



THE COLOR EVOLUTION



ECO CROCHET BAG

SKILL LEVEL: Experienced

MATERIALS

Eco Crochet by Laines du Nord 4 balls color 21 (orange)

Size USE4/3.5mm crochet hook

Size USG6/4mm crochet hook

Size USG7/4.5mm crochet hook

Darning needle with large eye

Stitch marker

Scissors

Tape measure

NOTE

Work the bag from bottom to top, beginning from rectangular base. Work 4 panels (front, back and sides) in herringbone stitch around 4 sides of the base separately

FINISHED MEASUREMENT

Width of base: 14"/35cm

Width of top piece (bag opening): 13"/32cm

Height: 13"/32cm

Depth (sides): 4"/10cm

STITCHES USED

Chain, chain stitch (crochet-hook seam), slip stitch, single crochet.

Crab stitch: single crochet working in reverse so working from left to right.

Herringbone stitch in back-and-forth rows: work as many stitches as necessary,

1st row (RS): insert the hook into 2nd ch from hook and work 1 sc, insert the hook into 2nd loop placed on front part of sc you have just made (2 loops on the hook), insert the hook into next base ch, yarn over, pull 1 loop and extend it slightly (3 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull it through 3 loops on crochet-hook closing the 1st stitch, * insert the hook into 3rd of 3 loops that shape the front part of previous stitch (2 loops on crochet-hook), insert the hook into next base ch, yarn over, pull 1 loop and extend it slightly (3 loops on crochet-hook), yarn over and pull it through 3 loops on crochet-hook closing the stitch *, rep from * to * to end of row. turn.

2nd row (WS): On top part of the sts. there are 3 threads. Insert the hook under all 3 top threads of 1st st. and work 1 sc, insert the hook into 2nd loop of sc, but with yarn in front, then insert the hook into back of 2nd loop (2 loops on crochet-hook), continue with yarn in front and insert the hook under 3 top threads of next base st. (from back to front), yarn over, pull 1 loop and extend it slightly (3 loops on crochet-hook), yarn over and pull it through 3 loops on crochet-hook, closing the stitch; * with yarn in front of work, insert the hook into back of 3rd loop of previous stitch (2 loops on crochet-hook), always with yarn in front of work insert the hook under 3 top threads of next st. (from back to front), yarn over, pull 1 loop and extend it slightly (3 loops on crochet-hook), yarn over and pull it through 3 loops on crochet-hook closing the stitch *, rep. from * to * to end of row.

3rd row (RS): work 1 sc into first st, insert the hook into 2nd loop placed on front part of sc you have just made (2

loops on the hook), insert the hook into next st, yarn over, pull 1 loop and extend it slightly (3 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull it through 3 loops on crochet-hook closing the 1st stitch, * insert the hook into 3rd of 3 loops that shape the front part of previous stitch (2 loops on crochet-hook), insert the hook into next st, yarn over, pull 1 loop and extend it slightly (3 loops on crochet-hook), yarn over and pull it through 3 loops on crochet-hook closing the stitch *, rep from * to * to end of row. turn.

Rep rows 2 and 3 as required.

Seam by invisible chain stitch technique: with panels WS against WS sl st corresponding sts from 2 panels,

Romanian Lace Cord

Make a slip knot, 2ch, 1dc into 2nd ch from hook, turn work and insert hook in bottom loop of 2nd ch, yarn over and draw through 2 loops, * turn work and pick up 2 side loops, yarn over and draw through 2 loops, yarn over and draw through 2 loops, rep from * to * until required length.

Fasten off.

ABBREVIATIONS

RS = right side of work

WS = wrong side of work

SM = stitch marker

st. / sts. = stitch / es

ch = chain stitch

sl st = slip stitch

sc = single crochet

dc = double crochet

rep. = repeat

foll. = follow/ing

INSTRUCTIONS

RECTANGULAR BASE

Start from one short side and work in back-and-forth rows.

Using size USG6/4mm crochet-hook, make 18ch and work herringbone stitch as given for 56 rows, working last row on WS. Do not break off yarn.

1st finishing round (RS): 1 ch, work 1 round in sc around the perimeter as follows: 18sc along each short side, 56sc along each long side and 3sc in every corner, inserting a SM into 2nd sc of every 3sc group (corner); close with a sl st into 1st sc of the round.

2nd finishing round (RS): using size US7/4.5 mm crochet-hook, work 1 sl st in every sc loosely ending with a sl st into 1st sl st of the round, Break off yarn. Sew in loose ends.

The base measures 4 x 14"/10 x 35cm.

SIDE PANELS (x 2)

Using size USG6/4mm hook, work herringbone st. on 20sc of 1st finishing round along short side of the base, working 1st and 20th st. into second corner-sc marked with SM and inserting hook through 2 top threads of every base sc. Cont on these 20 sts until 53 rows of herringbone patt worked. Panel measures 13"/32cm. Break off yarn.

Work 2nd side panel as given for first one.

FRONT PANEL

Using size USG6/4mm crochet-hook, work in herringbone st. on 58sc of 1st finishing round along one long side of the

base, working 1st and 58th st. on second corner-sc marked with SM and inserting the hook through 2 top threads of every base sc.

Cont on these 58sts until 40 rows of patt worked,

Work centre opening shaping as follows:

Continue working 2 pieces separately:

13 rows in herringbone st on the first 19 sts, skip the centre 20sts and work the remaining 19sts to match the first side.

Side panels and front panel have the same amount of rows.

BACK PANEL

Work as given for front panel.

FINISHING

Panels finishing

Using size US7/4.5 mm crochet-hook, work in sl st around 3 sides of every panel. Check that number of stitches must be the same of number of rows along every side edge of each panel. This is important to keep the seams flat and even.

Give the finishing touch to the opening of the bag: before sewing the sides, work 1 round in crab st. around the circumference of the bag (opening), working 1 crab st. in every available st. on top edge of each panel, joining the 4 parts in correspondence of 4 top corners of the bag. This step prepares the bag for the next step, i.e. the sewing of the sides.

Sides sewing

Using size USE4/3.5 mm hook and the invisible chain st. technique, join the side edges of 4 panels. Start from the right of the panels from top to bottom and on the left of panels from bottom to top.

HANDLES (MAKE 2)

using size US7/4.5 mm crochet-hook and double yarn, work Romanian lace cord for 15"/38cm. Fasten off.

Sew handles to bag as seen on photo.

Sew in all loose threads.