

THE COLOR EVOLUTION



SKILL LEVEL: Intermediate

MATERIALS

Natural Bag Print by Laines du Nord approx. 4 x 100 grams x col. 14

Natural Bag by Laines du Nord, 1 x 100 grams x col. 10 USG6/4 mm crochet hook

Stitch markers Tapestry needle

Scissors

Tape measure

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Bag laid flat: 15"/36cm wide, 12"/29cm high (from the last round of the base to the end of the last round of the sides) Half-handle height: 11"/28cm

GAUGE

The base from rounds 1 to 6 measures 4"/10 cm in diameter, worked in single crochet using Natural bag (col. 10 orange) and USG6/4 mm crochet hook.

12sts and 14 rows/rounds = 4"/10cm square worked in single crochet using Natural Bag Print yarn and a USG6/4mm crochet hook.

ABBREVIATIONS

RS = right side of work WS = wrong side of work SM = stitch marker st/sts = stitch/es col = color ch = chain stitch sl st = slip stitch sc = single crochet hdc = half double crochet dc = double crochet rep = repeat foll = follow

INSTRUCTIONS

The bag is worked from the bottom-up, starting from the center of the base and continuing in a continuous spiral of sc, without closing each round with a sl st. To keep track of the rounds, place a SM in the 1st st of each round, moving it up as you go. After completing the base, change to the printed yarn during the last yo of round 12.

BASE

Using col 10 make a magic ring.

Round 1: 1 ch (doesn't count as a st), work 8sc into the ring; pull the yarn tail to tighten the ring. Do not close the round and continue working in a spiral.

Round 2: 2 sc in each st of the round. [16sc]

Round 3: (1sc into the next sc, 2sc into the next sc) 8 times. [24sc]

Round 4: (1sc into the next 2sc, 2sc in the next sc) 8 times. [32sc]

Round 5: (1sc into the next 3sc, 2sc in the next sc) 8 times.

[40 sc]

Round 6: (1sc in the next 4sc, 2sc in the next sc) 8 times. [48sc]

Round 7: (1sc in the next 5sc, 2sc in the next sc) 8 times. [56sc]

Round 8: (1sc in the next 6sc, 2sc in the next sc) 8 times. [64sc]

Round 9: (1sc in the next 7sc, 2sc in the next sc) 8 times. [72sc]

Round 10: (1sc in the next 8sc, 2sc in the next sc) 8 times. [80sc]

Round 11: (1sc in the next 9sc, 2sc in the next sc) 8 times. [88sc]

Round 12: (1 sc in the next 43sc, 2 sc in the next sc) twice. [90 sc]

Break off col 10 and join in col 14.

SIDES

Round 13: (1sc into the next 44sc, 2sc in the next sc) twice. [92sc]

Rounds 14 to 45: 1sc into each sc to end.

Round 46: change to col 10 and work 1sc into each sc to end. Round 47 and 48: Using col 14 – work 1sc into each sc to end. Round 49: As round 46,

Round 50 and 51: As 47 and 48.

Round 52: sl st in each st of the round ending with sl st into the 1st sl st of the round. Do not cut the yarn.

FIRST PART OF THE HANDLE

Continue working in back-and-forth rows, keeping in mind that in row 1, the sc are worked into the center of the V of each sl st, rather than under both loops. At the same time, insert the crochet hook through the corresponding sc from round 51.

Row 1 (RS): 1ch (doesn't count as a st), 1sc into the center of the same base sl st as the ch, sl st into the center of each ch of the next 29 sl st, 1ch, turn, leaving the remaining sts unworked (the turning ch doesn't count as a st). [30sc]

Row 2 (WS): 2sc tog over the first 2 sts, 1sc into the next 26sc, 2sc tog over the last 2 sts, 1ch, turn. [28sts]

Row 3: 2sc tog over the first 2sts, 1sc into the next 24sc, 2sc tog over the last 2sts, 1ch, turn. [26sts]

Row 4: 2sc tog over the first 2sts, 1sc into the next 22sc, 2sc tog over the last 2sts, 1ch, turn. [24 sts]

Row 5: 2sc tog over the first 2 sts, 1sc into the next 20sc, 2sc tog over the last 2sts, 1ch, turn. [22 sts]

Row 6: 2sc tog over the first 2sts, 1sc into each of the next 18sc, 2sc tog over the last 2sts, 1ch, turn. [20 sts]

Row 7: 2sc tog over the first 2sts, 1sc into each of the next 16sc, 2sc tog over the last 2sts, 1ch, turn. [18sts]

Row 8: 2sc tog over the first 2sts, 1sc into each of the next 14sc, 2sc tog over the last 2 sts, 1ch, turn. [16sts]

Row 9: sl st in the 1st st, 2sc tog over the next 2sts, 1sc into each of the next 10sc, 2sc tog over the next 2 sts, leave the last st unworked, 1ch, turn. [12sts]

Row 10: 2sc tog over the first 2 sts, 1sc into each of the next 8sc, 2sc tog over the last 2sts, turn. [10sts]

Cut the yarn and fasten off.

Row 11 (RS): join col 10 to the 2nd of the 10sc from the previous row and work 1ch to secure, 1sc in the same base

st as the ch and in each of the next 7sc, 1ch, turn. [8sc] **Row 12 (WS):** 1 sc in each of the first 6sc, 2sc in the last 2 sts, 1ch, turn. [7sts] **Rows 13 to 27:** 1sc into each of the next 7sc. Cut the yarn and fasten off.

SECOND PART OF THE HANDLE

Row 1 (RS): skip the next 16sts after the 30sc of the first half of the handle, then join col 14 and secure it with 1ch, 1 sc into the base st as the ch, 1 sc in each of the next 29sc, 1ch (the turning ch doesn't count as a st), turn, leaving the remaining 16sts unworked. [30sc]

Rows 2 to 27: work as rows 2 to 27 of the first part of the handle. Cut the yarn and fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

FINISHING

On the WS, sew together the edges of the last row of both handle sections. Weave in any remaining yarn tails between the sts on the WS.

