



THE COLOR EVOLUTION



TWO-TONE BAG

SKILL LEVEL: Intermediate

MATERIALS

Natural Bag Print by Laines du Nord approx. 3 x 100 grams x col. 10

Natural Bag by Laines du Nord, 3 x 100 grams x col. 02

Crochet hook USG6/4mm

Stitch markers

Tapestry needle

Scissors

Tape measure

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Width 14"/35cm

Height 13"/33cm

GAUGE

Using USG6/4mm crochet hook 16hdc x 11rows equals 4"/10 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

hdc = half double crochet

rep = repeat

fol. = follow

tog. = together

INSTRUCTIONS

The bag consists of 2 identical panels (front and back), joined by a side band that includes the handles.

PANEL (x 2)

With USG6/4mm crochet hook and col 10 make 56ch and work as follows:

Row 1 (RS): 1 hdc in the 3rd ch from the hook and in each ch to the end. [54hdc]

Row 2 (WS): 2ch (doesn't count as a st in this and the foll rows), 2hdc in the first st, 1hdc into each of the next 52hdc, 2 hdc in the last st, turn. [56 hdc]

Rows 3 to 14: 2ch, 1 hdc in each hdc to end, turn. [56hdc in each row]

Row 15: 2ch, 2hdc tog over the first 2 sts, 1hdc into each of the next 52hdc, 2 hdc tog over the last 2 sts, turn [54hdc]

Row 16: 2ch, 1 hdc in each hdc to end, turn. [54 hdc]

Row 17: 2ch, 2 hdc tog over the first 2 sts, 1hdc into each of the next 50hdc, 2hdc tog over the last 2 sts, turn [52hdc]

Row 18: 2ch, 1 hdc in each hdc to end, turn. [52 hdc]

Row 19: 2ch, 2 hdc tog over the first 2 sts, 1hdc into each of the next 48hdc, 2hdc tog over the last 2 sts, turn [50 hdc]

Row 20: 2ch, 1 hdc in each hdc to end, turn. [50 hdc]

Row 21: 2ch, 2 hdc tog over the first 2 sts, 1hdc into each of the next 46hdc, 2 hdc tog over the last 2 sts, turn [48 hdc]

Row 22: 2ch, 1 hdc in each hdc to end, turn. [48 hdc]

Row 23: 2ch, 2 hdc tog over the first 2 sts, 1hdc into each of the next 44hdc, 2hdc tog over the last 2 sts, turn [46 hdc]

Row 24: 2ch, 1 hdc in each hdc to end,, turn. [46 hdc]

Row 25: 2ch, 2 hdc tog over the first 2 sts, 1hdc into each of the next 42hdc, 2 hdc tog over the last 2 sts, turn [44 hdc]

Row 26: 2ch, 1 hdc in each hdc to end, turn. [44 hdc]

For shaping the 2 points (triangular motifs), divide the work and cont separately on both sections at the top of the panel.

First point

Row 27 (RS): 2ch, 2 hdc tog over the first 2 sts., 1hdc into each of the next 14hdc, 2 hdc tog over the last 2 sts, turn. [16 hdc]

Row 28 (WS): 2ch, 1 hdc into the 16 hdc, turn.

Row 29: 2ch, 3 hdc tog over the first 3 sts, 1hdc into the next 10hdc, 3 hdc tog over the last 3 sts, turn. [12 hdc]

Row 30: 2ch, 1 hdc into each hdc to end, turn.

Row 31: 2ch, 2 hdc tog over the first 2 sts, 1hdc into the next 8 hdc, 2hdc tog over the last 2 sts, turn. [10 hdc]

Row 32: 2ch, 1hdc into each hdc to end, turn.

Row 33: 2ch, 3 hdc tog over the first 3 sts, 1hdc into the next 4hdc, 3hdc tog over the last 3 sts, turn. [6 hdc]

Row 34: 2ch, 1hdc into each hdc to end, turn.

Row 35: 2ch, (2 hdc tog) 3 times, turn. [3hdc]

Row 36: 2ch, 2 hdc tog, 1 hdc into next hdc. Cut the yarn and fasten off. [2 hdc]

Second point

Continue on the unworked sts of row 26.

Row 27 (RS): skip the 8 sts after the first point (the 8 central sts of row 26) and join col 10 in the next st, then ch 2 (doesn't count as a st), 2hdc tog (working the 1st hdc into the same base st as the ch-2), 1hdc into the next 14hdc, 2 hdc tog over the last 2 sts, turn. [16 hdc]

Rows 28 to 36: work as for rows 28-36 of the first point, reversing the shaping of the decrease across row 36. Cut the yarn and fasten off.

Work the second panel as given for the first one.

SIDE BAND

With USG6/4mm crochet hook and col 02 make 18ch and work as follows:

Row 1: 1 hdc into the 3rd ch from the hook and in each ch to end, turn. [16 hdc]

Row 2: 2 ch (doesn't count as the 1st st in this and in the foll rows), 1hdc into each st to end, turn.

Row 3: 2ch, 2 hdc into the 1st st, 1hdc into the next 14hdc, 2 hdc in the last st, turn. [18 hdc]

Rows 4 to 85: 2ch, 1hdc into each st to end, turn.

Row 86: 2ch, 2 hdc tog over the first 2 sts, 1hdc into the next 14hdc, 2 hdc tog over the last 2 sts, turn. [16 hdc]

Rows 87 and 88: 2ch, 1hdc into each dc to end, turn.

For handle shaping, across the next row, divide the work and continue separately on both sides.

Row 89: 2ch, 1hdc in each of the first 8sts, turn, leaving the remaining 8sts unworked.

Row 90: 2ch, 1hdc into the next 8hdc, turn.

Row 91: 2ch, 1hdc into the next 3hdc, 2 hdc tog, 1hdc into

the next 3hdc, turn. [7hdc]

Rows 92 to 128: 2ch, 1hdc into the 7hdc, turn.

Row 129: 2ch, 1hdc into the next 3hdc, 2hdc in the next st, 1hdc into the next 3hdc, turn. [8hdc]

Rows 130 and 131: 2ch, 1hdc into the next 8hdc, turn.

At the end of row 131, cut the yarn and fasten off.

Resume working on the 8sts left at the end of row 88 and rep rows 89 to 131. Cut the yarn and fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

FINISHING

Using a tapestry needle and the fastening yarn, sew the ends of both handles to the foundation chains of the side band, closing them into a loop.

Pin the edge of the side band section (leaving the 2 handles free) around the 2 sides and the bottom of one panel. Then, using yarn col 02 and a crochet hook, join the edges together with a row of sc, working evenly from the tip of the 1st point to the tip of the 2nd point. Rep the same process to join the opposite edge of the side band around the second panel.

Fold one handle in half, then using col 02, join the edges together with a row of sl st, inserting the hook through the corresponding sts of both edges as you work (make sure the hdc seam remains on the inner side of the handle). Cut the yarn and fasten off. Fold and sew the second handle in the same way.

Weave in all ends.