

## BEACHY TOTE BAG

US crochet terms used throughout.

Abbreviations: st(s) = stitch(es)

ch = chain

sc = single crochet

dc = double crochet

sl st = slip stitch

**Design:** Lankava, Molla Mills

**Finished size:** approx. 57x30 cm (circle: 6 cm, pocket: 18x15 cm)

**Yarn:** 1 kg of Mini Tube Yarn in Mustard (21) (80% recycled cotton, 20% polyester, 1 kg = approx. 355 m), 100 g of Drops Paris in Off white (17) (100% cotton, 50 g = approx. 75 m), and 150 g of Liina Cotton Twine, 12-ply, in Undyed (01) (100% cotton, 500 g = approx. 1,280 m).

**Hook:** For the bag: 5.5 mm (US I), for the circles: 3 mm (US C/D), for the pocket: 2.5 mm (US B/C)

**Gauge:** 12 sts and 6 rnds = 10 cm

**Other supplies:** 1.2 m of Rug binding in Mustard (21) (Width: 70 mm, 80% recycled cotton, 20% polyester), sewing thread, Stafil rattan handbag handles (335801-20), and strong sewing thread (e.g. Coats Bear thread Nr. 30).

**Instructions:** Crochet 2 pieces for the bag base according to Chart 1. Ch 14 with the Mini Tube Yarn.

**Round 1:** 2 dc into the 4<sup>th</sup> ch from hook, dc in next 9 sts, 5 dc in the last ch. To make the work round, crochet into the other side of the foundation chain: dc in next 9 sts, 2 dc into the 1<sup>st</sup> st of the chain, close with a sl st into the 3<sup>rd</sup> ch = 28 dc. Both ends now have 5 dcs. Continue

according to Chart 1 and crochet 4 rnds in total. Cut yarn, and make another similar piece, but do not cut yarn. Set the pieces on top of each other and crochet them together with scs. Continue work according to Chart 2: **Rnd 1:** Ch 3+ dc in the same st, dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 19 sts, \*2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st\*, dc in next 3 sts, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, repeat \*-\*, dc in next 19 sts, repeat \*-\*, dc in next 3 sts, dc into the 1<sup>st</sup> st, close with a sl st into 3<sup>rd</sup> ch = 84 dc. **Rnds 2-3:** Ch 3, dc in next 83 sts, close with a sl st. Continue to work according to Chart 2 and make increases on rounds 4 (= 96 dc), 8 (= 108 dc), and 13 (= 120 dc). Crochet 5 more rnds of dcs after the last increase rnd = 18 rnds in total.

**Circle:** Crochet 18 circles with Drops Paris. **Rnd 1:** make a magic loop (=twist yarn around finger, take hook through loop, pick up yarn with the hook, yarn over and pull through the loop on hook), ch 3, 11 dc into the loop (crochet the tail inside sts), close with a sl st into the 3<sup>rd</sup> ch. Close all rnds similarly. Tighten the magic loop by pulling the tail. **Rnd 2:** Ch 3+ dc in the same st, 2 dc in each st, close with a sl st = 24 dc. **Rnd 3:** Ch 3, \*2 dc in next st, dc in next st\*, repeat \*-\* 10 more times, 2 dc in next st, sl st = 36 dc. Cut yarn and weave in ends.

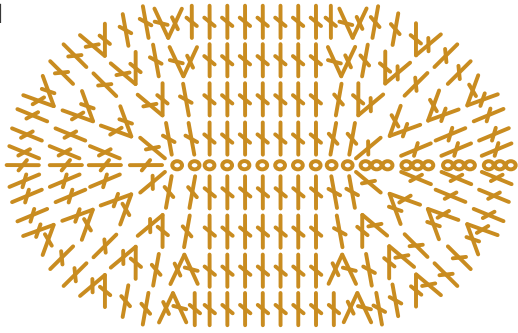
**Pocket:** Crochet according to Chart 3. Ch 49 with the Liina Cotton Twine. **Rnd 1:** Dc+ ch 1+ dc into 5<sup>th</sup> ch from hook, \*ch 1, skip 1, dc in next st\*, repeat \*-\* 20 more times, ch 1, skip 1 dc, dc+ ch 1+ dc+ ch 1+ dc+ ch 1+ dc into the last ch. To make the work round, crochet into the other side of the foundation chain: \*ch 1, skip 1 dc, dc in next st\*, repeat \*-\* 20 more times, ch 1, dc+ ch 1 into the 5<sup>th</sup> ch, close with a sl st into the 3<sup>rd</sup> ch. **Rnd 2:** Ch 3, \*ch 1, dc into dc from previous rnd\*, repeat \*-\* till the end of rnd. **Rnds 3-20:** As rnd 2. **Rnd 21:** Ch 1, 2 sc in each ch-1 space, close with a sl st into 1<sup>st</sup> ch. Cut yarn and weave in ends.

**Finishing:** Pin the circles where you wish on the bag, and sew them in place with the same thread. Weave ends inside the circles. Strengthen the edge of the bag opening by sewing the rug binding on the wrong side. Sew small stitches with a sewing thread on both edges of the binding. Sew the pocket inside the bag. Sew the handles with the Bear thread on the middle of the bag opening.



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Chart 1



○ = ch  
 † = 1 dc  
 < = sl st

Chart 2



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Chart 3

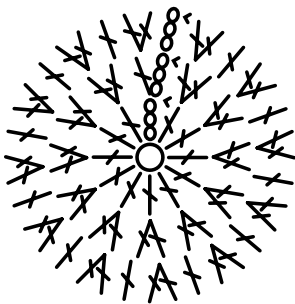
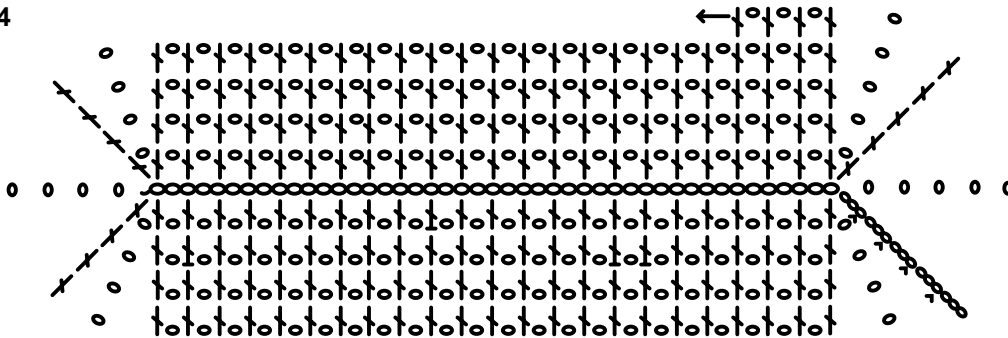


Chart 4



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