count as the first dc, dc in each remaining dc around; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3. (102 dc)

**Round 12:** Ch 3 to count as the first dc, dc in each of the next 48 dc, 2 dc in the next dc, dc in each of the next 49 dc, 2 dc in the next dc; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3. (104 dc)

**Round 13:** Ch 3 to count as the first dc, dc in each of the next 25 dc, ch 52 for the first hanging strap, dc in the 4th ch from hook and in each of the next 48 ch’s, (dc in each of the next 26 dc, ch 52 for the next hanging strap, dc in the 4th ch from hook and in each of the next 48 ch’s) 3 times; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3. (4 hanging straps)

**Round 14:** Sl st in each of the next 25 dc, sl st in the base of each of the next 49 dc on the hanging strap, 3 sc in the ch sp at the end of the hanging strap, sl st in each of the next 49 dc of the hanging strap, (sl st in each of the next 26 dc, sl st in the base of each of the next 49 dc on the hanging strap, 3 sc in the ch sp at the end of the hanging strap, sl st in each of the next 49 dc of the hanging strap) 3 times; join with a sl st to the first sl st. Fasten off. weave in ends.

**Finishing:** Sew the ends of the four hanging straps together, then sew to the 2” ring. Continue wrapping the ring with yarn until it’s completely covered. Knot and fasten off. Wrap the
top of the four hanging cords together for about 2” below the ring. Knot and fasten off. Weave in ends.

If using as a bird feeder, you might want to drill about 6 holes in the bottom of the plant saucer for drainage. You can line the bottom of the saucer with a piece of screen, cut to fit, so the birdseed doesn’t drain through. Insert the saucer in the hanger. Hot glue in place to secure, if desired.

Happy Crocheting!
Hanging Plant Sling

This sling is easily adjustable to accommodate any size or shape of hanging plant pot.

**Materials:**
- 150-200 yards of any of these - The sample is done in Aunt Lydia’s Denim and will fit a 6”-10” pot. You can also use Speed CroSheen, twine, jute, etc. For outdoor use, you’ll need a weather-resistant material such as Needleloft 100% nylon (plastic canvas) yarn or mason’s line.
- Crochet hook size H, or size that works best with the “yarn” you’re using
- 2” plastic or lucite ring
- Large yarn needle

**Sling**

Ch 6, join with a sl st to the first ch to form ring.

**Round 1:** Ch 3 to count as the first dc, dc in the ring, ch 3, (2 dc in the ring, ch 3) 5 times; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3.

**Round 2:** Sl st in the next dc and into the next ch 3 sp, ch 3 to count as the first dc, (dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in the same sp for the beginning corner, *ch 3, sc in the next ch 3 sp, ch 3, (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in the next ch 3 sp for corner* Repeat from * to *
time, ch 3, sc in the next ch 3 sp, ch 3; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3.

**Round 3:** Sl st in the next dc and into the next ch 3 sp, ch 3 to count as the first dc, (dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in the same sp for the beginning corner, *(ch 3, sc in the next ch 3 sp) 2 times, ch 3, (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in the next ch 3 sp for corner* Repeat from * to * 1 time, (ch 3, sc in the next ch 3 sp) 2 times, ch 3; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3.

**Round 4:** Sl st in the next dc and into the next ch 3 sp, ch 3 to count as the first dc, (dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in the same sp for the beginning corner, *(ch 3, sc in the next ch 3 sp) 3 times, ch 3, (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in the next ch 3 sp for corner* Repeat from * to * 1 time, (ch 3, sc in the next ch 3 sp) 3 times, ch 3; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3.

**Round 5:** Sl st in the next dc and into the next ch 3 sp, ch 3 to count as the first dc, (dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in the same sp for the beginning corner, *(ch 3, sc in the next ch 3 sp) 4 times, ch 3, (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in the next ch 3 sp for corner* Repeat from * to * 1 time, (ch 3, sc in the next ch 3 sp) 4 times, ch 3; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3.

**Round 6:** Sl st in the next dc and into the next ch 3 sp, ch 3 to count as the first dc, (dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in the same sp for the beginning corner, *(ch 3, sc in the next ch 3 sp) 5 times, ch 3, (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in the next ch 3 sp for corner* Repeat from * to * 1 time, (ch 3, sc in the next ch 3 sp) 5 times, ch 3; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3.

**Round 7:** Sl st in the next dc and into the next ch 3 sp, ch 3 to count as the first dc, (dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in the same sp for the beginning corner, *(ch 3, sc in the next ch 3 sp) 6 times, ch 3, (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in the next ch 3 sp for corner* Repeat from * to * 1 time, (ch 3, sc in the next ch 3 sp) 6 times, ch 3; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3.

**Round 8:** Sl st in the next dc and into the next ch 3 sp, ch 3 to count as the first dc, (dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in the same sp for the beginning corner, *(ch 3, sc in the next ch 3 sp) 7 times, ch 3, (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in the next ch 3 sp for corner* Repeat from * to * 1 time, (ch 3, sc in the next ch 3 sp) 7 times, ch 3; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3.

