



THE COLOR EVOLUTION



BEACH BAG

MEASUREMENTS

Width: 40cm/16in. **Length, without handles:** 35cm/14in.

MATERIALS

Folie Bag by LAINES DU NORD

Shade A 100 3 x 100 grams hank

Shade B 102 3 x 100 grams hank

Crochet-hooks = size US7/4.5 mm and USH/8 - 5mm

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

hdc = half double crochet

dc = double crochet

tog = together

rep = repeat

beg = beginning

foll = follow

NOTES

The bag consists of an oval base and a body worked in filet crochet.

The entire pattern is worked by alternating 3 rounds with shade A, and 3 rounds with shade B.

INSTRUCTIONS

OVAL BASE

Using shade A and size US7/4.5 crochet-hook make 23ch + 1 turning ch (24ch).

Round 1: 2 hdc into the 2 nd ch from the hook. (place SM in the 1 st hdc to mark the beginning of the round and move it into the 1 st st of every following round), 1 hdc in each of the next 21ch, 3 hdc into the last ch, turn and continue on the opposite side of the base ch, work 1 hdc in each of the 21 ch, 1 hdc in the same base st of the first 2 hdc of the round; sl st to the beg hdc. [48 hdc]

Round 2: 1 ch, 2 hdc in the 1 st hdc, 2 hdc in the next st, 1hdc into the next 21 hdc 2 hdc in each of 3 next sts, 1 hdc into the next 21 hdc, 2 hdc into the last hdc; sl st to the first hdc. [54 hdc]

Round 3: 1 ch, 2 hdc in the 1 st hdc, 1 hdc in the next st, 2 hdc in the next st, 1 hdc in the next st, 1 hdc into the next 21 hdc, [2 hdc in the next st, 1 hdc] 3 times, 1 hdc into the next 21 hdc, 2 hdc in the next st, 1 hdc in the last st, sl st in the beg sc. [60 hdc]

Break off yarn and join in shade B.

Round 4: 1 ch. 1 hdc in the 1 st hdc, 1hdc into next st, 2 hdc in the next st, 1hdc into each of the next 2 hdc, 2 hdc in the next st, 1hdc into each of the next 21 hdc, (2 hdc in the next st, 1hdc into each of the next 2sts) 3 times, 1hdc into each of the next 21 hdc, 2 hdc in the next st; 1hdc into each of the next 2sts, sl st in the beg sc. [66 hdc]

BODY OF THE BAG

Continue in filet crochet.

Round 1: 4 ch (counts as 1dc and 1ch), place SM in the 3rd of the 4 ch, to mark the beginning of the round (move the SM at beginning of every round), [1 dc in the next st, 1 ch] 65 times; sl st in the 3rd of the 4 ch. [66 squares]

Change to shade B and US H8/5 mm crochet-hook.

Rounds 2 to 22: 4 ch, [1 dc in the next dc, 1 ch] 65 times: sl st in the 3rd of the 4ch.

Alternate the colors every 3 rounds. [66 squares]

Break off yarn and fasten off.

FINISHING

Flatten the bag by overlapping the front and back. Place SM into the empty square of both sides of the bag (red highlighted in diagram 2), leaving 32 empty squares on the front and 32 empty squares on the back. Then, mark the 4 sts at the center front and center back (red highlighted in diagram 2), placing SM into the 1 st and 4th stitch of each group. Now work separately in filet crochet on the section to the right and the section to the left of the 4 central sts at the front and back. Work each section on 29 empty squares (half of the stitches are placed on the front and half on the back of the bag). Begin working the first section, alternating the colors as previously indicated.

LEFT HANDLE SECTION

Join yarn at point A of diagram 2 and work 3 rows in filet stitch decreasing one empty square on each side of every row like indicated. Work two pieces separately, from 4th to 13th row, following diagram 2 and shaping the edges of the side opening only. After working the 13th row of both pieces of left section, break off yarn.

RIGHT HANDLE SECTION

Join the yarn at point C of the diagram 2 and work as given for left part. At the end of the 13th row (of both pieces of right section) work 45 ch and join with a sl st at corresponding 13th row of left section, joining the starting chains at the end of 13th row C with the 13th row B and starting chains at the end of 13th row D with the 13th row A. This closes the handles at the top.

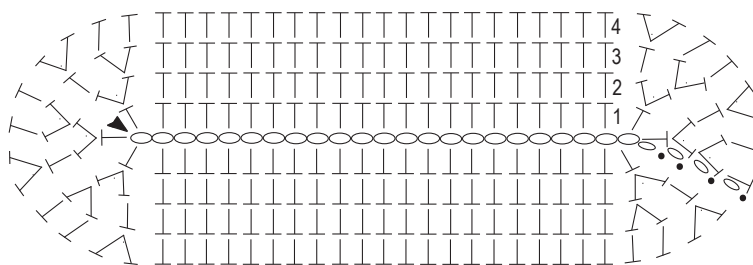
FINISHING

Inner edges of the handles and central openings (x 2): work 1 round in sl st into the 45 ch of the handle and into sc along the shaped edges at center front. Work in the same way on the inner edge of the other handle and the shaped edges at the center back.

Outer edge of the handles and sides: work 1 round of sl st on opposite side of the 45 ch of each handle and into sc along the shaped edges of each side opening.

Fasten off.

Diagram 1: base of the bag



- ▲ beginning
- △ end
- chain stitch
- slip stitch
- ┘ half double crochet
- ┘ 2 half double crochets in the same base stitch
- ┘ double crochet
- ┘ 2 chains and 1 double crochet together
- ┘ 2 double crochets together

Diagram 2: top front and back

