



# THE COLOR EVOLUTION



## CROSSBODY BAG

### MATERIALS

Folie Bag by LAINES DU NORD, 2 x 100 grams hank color 103.  
Natural Bag by LAINES DU NORD, 2 x 100 grams skein color 2  
Size USG6/4 mm crochet-hook

### SKILL LEVEL

Intermediate

### ABBREVIATIONS

RS = right side of the work	inc = increase
WS = wrong side of the work	dec = decrease
SM = stitch marker	tog = together
st(s) = stitch(es)	rep = repeat
ch = chain stitch	beg = beginning
sl st = slip stitch	foll = follow
sc = single crochet	tch = turning chain

### NOTE

The bag consists of the gusset strip (2 sides, the base and the shoulder belt), 1 front panel, 1 back panel and the flap. Work these pieces separately and then join them.

### INSTRUCTIONS

#### GUSSET STRIP (band and shoulder belt)

The gusset strip is worked with Natural Bag yarn and can be made in two methods:

a simple one using single crochet (sc) or a more advanced one using the thermal stitch.

##### Method 1 (single crochet)

Size USG6/4 mm crochet-hook Chain 13 + 1.

**Row 1:** 1 sc into the 2 nd ch from the hook and in each ch to end, ending with 1sc into tch, turn. (12sc)

Make sure to work with a fairly tight tension.

**Row 2:** 1ch, 1sc into each st to end, ending with 1sc into tch, turn.

Rep the 2 nd row until a total of 134 rows worked or work measures 110 cm/43in long.

Break off yarn and fasten off.

##### Method 2 (thermal stitch)

Size USG6/4 mm crochet-hook Chain 13 + 1.

**Beginning row:** 1 sc into the 2 nd ch from the hook and in each ch end, ending with 1sc into tch, turn. (12sc)

Continue in thermal stitch. This stitch is reversible and looks identical on RS and WS.

**Row 1:** \* insert the hook through the back loop of the next st and the back loop of base-ch of st below, yarn over, pull up a loop, yarn over and pull it through 2 loops on crochet-hook, closing the sc \*, rep from \* to \* to end, working into the tch, turn.

**Row 2:** \* insert the hook through the back loop of the next sc and the unworked back loop at the base of the same st (3 loops on hook) yarn over and pull through 2 loops, yarn over and pull through remaining 2 loops \*, rep from \* to \* to end, working into tch, turn.

Rep the 2 nd row until work measures 110 cm/43in long. Break off yarn and fasten off.

#### Panel x 2

Work one front panel and one back panel.

Using Folie bag yarn, and Size USG6/4 mm crochet-hook make 29ch.

**Row 1:** 1 sc into the 2 nd ch from the hook and 1sc into each ch end, ending with 1sc into tch, turn. [28 sc]

**Row 2:** 1ch, (counts as 1sc) miss first st, 1 sc in every sc to the last 2 sc, 2 sc in the second-last sc (= 1 inc), 1 sc in the last sc, 1sc into tch turn. [29 sc]

**Row 3 to 11:** rep row 2 [38 sc at the end of the row 11]

**Row 12 to 21:** 1ch, (counts as 1sc) miss first st, 1 sc in every sc ending with 1sc into tch, turn.

**Row 22:** 1ch, (counts as 1sc) miss first st, 1 sc in every sc to the last 3 sc, sc 2tog, (=1 decr), 1 sc in the last sc, 1 sc into tch, [37 sc]

**Row 23 to 27:** As row 22. [32 sc at the end of row 27]

**Row 28 and 29:** As row 12.

Break off yarn and fasten off.

Work the second panel as given for first one.

### FLAP

Using Folie bag yarn and Size USG6/4 mm crochet-hook make 27 ch.

**Row 1:** 1 sc into the 2 nd ch from the hook and in each ch end, ending with 1sc into tch, turn. [26 sc]

**Row 2 to 4:** 1ch, (counts as 1sc) miss first st, 1 sc in every sc ending with 1sc into tch, turn.

**Row 5:** 1ch, (counts as 1sc) miss first st, 1 sc in every sc to the last 2 sc, 2sc into the next sc, (1 inc), 1 sc in the last sc, 1 sc into tch, [27 sc]

**Row 6 to 14:** rep row 5. [36 sc at the end of row 14]

**Row 15 to 24:** As row 2.

**Row 25:** 1ch, (counts as 1sc) miss first st, 1 sc in every sc to the last 3 sc, sc 2tog, (=1 decr), 1 sc in the last sc, 1 sc into tch, [35 sc]

**Row 26 to 28:** rep row 25. [32 sc after working row 28]

Break of yarn and fasten off.

### FINISHING

Fold the gusset strip in half and mark the center with a SM. Place this marker at the center of the back panel. Pin in place along panel and pin the opposite side along the front panel. Cont to pin in place up the sides. Sew in place.

Join the first and last row of the gusset.

Using Size USG6/4 mm crochet-hook and Natural Bag yarn, work 1 round of sc evenly around the edge of the flap.

Using the darning needle and Natural Bag yarn, sew the base chains of the flap horizontally to the back of the bag, about 2 cm/¾ in below the top edge of the back panel.

Fasten off.