**Round 9:** Sl st in the next dc and into the next ch 3 sp, ch 3 to count as the first dc, (dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in the same sp for the beginning corner, *(ch 3, sc in the next ch 3 sp) 8 times, ch 3, (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in the next ch 3 sp for corner* Repeat from * to * 1 time, (ch 3, sc in the next ch 3 sp) 8 times, ch 3; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3.

**Round 10:** Sl st in the next dc and into the next ch 3 sp, ch 3 to count as the first dc, (dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in the same sp for the beginning corner, *(ch 3, sc in the next ch 3 sp) 9 times, ch 3, (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in the next ch 3 sp for corner* Repeat from *
Round 11: Sl st in the next dc and into the next ch 3 sp, ch 3 to count as the first dc, (dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in the same sp for the beginning corner, *(ch 3, sc in the next ch 3 sp) 10 times, ch 3, (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in the next ch 3 sp for corner* Repeat from * to * 1 time, (ch 3, sc in the next ch 3 sp) 10 times, ch 3; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3.

Round 12: Sl st in the next dc and into the next ch 3 sp, ch 3 to count as the first dc, (dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in the same sp for the beginning corner, *(ch 3, sc in the next ch 3 sp) 11 times, ch 3, (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in the next ch 3 sp for corner* Repeat from * to * 1 time, (ch 3, sc in the next ch 3 sp) 11 times, ch 3; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3.

Round 13: Sl st in the next dc and into the next ch 3 sp, ch 3 to count as the first dc, (dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in the same sp for the beginning corner, *(ch 3, sc in the next ch 3 sp) 12 times, ch 3, (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in the next ch 3 sp for corner* Repeat from * to * 1 time, (ch 3, sc in the next ch 3 sp) 12 times, ch 3; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3.

Round 14: Sl st in the next dc and into the next ch 3 sp, ch 3 to count as the first dc, (dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in the same sp for the beginning corner, *(ch 3, sc in the next ch 3 sp) 13 times, ch 3, (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in the next ch 3 sp for corner* Repeat from * to * 1 time, (ch 3, sc in the next ch 3 sp) 13 times, ch 3; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3.

Round 15: Sl st in the next dc and into the next ch 3 sp, ch 3 to count as the first dc, (dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in the same sp for the beginning corner, *(ch 3, sc in the next ch 3 sp) 14 times, ch 3, (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in the next ch 3 sp for corner* Repeat from * to * 1 time, (ch 3, sc in the next ch 3 sp) 14 times, ch 3; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3. Do not fasten off.

Place your pot in the center of the sling and pull up the corners. Each corner should extend about 2” above the top of the pot when slightly stretched. If you need to, add more rows in the established pattern, increasing the number of (ch 3, sc in the next ch 3 sp) along the sides by one for each additional row until you have the size you need. Do not fasten off.

**First Hanger**

**Row 1:** Ch 3, (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in the first corner ch 3 space, dc in the first ch of the next ch 3 sp; ch 3, turn.

**Row 2:** (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in the next ch 3 sp, skip next 2 dc, dc in the top of the turning ch; ch 3, turn.

**Additional rows:** Repeat row 2 until the hanger is the desired length. (I used 25 rows.) Fasten off.

**Second Hanger**
Attach yarn with a sl st in the last ch before the next corner. Work as for the first hanger.

**Third Hanger**
Work as for the second hanger, but do not fasten off at the end of the last row.

**Edging**
Sc around the outside of the entire piece, working 2 sc in each of the ch-3’s (or dc’s) along the sides of the hangers, 2 sc in each of the unworked ch-3’s on the last row of the sling, and 1 sc in each st along the top of each of the hangers; join with a sl st to the first sc. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

**Finishing:** Thread yarn needle with a 3’ piece of “yarn”; securely sew the end of each of the hangers to the 2” ring; continue wrapping “yarn” around ring to completely cover. Knot and cut “yarn”.

**Optional:** wrap yarn tightly around hangers starting just below the ring and wrapping downward for about 2”. Knot “yarn”. Weave in ends.

Happy Crocheting!
Sweat Band and Wrist Bands

**Materials:**
- About 3 ounces of a main color (MC) worsted weight cotton yarn and about 1 ounce of a contrasting color (CC)
- Crochet hook size G

**To work fpdc:** Yo, insert hook from front to back to front around the post of the indicated st and pull up a loop. (yo and pull through 2 loops on hook) 2 times.

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**Sweatband**

With MC, ch 70; join with a sl st in the first ch to form a ring, being careful not to twist the chain.

**Round 1:** Ch 3 to count as the first dc, dc in each remaining ch around; join with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch 3. (70 dc)

**Round 2:** Inserting the hook at the right of the stitch from front to back to front, sl st around the post of the first dc (the ch 3) of round 1, ch 3 to count as the first fpdc, fpdc in each dc around; join with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch 3. Fasten off MC. (70 fpdc)
Round 3: Attach CC by inserting the hook at the right of the first stitch from front to back to front, sl st around the post of the first fpdc (the ch 3) of the previous round, ch 3 to count as the first fpdc, fpdc in each fpdc around; join with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch 3. (70 fpdc) Fasten off CC.

