

KINCHAKU BAG

US crochet terms used throughout.

Abbreviations:

st(s) = stitch(es), ch = chain

sl st = slip stitch, sc = single crochet

sc2tog = decrease by making 2 scs together

Design Lankava, Shizukudo (www.shizukudo.stores.jp)

Finished size 23x21cm (width x height)

Yarn Mini Tube Yarn: 470g in Coral red (12) OR Dark grey (25) (80% recycled cotton, 20% polyester, 1kg = 355m)

Other supplies 1.7m of white faux leather cord (7mm) for the shoulder strap, and 2 metal grommets (internal hole diameter 8mm)

Crochet hook 4mm (US G) (or size to obtain gauge)

Gauge 12.5 sts and 12 rounds = 10cm



Instructions: The bag is crocheted in the round from the bottom up, using scs. Begin by making the round bottom piece. Make a magic ring around your finger.

Round 1: Ch 1, 7 scs into the ring, close round with a sl st into 1st ch. Close all rounds similarly with a sl st.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, 2 scs in each st = 14 sts.

Rnd 3: Ch 1, *sc in next st, 2 scs in next st*, repeat *-* till the end of rnd = 21 sts.

Rnd 4: Ch 1, sc in next st, *2 scs in next st, sc in next 2 sts*, repeat *-* and make sc in last st = 28 sts.

Rnd 5: Ch 1, *sc in next 3 sts, 2 scs in next st*, repeat *-* and make 2 scs in last st = 35 sts.

Rnd 6: Ch 1, sc in next 2 sts, *2 scs in next st, sc in next 4 sts*, repeat *-* and make sc in last 2 sts = 42 sts.

Rnd 7: Ch 1, *sc in next 5 sts, 2 scs in next st*, repeat *-* and make 2 scs in last st = 49 sts.

Rnd 8: Ch 1, sc in next 3 sts, *2 scs in next st, sc in next 6 sts*, repeat *-* and make sc in last 3 sts = 56 sts.

Rnd 9: Ch 1, *sc in next 7 sts, 2 scs in next st*, repeat *-* and make 2 scs in last st = 63 sts.

Rnd 10: Ch 1, sc in next 4 sts, *2 scs in next st, sc in next 8 sts*, repeat *-* and make sc in last 4 sts = 70 sts.

Rnd 11: Ch 1, sc in each st around = 70 sts.

Rnd 12: Ch 1, *sc in next 13 sts, 2 scs in next st*, repeat *-* until end of rnd = 75 sts.

Rnd 13: Ch 1, sc in each st around = 75 sts.

Rnd 14: Ch 1, sc in next 7 sts, *2 scs in next st, sc in next 14 sts*, repeat *-* and make sc in last 7 sts = 80 sts. The bottom of the bag is now finished, continue by making the sides.

Rnds 15-34: Ch 1, sc in each st around = 80 sts.

Rnd 35: On this rnd, make 4 holes for the cord: Ch 1, sc in next 4 sts, *ch 1, skip 1 st (= 1st hole), sc in next 30 sts*, ch 1, skip 1 (= 2nd hole), sc in next 8 sts, repeat *-*, ch 1, skip 1 (= 4th hole), sc in next 4 sts.

Note: The 2nd and 3rd hole are the front holes for attaching the grommets.

Rnd 36: Ch 1, sc in next 19 sts, *ch 1, skip 1 st, sc in next 6 sts*, ch 1, skip 1 st, sc in next 26 sts, repeat *-*, sc in next 19 sts.

Rnd 37: Ch 1, sc in each st and ch-1 space around = 80 sts.

Rnd 38: Sl st in each st around, close rnd with an invisible slip stitch.

Balls: Make a small round ball for each end of the shoulder strap. Make a magic ring around your finger.

Rnd 1: Ch 1, 8 scs into the ring, close rnd with a sl st into the 1st ch. Close all rounds similarly with a sl st.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, 2 scs in each st around = 16 sts.

Rnds 3-4: Ch 1, sc in each st around = 16 sts.

Rnd 5: Ch 1, *sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog*, repeat *-* until the end of rnd = 12 sts.

Rnd 6: Ch 1, sc2tog with all sts = 6 sts. Cut yarn but leave a tail of 30cm for sewing. Make another ball.

Cord lock: Ch 8 for the foundation chain and close into a round with a sl st.

Rnds 1-3: Ch 1, sc in each st around, close with a sl st into 1st ch. Cut yarn but leave a tail of 30cm for sewing.

Finishing Attach the grommets into the 2 front holes. Take the ends of the strap through the holes at the back, then at the sides and last through the front holes. Take the ends through the cord lock and sew a line through the middle of the lock with the tail left for sewing. Knot the ends of the strap and take the knots inside the crochet balls. Use the yarn tail to both fill the ball and sew closed the remaining opening.

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