ARUBA | **boardwalk**
bag

MATERIALS
3 x 100g hanks of EYB **Aruba** shade #09 Sanibel Island.
One size US I-9/5.5mm crochet hook.

ABBREVIATIONS
blo back loop only; **ch** chain; **dc** double crochet; **g** grams; **hdc** half double crochet; **in** inch(es); **k** knit; **mm** millimeters; **p** purl; **RS** right side; **sc** single crochet; **sp** space; **st(s)** stitch(es); **tog** together; **tr** treble crochet (or triple crochet); **WS** wrong side; **yo** yarn over.

BAG
Note: Turning chain always counts as a stitch in running stitch counts.

BAG BASE
Chain 22
Row 1 Hdc 2nd ch from hook, and in each chain across, turn (20 st).
Row 2 Ch2, hdc in each st across, turn (20 st).
Row 3 Repeat row 2.
Row 4 Repeat row 2.
Row 5 Repeat row 2.
Row 6 Repeat row 2.

BAG BODY
Rnd 1 (RS) Ch2, turn work 90 degrees clockwise, keeping RS facing, 1 hdc into side of st just worked, 2hdc in each hdc across row, turn corner, (keeping RS facing you) hdc in each st across starting ch, turn corner, (keeping RS facing you) 2hdc in hdc, turn corner, (keeping RS facing you), hdc in each st across row, sl st to join to start of round. (62 st)
Rnd 2 Ch2, hdc blo all the way around, sl st to join.
Rnd 3 Repeat round 2.
Rnd 4 Ch2, (pm on this ch2), 11 hdc blo, pm on next hdc blo, 19 hdc blo, pm on next hdc blo, 11 hdc blo, pm on next hdc blo, 19 hdc blo, sl st to join.
Rnd 5 Ch2, 2 hdc in next st, * hdc in each st to 1 st before marker, 2hd in that st, hdc in st with marker, 2hdc in next st * repeat * to * two more times, hdc in each st to end, one more hdc in last st, sl st to join. (8 sts increased)
Rnd 6 Repeat round 2.
Rnd 7 Repeat round 2.
Rnd 8 Repeat round 2.

Rnd 9 Ch2, hdc all the way around, sl st to join.
Rnd 10 Repeat round 2.
Rnd 11 Repeat round 2.
Rnd 12 Repeat round 2.
Rnd 13 Ch2, hdc all the way around, sl st to join.
Rnd 14 Sl st in ever st around, sl to join and weave in tail.
With yarn held inside bag sl st in each st around base of bag (52 sl sts around initial rectangle of 6 rows x 20 sts).

FLOWERS (MAKE 3)
With a 10in/25.5cm tail of yarn, ch20, dc in 5th ch from hook, * sk 1 ch, (dc, ch2, dc) in next st * repeat * - * across row, turn.
Ch3, 4dc in ch2 sp, (sl st in sp between Vs, 5dc in next ch2 sp) repeat across row.
Fasten off.
Roll up flower and use tail to sew all bases of the petals together.

FLORETS (MAKE 5)
Ch5, sc in 5th and ch from hook, * tr, sc * in same chain space, repeat around until circle is full, sl st to first st to join. Pull starting tail to tighten up center of flower.
Flip over.
Arrange flowers as shown or in a pleasing fashion and sew on with tails of yarn. Secure further with sewing thread (doubled) in neutral color, pulling taut to hide thread and make flowers securely attached.

FINISHING
(Ch 60in/152.5cm and cut) 3 times. Knot together at end and braid these three chains together to form strap. Knot other end. Sew strap to sides of bag overlapping on the outside approximately 4in/10cm. Fold sides of bag around strap and sew together at the top and approximately 2in/5cm down to secure.