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Level of difficulty: Intermediate.



Design: Lankava, Molla Mills.

Size: 24x13 cm. The bag piece measures 27x40 cm before sewing.

Yarn: Lankava Lyyli cotton yarn (100 % cotton, 50 g = approx. 125 m) 60 g orange (Marigold 824) and 60 g pink (Light old rose 826).

Hook: 2,5 mm or per gauge.

Gauge: 27 sc-bl and 32 rows = 10 cm.

Other materials: Zipper 20 cm, two ring clasp 40 mm, leather strap w. 22 mm l. 45 cm and one 20x55 mm Stafil carabiner hook for the strap.



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Abbreviations:

RS = right side

WS = wrong side

s = stitch

ch = chain stitch

sc = single crochet

sc-bl = single crochet back loop

yoh = yarn over hook

sl st = slip stitch

INSTRUCTIONS:

BAG PIECE:

Begin with orange yarn and chain 71. At both the beginning and the end of the piece, crochet 4 rows of single crochet for the zipper seam allowance. After that, begin the stripe pattern. The bag alternates orange and pink yarn every six rows. On both edges, openings for the metal rings are made every 4th row.

ROWS 1-4, SEAM ALLOWANCE:

Row 1 (RS): Work 1 sc into the second ch from the hook, work 69 sc.

Rows 2-4: Turn, ch 1, 70 sc.

STRIPE 1 – ORANGE:

Row 5 (RS): Turn, ch 1, 70 sc-bl.

Row 6 (WS): Turn, ch 1, 2 sc-bl, ch 2, skip 2 sts (for metal ring opening), 62 sc-bl, ch 2, skip 2 sts (for metal ring opening), 2 sc-bl.

Row 7: Turn, ch 1, 70 sc-bl (work into the chain spaces from the previous row as well).

Rows 8-9: Turn, ch 1, 70 sc-bl.

Row 10: Work as Row 6. At the end of the row, change to pink yarn in the last yarn-over. Leave the orange yarn hanging neatly at the edge.

STRIPE 2 – PINK:

Row 11: Work as Row 7.

Rows 12-13: Turn, ch 1, sc-bl in each stitch. From Row 12 onward, carry the unused color along the second-to-last stitch on the WS to avoid long floats.

Row 14: Work as Row 6.

Row 15: Work as Row 7.

Row 16: Turn, ch 1, 1 sc-bl in each stitch. At the end of the row, change back to orange yarn in the last yoh.

Continue alternating orange and pink stripes until you have a total of 20 stripes. Each stripe is always 6 rows high.

At the end, crochet 4 additional rows of single crochet in pink for the zipper seam allowance. Fasten off and weave in all ends.

SEWING THE ZIPPER :

Place the zipper at the center of the bag's short ends, RS facing each other, leaving equal seam allowance on each side. Sew zipper by hand or machine; seam allowance is 2 rows. Sew the remaining edge allowance into the bag one stitch at a time, over a 12-st span (~4 rows).

METAL RING THREADING:

Thread openable metal rings through crochet edge loops on long sides of the bag. Start threading from the zipper seam so the ring is visible over the zipper seam. This is where the strap will attach. Thread the ring along the edge and close it securely.

STRAP:

Take a swivel clasp and a leather strap. Insert the end of the strap through the clasp ring and fold it over approximately 4 cm toward the WS. Insert the other end of the strap inside the fold on the wrong side and sew the strap ends securely together using strong thread.

Attach the strap to the metal ring at the closing end of the zipper seam using the swivel clasp.

