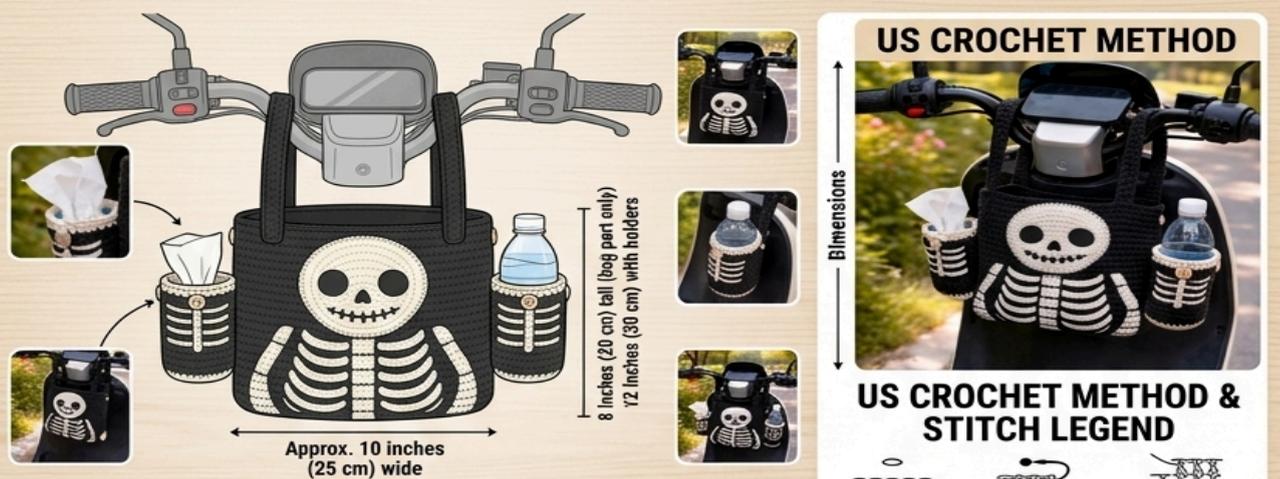
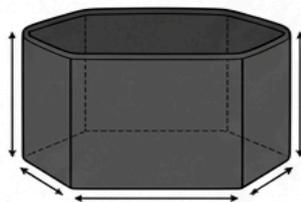


Crochet Skeleton Handlebar Bag – Ultra Detailed Step-by-Step Tutorial (US Terms)

This is a **fully detailed, beginner-friendly** guide based exactly on the diagram. Follow slowly and you'll be able to complete the entire bag from start to finish—even if you're not very experienced. ❤️



PART 1: THE MAIN BAG BODY (start bottom-up)



Rnd 1 (Magic Ring with black yarn, size H/8 (5mm) hook): 8 sc in MR.
Rnd 2: inc across.
Rnd 3-X: (sc, inc) across... (sc in in MR. Continue to base width.
Rnd Y: Transition to FLO (front loops only) and sc around to form the base edge.
Rnds Y+1 to end: sc in both loops around for desired height.
Final Round: sl st around the entire top edge for stability.

PART 2: THE SKELETON APPLIQUÉ (Head and Jaw)



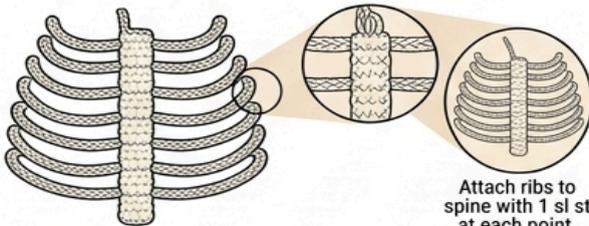
Skull (start top-down, with cream yarn, size G/6 (4mm) hook):
Rnd 1: 6 sc in MR.
Rnd 2: inc across.
Rnd 3: (sc, inc) across... Continue increases to desired skull size (approx 4 inches diameter).
Rnds X to end: (dec) pattern... for rounding. Fasten off, leaving a tail.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in MR.

