



# THE COLOR EVOLUTION



## HAND PURSE

**SKILL LEVEL:** Intermediate

### MATERIALS

Natural Bag Print by Laines du Nord approx. 2 x 100 grams x col. 13  
USE4/3.5 mm crochet hook  
Stitch markers  
Tapestry needle  
Scissors  
Tape measure  
Rope or a small amount of polyester stuffing for the handles  
Stiff felt

### FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

8" x 7" (20cm x 18cm)

### GAUGE

Using USE4/3.5mm crochet hook 16sc equals 4"/10cm

### ABBREVIATIONS

RS = right side of the work  
WS = wrong side of the work  
SM = stitch marker  
st/sts = stitch/es  
ch = chain stitch  
sl st = slip stitch  
sc = single crochet  
rep = repeat  
foll. = follow  
tog. = together

### INSTRUCTIONS

The bag pieces are worked in a continuous spiral of sc without closing each round with a sl st. To make it easier, place a SM in the 1st st of each round, moving it up as you go.

#### BASE

With US E4/3.5mm crochet hook make 17ch.

**Round 1:** 1sc in the 2nd ch from the hook (doesn't count as a st), 1sc into each of the next 14ch, 3sc in the last ch, then working down the opposite side of the ch row work 1sc in each of the next 14ch, 2sc into the same base st as the 1st sc of the round ; do not close the round with a sl st. Continue working in a spiral. [34sc]

**Round 2:** 2sc in the 1st st, 1sc into each of next 14sc, 2sc in each of the 3 corner sts, 1sc into each of the next 14sc, 2sc in each of the last 2sc to complete the second corner. [40sc]

**Round 3:** 1sc in the 1st sc, 2sc in the next sc, 1sc into each of the next 14sc, (2sc in the next sc, 1sc in the next sc) 3 times, 1sc into each of the next 14sc, (1sc into the next sc, 2sc in the next sc) twice. [46sc]

**Round 4:** 2sc in the 1st sc, 1sc into each of the next 2sc, 1sc into each of the next 14sc, (1 sc into each of the next 2sc, 2sc into the next sc) 3 times, 1sc into each of the next 14sc, (2 sc into the next sc, 1sc into each of the next 2 sc) twice. [52sc]

**Round 5:** 1sc into each of the next 2sc, 2sc into the next sc, 1 sc into next sc, 1sc into each of the next 14sc, (1sc into next sc, 2 sc in the next sc, 1sc into each of the next 2sc) 3 times, 1sc into each the next 14sc, (1sc into each of the next 2sc, 2 sc into the next sc, 1sc into the next sc) twice. [58sc]

**Round 6:** 1sc into each of the next 4sc, 2sc in the next sc, 1sc into each of the next 1sc into each of the next 14sc, (2sc in the next sc, 1sc into each of the next 4sc) 3 times, 1sc into each of the next 14sc, (1sc into each of the next 4sc, 2sc in the next sc) twice, 1 sl st in the beginning sc. [64sc.]

Do not cut the yarn and begin working the sides of the bag.

### SIDES

**Round 1:** 1 ch (doesn't count as a st), 1sc into the back loop of the same base sc as the ch, 1sc into back loop of every sc to end, do not close the round and continue working in a spiral. [64sc]

**Rounds 2 to 26:** 1sc into each sc on every round.

**Round 27:** 1sc into each sc to end, sl st to the first sc.

### HANDLES (x 2)

With USE4/3.5mm crochet hook make 37ch (approx. 12"/30 cm).

**Row 1:** 1 sc into the 2nd ch from the hook, 1sc into each ch to end, turn.

**Row 2:** 1sc into each sc to end, turn.

Rep row 2 for 6 more rows.

Break off yarn leaving a long tail. Fasten off.

### SHOULDER STRAP

With yarn doubled and leaving a long length at the beginning make 136ch, break off yarn leaving a long length. Fasten off.

### FINISHING

Fold handles in half and join row 1 to row 8 by inserting the crochet hook through each st of both layers and sl st them together. Once finished, stuff the handle with some polyester stuffing.

Mark the 12 central sc along the upper edge of both the front and back. Position the ends of each handle on either side of each 12-st group. Sew handles securely in place.

Sew the ends of the shoulder strap to both sides of the bag, also inside the last round.

Cut the stiff felt to match the size of the base of the bag. Place it inside the bag to reinforce the bottom and secure it with small stitches.