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**Level of difficulty:** Intermediate.



**Design:** Lankava, Molla Mills.

**Size:** Width 24 cm, depth 13 cm, height 19 cm.

**Yarn:** Lankava Moi Braided Yarn (80 % recycled cotton, 20 % polyester, approx. 500 g = 300 m) blue (83) 650 g.

**Hook:** 4,5 mm or per gauge.

**Gauge:** 13 sts and 10 rows = 10 cm.

**Other:** Metal bag frame 25x10 cm, tapestry needle.

**Long crossed dc:** Yarn over hook twice. Skip the sc row and insert hook around the post of the dc two rows below (working vertically around the post). Yarn over and pull up a slightly loose loop to the RS. You now have four loops on the hook. Yarn over, pull through two loops. Yarn over, pull through two loops. Yarn over, pull through two loops. This stitch forms a pronounced long raised double crochet on the front of the work. Combined with dc and sc rows, it creates a textured, shingle-like surface.



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## Abbreviations (US terms)

**RS** = right side

**WS** = wrong side

**st(s)** = stitch(es)

**ch** = chain

**sc** = single crochet

**dc** = double crochet

**long crossed dc** = long wrapped  
double crochet

**yo** = yarn over

**sl st** = slip stitch

## INSTRUCTIONS:

Two identical bag panels are worked back and forth, beginning at the lower edge. The base pieces are crocheted separately and then attached to the lower edges of the panels using single crochet. The metal handles are covered by wrapping yarn tightly around them and crocheting single crochet stitches over the wrapped yarn. The handles are crocheted onto the finished bag, and pull tabs are attached on both sides of each handle to make opening the bag easier.

### BAG PANEL

Chain 55.

**Row 1 (WS):** 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook, 53 sc.

**Row 2 (RS):** Turn, ch 2 (counts as first dc on every dc row), 53 dc.

**Row 3:** Turn, ch 1, 53 sc.

**Row 4:** Turn, ch 2, repeat \*1 dc, 1 long crossed dc\* 26 times, 1 dc.

**Row 5:** Turn, ch 1, 53 sc.

**Row 6:** Turn, ch 2, repeat \*1 long crossed dc, 1 dc\* 26 times, 1 dc.

Repeat Rows 3–6 until you have a total of 20 rows. Make a second identical bag panel.

### BASE

Chain 35.

**Row 1 (WS):** 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook, 33 sc.

**Row 2 (RS):** Turn, ch 1 (counts as first sc on every row), 33 sc.

**Row 3:** Turn, ch 1, 33 sc.

Repeat Rows 2–3 until you have 10 rows total. Do not fasten off. Place the base piece onto the RS of the bag panel. Attach three sides of the base to the lower edge of the panel using sc: 1 sc in each row end of the base (10 sc), 34 sc across, 1 sc in each row end (10 sc). Total seam length = 54 sc. Fasten

off and weave in ends. Steam the seam open. Make an identical base and attach it to the second bag panel in the same way.

### SIDE AND BASE SEAM

Place the two bag panels together with RS facing. Join sides and base using sc: Along sides: 1 sc in each sc and 2 sc in each dc. Along base: 1 sc in each stitch. Fasten off and weave in ends. Turn bag right side out.

### HANDLES

Wind approximately 50 g of yarn into a separate ball. Open the metal handle and tape the yarn end at the fold point, beginning at the outer edge. Wrap the yarn tightly around both sides of the handle from right to left, completely covering the metal surface. Do not cut the yarn at the fold points. After wrapping the entire handle, continue without cutting the yarn.

Crochet single crochet stitches around the wrapped handle so that the stitches form along the lower edge of the handle (this edge will be attached to the bag). Work 50 sc evenly spaced around both sides of the handle (make them as tight as possible). At the fold points, crochet 4 ch. Total stitches around the handle = 108 sts (including chains). Fasten off and weave in ends.

### PULL TABS

Chain 6, work 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook, then 4 sc in the back loops of the foundation chain. Turn, ch 1, 5 sc, turn, ch 1, 5 ch. Fasten off and weave in ends. Make two identical tabs.

### ATTACHING HANDLES

Position handles on the right side of the bag. Join handles to the bag using sc sts. Begin at the side seam, inserting the hook from the handle side. Work first 2 sc into the fold chains of the handle. Work 24 sc. Insert one pull tab between the handle and bag panel; crochet the short end of the tab into the next 2 sc. Work 26 sc, with the last 2 sc worked into the fold chains of the handle. Continue around the other side of the handle using the same method. Attach the second pull tab to the opposite side of the handle.

Fasten off and weave in ends.