Rnd 3: (sc, inc) across... Continue increases to desired skull size (approx 4 inches diameter).
Rnds X to end: (dec) pattern... (scc in st end)... for rounding. Fasten off, leaving a tail.

Jaw/Cheeks: ch appropriate count (e.g., 20). Work sc, hdc, dc, tr across in specific sequence to form jaw contours. Attach with sl st to skull base. Sew black felt eye circles and embroider nose and mouth detail.

PART 3: THE SKELETON APPLIQUÉ (Ribs & Body)



Spine/Ribs: A single chain (ch 30) for the spine. Work specific sequences of tr (treble) and ch combinations to form the 6 pairs of ribs, single-crocheting to the central spine *as you go*.

Detached sternum piece: (ch 5, 5 dc).

Assembly: Lay spine and ribs flat. Overlay the detailed sternum. Attach to main bag body with surface sl st.

Attach ribs to spine with 1 sl st at each point.

PART 4: SIDE HOLDERS (make 2, different attachments)



Holder Base Pattern: (MR with black, increase pattern as for small cup).

Rnds X to end: Transition to BLO for base edge, then sc around to height.

Tissue Holder Detail: (Make as the bottle holder, with cream surface sl st stripes for "ribs"). ch loop and add a small button for a functional flap (to hold tissue).

Bottle Holder Detail: ch loop and add a small button for a strap.

PART 5: MOUNTING STRAPS & FINAL ASSEMBLY



Handles (make 2): ch desired length (e.g., ch 40).

Rnd 1: sc down both sides of chain. Fold over and sew to bag top corners for robust handles, add handlies. Add decorative button.

Handlebar Straps (make 2): (ch 20 with black). Add a button hole and sew button to attachment point. Use for final, secure mounting to bicycle/motorcycle handlebars.

Materials (Exact Recommendations)

- **Yarn (Medium / Worsted Weight #4):**
 - Black (main structure)
 - Cream / Off-white (skeleton)
- **Hooks:**
 - H/8 (5.0 mm) → main bag
 - G/6 (4.0 mm) → details/appliqué
- Stitch markers (very helpful!)
- Yarn needle (for sewing pieces)
- Scissors
- Black felt (eyes)
- Sewing needle + thread
- Buttons (3–4 small)
- Optional: fabric lining for durability

Stitch Guide (Important – Read First)

- **MR (Magic Ring):** Adjustable loop to start in the round
- **sc (single crochet):** Insert hook, yarn over, pull up loop, yarn over, pull through both
- **inc (increase):** 2 sc in same stitch
- **dec (decrease):** Insert hook, pull up loop in next 2 stitches, yarn over, pull through all
- **sl st (slip stitch):** Insert hook, yarn over, pull through everything
- **FLO:** Front loop only
- **BLO:** Back loop only

👉 Tip: Place a stitch marker at the start of each round—you'll be working in continuous rounds.

Part 1: Main Bag Body (Bottom-Up Construction)

Step 1: Create the Base (Flat Oval/Circle)

Using **black yarn + 5 mm hook**:

- Rnd 1: MR, 8 sc inside ring → pull tight, sl st to close (8)
- Rnd 2: inc in every stitch (16)
- Rnd 3: (sc, inc) around (24)
- Rnd 4: (2 sc, inc) around (32)
- Rnd 5: (3 sc, inc) around (40)

👉 Continue increasing like this until base measures **~10 inches (25 cm) wide**.

✓ Your base should be:

- Flat (not curling)
- Not wavy (if wavy, reduce increases slightly)

Step 2: Form the Bag Walls

- Next round: **Work in FLO only**, sc around
→ This creates a sharp edge so the bag stands upright
- Following rounds:
 - Work **sc in both loops**
 - Continue for ~8 inches height

👉 Tip:

- Keep tension consistent
- Try placing something inside (like a box) to help shape

Step 3: Reinforce Top Edge

- Final round: sl st around entire top
- Fasten off
- Weave in ends

✓ Bag body is now complete!

