

Directions for Making the Mats

Supplies:

- Plastic grocery bags (not the heavy plastic bags like Target)
- Scissors
- Template (2-1/4" wide)
- Crochet hook size M or N

Cut Bags:

1. Flatten bags.
2. Fold bag sideways in half and then in half again.
3. Cut off handles.
4. Using template, cut bags into strips of 2-1/4" wide. Discard the bottom seam.

Make Yarn:

5. Make yarn by looping a ring inside another, then pulling through itself. Tighten knot. Continue looping rings
6. Roll into a ball of "yarn" about the size of a softball.

Crochet Mat:

7. Using single crochet, make a mat 3 ft. wide (36") by 6 ft. long (72"). Make one chain stitch turning chain at the end of each row. Single crochet in second chain from hook.
8. Make a carrying strap by single crocheting 2 rows wide by 90 inches long. Do not attach to end.

When finished, turn them in by depositing them in the wooden receptacle in the church narthex.