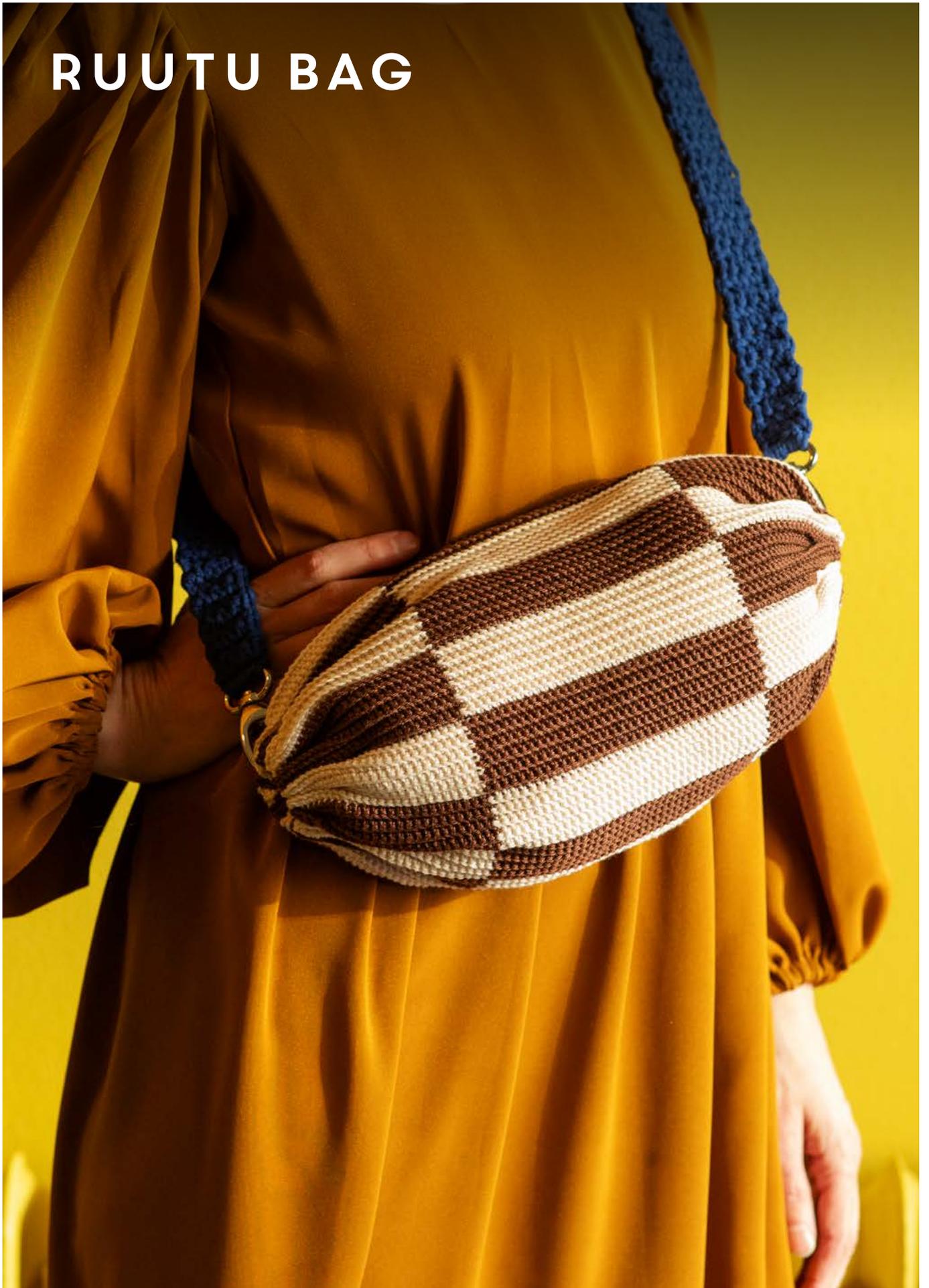


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Level of difficulty: Intermediate.



Design: Lankava, Molla Mills.

Size: 31x16 cm. The bag piece measures 32x45 cm before sewing.

Yarn: Lankava Lyli cotton yarn (100 % cotton, 50 g = approx. 125 m) 80 g white (Cream 803) and 80 g brown (Chocolate 805).

For the strap: Lankava Moi braided yarn (80 % recycled cotton, 20 % polyester, approx. 500 g = 300 m) 50 g blue (83).

Hook: 2,5 and 4 mm or per gauge.

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

Other materials: Zipper 25 cm, two ring clasp 40 mm and two 20x55 mm Stafil carabiner hooks for the strap.