Part 2: Skull Appliqué (Front Decoration)

Step 1: Skull Base

Using **cream yarn + 4 mm hook**:

- Rnd 1: MR, 6 sc (6)
- Rnd 2: inc around (12)
- Rnd 3: (sc, inc) around (18)
- Rnd 4: (2 sc, inc) (24)
- Rnd 5: (3 sc, inc) (30)

👉 Continue until diameter ≈ **4 inches**

Step 2: Shape the Skull

- Begin decreases:
 - (sc, dec) around
- Do 1–2 rounds to slightly curve the shape

✓ This gives a rounded skull instead of flat circle

Step 3: Jaw Piece

- Chain 20
- Across the chain:
 - Use a mix of:
 - sc (ends)
 - hdc (mid)
 - dc / tr (center)

👉 This creates the curved jaw shape

- Fasten off, leave long tail

Step 4: Assemble Skull

- Sew jaw under skull
- Lightly stuff if you want a 3D look (optional)

Step 5: Face Details

- Cut **2 small black felt circles**
- Sew onto skull for eyes
- Embroider:
 - Nose (small triangle)
 - Mouth (horizontal line + vertical stitches)

Part 3: Ribcage & Spine Appliqué

Step 1: Spine

- Chain 30
- Row 1: sc across
- Fasten off

Step 2: Create Ribs

Attach yarn along spine:

For each rib:

- Chain outward (5–8 stitches)
- Work back using:
 - tr (for long curve)
 - dc/hdc (to taper)
- Sl st back to spine

👉 Make **6 ribs on each side**

✓ Keep symmetry:

- Count stitches carefully
- Mirror each side

Step 3: Sternum

- Chain 5
- Work 5 dc into chain
- Fasten off

Step 4: Attach Ribcage

- Place on bag front:
 - Spine centered
 - Ribs evenly spaced
- Sew or surface sl st

Part 4: Side Holders (Make 2)

Step 1: Base Circle

- MR, 6 sc
- Increase like small circle:
 - Rnd 2: 12
 - Rnd 3: 18
 - Rnd 4: 24

Step 2: Build Walls

- Work **BLO** for edge
- Then sc rounds upward (~4–5 inches)

Step 3: Customize Each Holder

Bottle Holder

- Chain loop on side
- Sew button opposite
- This holds bottle securely

Tissue Holder

- Add vertical lines using surface sl st (cream yarn)
- Create flap:
 - Small rectangle piece
 - Sew top edge only
- Add button closure

Part 5: Straps & Mounting System

Step 1: Main Handles (Make 2)

- Chain 40
- Row 1: sc across
- Row 2: sc again (thicker strap)

 Sew to inside top edges of bag

✓ Reinforce heavily (important for weight!)

Step 2: Handlebar Straps (Make 2)

- Chain 20
- Add buttonhole:
 - ch 2, skip 2 stitches, continue
- Sew button at opposite end

 Attach to back of bag

✓ These wrap around handlebars

Final Assembly (Very Important Step)

- Sew skull onto front (centered above ribs)
- Attach ribcage below skull
- Sew side holders onto each side
- Attach all straps securely
- Weave in ALL ends

Pro Tips (Makes a Big Difference)

-  Use stitch markers → prevents mistakes
-  Sew pieces tightly → bag will be used outdoors
-  Double stitch stress points (handles + straps)
-  Measure often → keeps proportions correct
-  Optional: add fabric lining for durability

Finished!

You now have a **fully functional skeleton crochet handlebar bag**  

Perfect for:

- Bikes 
- Scooters 
- Halloween 
- Everyday quirky style 