Round 4: Attach MC by inserting the hook at the right of the first stitch from front to back to front, sl st around the post of the first fpdc (the ch 3) of the previous round, ch 3 to count as the first fpdc, fpdc in each fpdc around; join with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch 3. (70 fpdc)

Round 5: Inserting the hook at the right of the stitch from front to back to front, sl st around the post of the first fpdc (the ch 3) of round 4, ch 3 to count as the first fpdc, fpdc in each fpdc around; join with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch 3. (70 fpdc) Fasten off MC.

Round 6: Attach CC with a sl st in the first fpdc, sl st in each remaining fpdc around; join with a sl st in the first sl st. Fasten off.

Edging: Attach CC with a sl st in the base of the first foundation ch, sl st in the base of each remaining foundation ch around; join with a sl st in the first sl st. Fasten off.

Wrist Bands

Make 2:

With MC, ch 30; join with a sl st in the first ch to form a ring, being careful not to twist the chain.

Round 1: Ch 3 to count as the first dc, dc in each remaining ch around; join with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch 3. (30 dc)

Round 2: Inserting the hook at the right of the stitch from front to back to front, sl st around the post of the first dc (the ch 3) of round 1, ch 3 to count as the first fpdc, fpdc in each dc around; join with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch 3. Fasten off CC. (30 fpdc)

Round 3: Attach CC by inserting the hook at the right of the first stitch from front to back to front, sl st around the post of the first fpdc (the ch 3) of the previous round, ch 3 to count as the first fpdc, fpdc in each fpdc around; join with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch 3. (30 fpdc) Fasten off CC.

Round 4: Inserting the hook at the right of the stitch from front to back to front, sl st around the post of the first dc (the ch 3) of round 3, ch 3 to count as the first fpdc, fpdc in each dc around; join with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch 3. Fasten off CC. (30 fpdc)

Round 5: Attach MC by inserting the hook at the right of the first stitch from front to back to front, sl st around the post of the first fpdc (the ch 3) of the previous round, ch 3 to count as the first fpdc, fpdc in each fpdc around; join with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch 3. Fasten off CC. (30 fpdc)
the first fpdc, fpdc in each fpdc around; join with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch 3. (70 fpdc)

**Round 6:** Inserting the hook at the right of the stitch from front to back to front, sl st around the post of the first fpdc (the ch 3) of round 5, ch 3 to count as the first fpdc, fpdc in each fpdc around; join with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch 3. (70 fpdc) Fasten off MC.

**Round 7:** Attach CC with a sl st in the first fpdc, sl st in each remaining fpdc around; join with a sl st in the first sl st. Fasten off.

**Edging:** Attach CC with a sl st in the base of the first foundation ch, sl st in the base of each remaining foundation ch around; join with a sl st in the first sl st. Fasten off.

*Happy Crocheting!*
The Great Outdoors Section 6

Tee Bag

**Materials:**
- LusterSheen or other sport weight yarn
- Crochet hook size E (or size D if you crochet loosely)
- 1/2” Button
- 1 3/4” x 1 3/32” strung tag (or make your own) needle & thread
- 18 golf tees

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**Tee Bag**

Ch 16.

**Row 1:** Sc in the 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across; ch 1, turn. (15 sc)

**Row 2:** Sc in each of the first 6 sc, ch 3, skip 3 sc for button-hole, sc in each of the last 6 sc; ch 1, turn.

**Row 3:** Sc in each of the first 6 sc, sc in each of the next 3 ch’s, sc in each of the last 6 sc; ch 1, turn.

**Row 4:** Sc in each of the first 4 sc, dc in the back loop only of each of the next 7 sc, sc in each of the last 4 sc; ch 1, turn.

**Row 5:** Sc in each of the first 4 sc, dc in the unworked loop
only of each of the next 7 sc two rows below, sc in each of the last 4 sc; ch 1, turn.

**Row 6:** Sc in each of the first 4 sc, sc through both thicknesses of the next 7 dc to form a “pocket”, sc in each of the last 4 sc; ch 1, turn.

**Row 7:** Sc in each sc across; ch 1, turn. (15 sc)

**Rows 8-75:** (Repeat rows 4-7) 17 times. Do not turn at the end of row 75.

**Edging**

**Round 1:** Sc evenly around the entire outside perimeter of the piece.

**Round 2:** Sl st in each sc around; join with a sl st to the first sl st. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

**Finishing:** Place tees in alternating directions in the “pockets” as shown in the photo. Fold the bottom 1/3 (the end without the buttonhole) up, then fold the button-hold end over the bottom end. Mark the buttonhole for button placement, then sew on button.

**Hanging loop:** Ch 15; join with a sl st to the first ch to form ring. Sew to the top of the bag opposite the button.

**Tag:** Write “Tee Bag” on the label and attach to hanging loop.