Intarsia crochet: Crochet single crochets in rows with two colors according to the instructions. Leave the yarns at the back of the work on odd rows and at the right on even rows, waiting for their turn. When changing colors, crochet the last yarn over of the preceding stitch with the new color. This keeps the color change stitch uniform. Note: Color changes create diagonal floats over one row for WS. When starting a new color, weave in the yarn end along with the stitches. When the pattern is complete, cut the yarn and weave in the end on the next row of stitches. This avoids a bulk of weaving in ends. Crochet each color area from its own ball of yarn.



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



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on the next page.

INSTRUCTIONS:

BAG PIECE:

Take three yarn strands: two white, one brown. Start with white, ch 26. Switch to brown, leaving the white strand hanging, ch 36. Add the second white strand, leaving brown hanging, ch 27. At the start and end of the piece, work 4 sc-bl rows for zipper seam allowance, then begin rib stripe 1. Alternate rib stripes 1 and 2, making metal ring openings on each edge every 4th row. One rib stripe is 12 rows high.

ROWS 1-4, SEAM ALLOWANCE:

Row 1 (RS): Work 1 sc into the second ch from the hook, sc 25 in white, switch to brown on last yoh (leave white hanging on WS), sc 36 in brown, switch to white on last yoh (leave brown hanging on WS), sc 26 in white. Carry yarn tails along row, or leave hanging to weave in later.

Row 2 (WS): Turn, ch 1, sc-bl 26 in white, switch to brown on last yoh (leave white hanging on WS), sc-bl 36 in brown, switch to white on last yoh (leave brown hanging on WS), sc-bl 26 in white. Note: From this point, always leave yarns for the next row on WS; this is assumed throughout.

Rows 3–4: Turn, ch 1, repeat the same stripe pattern.

RIB STRIPE 1 (WHITE–BROWN–WHITE):

Row 5 (RS): Turn, ch 1, sc-bl 26 in white, 36 sc-bl in brown, 26 sc-bl in white.

Row 6 (WS): Turn, ch 1, 2 sc-bl, 2 ch (for metal ring opening), skip 2 sts, 22 sc-bl in white, 36 sc-bl in brown, 22 sc-bl in white, 2 ch (for metal ring opening), skip 2 sts, 2 sc-bl.

Row 7 (RS): Turn, ch 1, sc-bl 26 in white, 36 sc-bl in brown, 26 sc-bl in white (work sc-bl also into previous row's chs).

Rows 8–9: Turn, ch 1, sc-bl across, repeating the same stripe pattern.

Row 10: Work as Row 6.

Row 11: Work as Row 7.

Rows 12–13: Turn, ch 1, sc-bl across, same stripe pattern.

Row 14: Work as Row 6.

Row 15: Work as Row 7.

Row 16: Turn, ch 1, sc-bl 26 in white, 36 sc-bl in brown carrying white inside brown section, leave white hanging on WS, sc-bl 26 in white carrying brown inside 1 st from edge, switch to brown on last yoh, fasten off white.

RIB STRIPE 2 (BROWN–WHITE–BROWN):

Row 17: Turn, ch 1, sc-bl 26 in brown, 36 sc-bl in white, add second brown strand, sc-bl 26 in brown.

Row 18: Turn, ch 1, 2 sc-bl, 2 ch (for metal ring opening), skip 2 sts, 22 sc-bl in brown, 36 sc-bl in white, 22 sc-bl in brown, 2 ch (for metal ring opening), skip 2 sts, 2 sc-bl.

Row 19: Turn, ch 1, sc-bl 26 in brown, 36 sc-bl in white, 26 sc-bl in brown (work sc-bl also into previous row's chs).

Rows 20–21: Turn, ch 1, sc-bl across, repeating stripe pattern.

Row 22: Work as Row 18.

Row 23: Work as Row 19.

Rows 24–25: Turn, ch 1, sc-bl across, repeating stripe pattern.

Row 26: Work as Row 18.

Row 27: Work as Row 19.

Row 28: Turn, ch 1, sc-bl across, same stripe pattern.

Repeat Rib Stripes 1 and 2 until you have 12 stripes total. Last stripe finishes as Brown–White–Brown. At the end, work 4 sc rows repeating same stripe pattern for zipper seam allowance. Fasten off and weave in 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:

Attach the swivel clasp and blue Moi braided yarn. Crochet 4 sc into the clasp ring, carrying the yarn tail along. Turn, ch 1, sc 3, carrying yarn tail. Fasten off yarn tail. Repeat *ch 1, sc 3* until the strap reaches 90 cm. Leave approx. 1 m yarn tail, fasten off. Sew the strap end securely into the second swivel clasp. Attach the strap with swivel clasps to the metal rings on the bag.

