



# THE COLOR EVOLUTION



## SHOULDER BAG

**SKILL LEVEL:** Intermediate

### MATERIALS

Natural Bag Print by Laines du Nord approx. 3 x 100 grams x col. 11

USE4/3.5 mm crochet hook

Stitch markers

Tapestry needle

Scissors

Tape measure

A small amount of polyester stuffing for the shoulder bag handle

One 30 cm zipper or a sew-in magnetic snap for bags

One gold fan-shaped snap hook

### FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Width 11<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>cm

Height (before straps) 8<sup>7</sup>/<sub>20</sub>cm

### GAUGE

Using USE4/3.5mm crochet hook 16sc and 16rows equals 4<sup>7</sup>/<sub>10</sub> cm square

### ABBREVIATIONS

RS = right side of the work

WS = wrong side of the work

st/sts = stitch/es

col = color

ch = chain stitch

sl st = slip stitch

sc = single crochet

rep = repeat

follow = follow

tog. = together

incr = increase

SM = stitch marker

### INSTRUCTIONS

Work the bag holding 2 strands of the same yarn together (= double strand)

The first part of the bag is 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 E4/3.5 mm crochet hook and using yarn doubled make 26ch and work as follows:

**Round 1:** 1sc in the 2nd ch from the hook (the skipped ch doesn't count as a st), 1sc into each of the next 23ch, 3sc into the last ch, turn and continue on the opposite side of the foundation ch, work 1sc into each of the next 23ch, 2sc in the same base st as the 1st sc of the round; do not close the round with a sl st and continue working in a spiral. [52sts]

**Round 2:** 1sc into each of the next 25sc, 3sc into the next st (incr in the 1st corner st), 1sc into each of the next 25sc, 3sc into the next st (incr in the 2nd corner st). [56sts]

**Round 3:** 1sc into each of the next 27sc, 3sc in the corner st, 1sc into each of the next 27sc, 3sc in the corner st. [60sts]

**Round 4:** 1sc into each of the next 29sc, 3sc in the corner st, 1sc into each of the next 29sc, 3sc in the corner st. [64sts]

**Round 5:** 1sc into each of the next 31sc, 3sc in the corner st, 1sc into each of the next 31sc, 3sc in the corner st. [68sts]

**Round 6:** 1sc into each of the next 33sc, 3sc in the corner st, 1sc into each of the next 33sc, 3sc in the corner st. [72sts]

**Round 7:** 1sc into each of the next 35sc, 3sc in the corner st, 1sc into each of the next 35sc, 3sc in the corner st, end with a sl st in each of the next 2 sts to even out the edge [76sts]  
Cut the yarn and fasten off.

### BAG BODY

Join the doubled yarn again in the center st of the front or back (19th st between the 2 corner sts) and continue working in sc.

**Round 8:** 1ch (doesn't count as a st), 1sc in the same base st as the ch, 1sc in each st of the round, do not close and continue working in a spiral. [76sts]

**Round 9:** 1sc into each of the next 19sc, 3sc in the next st (corner st), 1sc into each of the next 37sc, 3sc in the next st (corner st), 1sc into each of the next 18sc. [80sts]

**Round 10:** 1sc into each of the next 20sc, 3sc in the corner st, 1sc into each of the next 39sc, 3sc in the corner st, 1sc into each of the next 19sc. [84sts]

**Round 11:** 1sc into each of the next 21sc, 3sc in the corner st, 1sc into each of the next 41sc, 3sc in the corner st, 1sc into each of the next 20sc. [88sts]

**Rounds 12–13:** 1sc into each st of the round.

**Round 14:** 1sc into each of the next 22sc, 3sc in the next st (corner st), 1sc into each of the next 43sc, 3sc in the next st (corner st), 1sc into each of the next 21sc. [92sts]

**Rounds 15 to 31:** 1sc into each sc to end.

Cut the yarn and fasten off invisibly with a tapestry needle or crochet hook to even out the edge.

Now, divide the work in half and continue separately on both sides of the bag to create the 2 straps that form the shoulder handle (one long and one short). Flatten the bag, keeping 1sc at each of the 2 corners, 45sts for the front and 45sts for the back, then place a SM in the 23rd sc of the front and back.

