



# THE COLOR EVOLUTION



## CLUTCH BAG

### FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Width 25cm (10in)

Height 18cm (7in)

Depth 14cm (5½in)

### MATERIALS

Folie Bag by LAINES DU NORD, 3 100 grams, color 103

Size US7/4.5 mm crochet-hook

1 spring closure = 20 x 17 cm

### TENSION

13.5 stitches x 13 rows/rounds, in fancy single crochet, using Folie bag yarn and size US7/4.5 mm crochet-hook.

### STITCHES USED

**Fancy single crochet:** insert the hook into the vertical loop of the previous stitch and through the next single crochet, yarn over and pull loop through, yarn over again and pull through all 3 loops on the hook.

**Invisible bind off:** After last single crochet, fasten off leaving a 12–15 cm tail. Thread the darning needle, insert from back to front under both V-shaped-bars of top of first single crochet, then into center of top of last single crochet, to the back. Pull to form a fake stitch. Weave in end on WS.

### ABBREVIATIONS

RS = right side of the work

WS = wrong side of the work

SM = stitch marker

st(s) = stitch(es)

ch = chain stitch

sl st = slip stitch

sc = single crochet

tog = together

rep = repeat

beg = beginning

foll = follow

tch = turning chain

### NOTES

The base of the bag is worked in rows.

The first part of the body of the bag is worked in rounds around the perimeter of the base: do not close each round with a sl st. To mark the round, place a SM in the first st of each round and move it upwards as you go.

The second part of the body consists of two upper sections; work them separately in rows. The spring closure is covered with sc and join it at the upper edge of the bag.

### INSTRUCTIONS

#### BASE

With US7/4.5mm crochet hook make 21ch and work as follows:

**Row 1:** 1 sc in the 2nd ch from the hook, 1sc into each ch to end, turn (20sc)

**Row 2:** 1ch, (counts as 1sc), miss 1 st, 1sc into next and each st to end working last st into tch, turn.

Rep row 2 for a further 27 rows.

**Finishing round:** 1 ch and 1 sc in the 1st st, 1 sc in every st to end, \*\* (1sc, 1ch, 1sc) into corner, 1 sc into the end of every row (29sts), (1 sc, 1ch, 1sc) into corner, 1 sc into every st across first row, (1sc, 1ch, 1sc) into corner, 1 sc into end of every row (29sts). (1sc, 1ch, 1sc) into last corner, sl st in the beg sc. Do not cut the yarn. [106 sc]

### BODY OF THE BAG

**Round 1:** 1 ch and 1 sc in the 1st st, 1 fancy sc in every st of the round, at the end do not close the round but continue in spiral. [106 sts]

**Rounds 2 to 12:** work 1 fancy sc into every st across every round. At the end of the round 12, close with sl st into the beg sc of the same round;

Break off yarn and fasten off.

Top front and back

Lay the bag Flat and mark the 7 center stitches of the front and back, then insert a SM in the 1st and 7th st of both groups. Continue working 2 pieces separately in rows as follows:

**Row 13:** Cont in fancy sc, join the yarn to the st after the left SM and work as follows: fancy sc 2tog (1st decrease), work 1fancy sc into the next 42sts, fancy sc 2tog (2nd decrease), turn [44 sts]

**Row 14:** work 1 fancy sc into every st across row. 44sts,

**Row 15:** Fancy sc 2tog, work 1 fancy sc into the next 40sts, fancy sc 2tog.

Break off yarn and fasten off.

Rep rows 13th to 15th on the opposite side.

### FINISHING

Cover the first half of the spring closure with 58 sc, 2 ch at the small zipper, 58 sc on second half of the spring closure and 2 ch at the other small zipper; sl st in the beg sc, turn.

**Spring closure joining:** using small clothespins, attach the spring around the top edge of the bag, then join the 2 parts from 1st 2-ch-group as folls.: \* insert the hook though the back thread of 1 ch of the spring and through the back thread of the corresponding sc of the bag, yarn over and pull through the 2 loops with the loop on the crochet-hook closing them together \*, rep from \* to \* to joining the next ch of the spring and the next sc of the bag. Continue joining (through the back loop) every sc until the central opening, then evenly work sc around the opening. Join the spring at the body of the bag, in the same way, until the 2nd 2-ch-group; join the second half of the spring and repeat the same procedure around the other opening.

Using the darning needle, weave in all ends