

BALLO BAG

Design: Lankava, Molla Mills.

Size: 48x44 cm.

Yarn: Moi braided yarn (80 % recycled CO, 20 % PES, 500 g = 300 m), 500 g natural white (52), 500 g black (70).

Hook: 5,5 mm or size to obtain gauge.

Other supplies: 65 cm leather handles, white or black cotton ribbon (w. 22 mm).

Gauge: 12.5 sc x 12 rows = 10 cm x 10 cm.

Abbreviations: Ch = chain stitch, st = stitch, sc = single crochet stitch (Am.).

Info: The bag is worked back and forth in single crochet stitches, carrying the other yarn inside the stitches throughout the work. Make sure not to pull the carry-on yarn too tight; keep it loose. Leave the carry-on yarn one stitch from the end of each row to make sure the yarn loops will not show on the right side of the work. Change the color of the yarn in the last yarn over of the stitch.

Instructions: Work 61 chain stitches in natural white yarn to begin.

Row 1: Work 1 sc in the second st from the hook, grab the black yarn in the work, work 9 sc. Change to black yarn in the last yoh, work 10 sc. Continue working 10 sc in natural white, 10 sc in black yarn, 10 sc in natural white yarn, and 10 sc in black yarn. Leave the carry-on yarn one st from the end at the backside of the work.

Work 3 pattern repeats, 60 sts altogether. One pattern repeat is 20 sc in width.

Row 2: Work 1 ch, turn, grab the natural white in the work, work 10 sc. Work as for row 1 alternating natural white and black yarn in every 10 sts. Leave the carry-on yarn one st from the end at the backside of the work. Note! The starting ch counts as the starting st of each row.

Row 3-52: Continue working according to the pattern chart. Cut yarns and weave in ends. Work another piece with the same pattern.

Finishing: Place the pieces together right side out, and join the seams together with single crochet stitches. Start at the top left with black yarn and carry the natural white yarn in work. Work 1 sc for each row, and 3 sc in both corners. Work the bottom seam, alternating black and natural white yarn according to the pattern. Work the other long side seam in natural white yarn. Cut yarns and weave in ends. Note! The stitching is visible on the right side of the work. Sew the reinforcing cotton ribbon inside the work at the top edge by hand. Attach the leather handles in place.