### SHORT SIDE STRAP

**Row 1 (RS):** join the double strand of yarn in the 5th sc after 1 of the 2 SM, ch 1 (doesn't count as a st in this and the following rows), 2sc tog (working the 1st sc in the same base st as the ch), 1sc into each of the next 33sc, 2sc tog over the next 2 sts, 4sts remain unworked before the other SM, turn. [35sts]

**Row 2 (WS):** 1 ch, 1sc into each of the 35sc, turn.

**Row 3:** 1 ch, 2sc tog, 1sc into each of the next 31sc, 2sc tog, turn. [33sts]

**Row 4:** 1 ch, 2sc tog, 1sc into each of the next 29sc, 2sc tog, turn. [31sts]

**Row 5:** 1 ch, 2sc tog, 1sc into each of the next 27sc, 2sc tog, turn. [29sts]

**Row 6:** 1 ch, 2sc tog, 1sc into each of the next 25sc, 2sc tog, turn. [27sts]

**Row 7:** 1 ch, 2sc tog, 1sc into each of the next 23sc, 2sc tog, turn. [25 sts]

**Row 8:** 1 ch, 2sc tog, 1sc into each of the next 21sc, 2sc tog, turn. [23sts]

**Row 9:** 1 ch, 2sc tog, 1sc into each of the next 19sc, 2sc tog, turn. [21sts]

**Row 10:** 1 ch, 2sc tog, 1sc into each of the next 17sc, 2sc tog, turn. [19sts]

**Row 11:** 1 ch, 2sc tog, 1sc into each of the next 15sc, 2sc tog, turn. [17sts]

**Row 12:** 1 ch, 2sc tog, 1sc into each of the next 13sc, 2sc tog, turn. [15sts]

**Row 13:** 1 ch, 2sc tog, 1sc into each of the next 11sc, 2sc tog, turn. [13sts]

**Row 14:** 1 ch, 2sc tog, 1sc into each of the next 9sc, 2sc tog, turn. [11sts]

**Row 15:** 1 ch, 2sc tog, 1sc into each of the next 7sc, 2sc tog, turn. [9sts]

**Row 16:** 1 ch, 2sc tog, 1sc into each of the next 5sc, 2sc tog, turn. [7sts]

Position the fan-shaped snap hook over the sts of row 16 and work the sts of the next row through the hook, encasing it within the sts to secure it in place.

**Row 17:** 1 ch, 2sc tog, 1sc into each of the next 3sc, 2sc tog. Cut the yarn and fasten off. [5sts]

### LONG SIDE STRAP

Return to the unworked sts of round 31 and work as instructed from rows 1 to 9 of the short side strap (21sts at the end of row 9).

**Note:** there are 9 free sts left between the 2 side straps on both the front and back.

**Rows 10 to 20:** 1sc into each st to end, 1ch to turn. [21sc]

**Row 21:** 1 ch, 2sc tog, 1sc into each of the next 17sc, 2sc tog, turn. [19sts]

**Row 22:** As row 20. [19 sts]

**Row 23:** 1 ch, 2sc tog, 1sc into each of the next 15sc, 2sc tog, turn. [17sts]

**Row 24:** As row 20. [17sts]

**Row 25:** 1 ch, 2sc tog, 1sc into each of the next 13sc, 2sc tog, turn. [15sts]

**Rows 26 to 41:** As row 20. [15 sts]

**Row 42:** 1 ch, 2sc tog, 1sc into each of the next 11sc, 2sc tog, turn. [13sts]

**Rows 43 to 53:** As row 20. [13 sts]

**Row 54:** 1 ch, 2sc tog, 1sc into each of the next 9sc, 2sc tog, turn. [11sts]

**Row 55:** 1 ch, 2sc tog, 1sc into each of the next 7sc, 2sc tog, turn. [9sts]

**Row 56:** 1 ch, 2sc tog, 1sc into each of the next 5sc, 2sc tog, turn. [7sts]

Across the next row, work the sc through the snap hook as well to complete the attachment to the short side strap of the shoulder handle.

**Row 57:** 1 ch, 2sc tog, 1sc into each of the next 3sc, 2sc tog, turn. [5sts]

Cut the yarn and fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Fold the shoulder strap in half, overlapping the 2 long sides, then sew the corresponding sts together of the ends between rows 56 and 10, ensuring that the seam remains on the inside of the shoulder strap and inserting stuffing gradually as you join the edges.

To close the bag, sew a 30 cm zipper along the edges of the opening or attach the 2 parts of a magnetic snap inside the opening at the center front and center back.

Weave in all ends.