



Cut off the bottom seams and the handles

Cut the remaining in half and then cut those 2 pieces in half again. This is for the Walmart or similar bags. If you are using Target bags you can usually get 5 cuts out of a bag, Kroger I only cut in 3 strips because the bags are so thin. If you are using a very large bag or thicker you just have to adjust your cut for the thickness. Use the Walmart bag as your guide on how wide to cut other bags.

At this time you should have 4 circles of plastic bags, you will loop them together and make sure that each loop is straight not buckled. It will be more even if you alternate the bags rather than keep all the same kind of bag in one area. Make the knot as tight as you can, and pull just a little so that you can be sure the bags are not going to break. Sometimes bags have tears or cuts that make them weak, if they are going to break now is the best time. They are pretty strong. I keep going till I have a pretty good pile on the floor and then I roll it into a big ball of what we now call plarn.

Then you are ready to crochet. Use a size "P" hook and it takes about 500 bags or more to make one mat. Chain until you have about 2 ½ feet, then single crochet until you have about 6 feet.

To make the handle chain till you have about 6' then single crochet back and tie the ends together so the make a big circle. Make sure you make several knots anytime you finish off. Remember strength is more important than looks in this case.