

NAURIS TOTE BAG

DESIGN: Lankava, Molla Mills.

SIZE: W. 50 cm, h. 38 cm, d. 12 cm.

YARN: Moi Braided Yarn (80 % recycled CO, 20 % PES, 500 g = 300 m) 400 g brown (54), 1 kg natural white (52), 200 g black (70).

HOOK: 4,5 mm (or size to obtain gauge).

GAUGE: 12 sc x 12 rows = 10 x 10 cm.

OTHER: Leather handles (w. 22 mm, l. 60 cm), cotton ribbon (w. 22 mm, l. 3,3 m).

INFO: The tote bag is worked back and forth in single crochet stitches, carrying the brown yarn inside the stitches throughout the work. Take the black yarn in the work while working the black part of the pattern. Change the color of the yarn in the last yarn over of the stitch. Leave the carry-on yarn one stitch from the end at the backside of the work on each row to make sure the yarn loops won't show on the right side of the work. Work three pieces to make the bag; two sides and one middle piece. The middle piece is made in two parts, begin both parts in the same foundation chain. Join the pieces together with a single crochet stitch seam.

ABBREVIATIONS:

ch = chain stitch

s = stitch

sc = single crochet stitch

sl st = slip stitch



MIDDLE PIECE, PART 1: Row 1. Work 76 ch to begin in natural white yarn, grab the brown yarn in the work, work 1 sc in the second st from the hook. Work 74 sc in natural white yarn. Leave the brown yarn one st from the end at the backside of the work.

Rows 2 - 10. Work 1 ch, turn, grab the brown yarn in the work. Note! The starting ch counts as the first sc of each row. Work 1 sc in each st.

Row 11. Begin pattern. Work 1 ch, turn, grab the brown yarn in the work. Work 12 sc in natural white yarn, change to brown yarn in the last yoh. Work 1 sc in brown yarn, 23 sc in natural white yarn, 1 sc in brown yarn, 23 sc in natural white yarn, 1 sc in brown yarn, 13 sc in natural white yarn. In the work, you have three pattern repeats in width + 3 sc (75 sc) and two pattern repeats in height. One pattern repeat is 24 sts in width and 24 rows in height.

Row 12. Work as for row 11.

Row 13. Work 1 ch, turn, grab the brown yarn in the work, work 10 sc, change to brown yarn in the last yoh. Work 5 sc in brown yarn, 19 sc in natural white yarn, 5 sc in brown yarn, 19 sc in natural white yarn, 5 sc in brown yarn, 11 sc in natural white yarn.

Row 14. Work according to the pattern chart.

Rows 15.-22. Grab the black yarn in the work, follow the pattern chart.

Rows 23.-28. Work according to the pattern chart.

Rows 29.-33. Grab the black yarn in the work, follow the pattern chart.

Row 34. Work 1 sc in each st in natural white yarn, carry the brown yarn in the work.

Rows 35.-57. Work a second pattern repeat.

Rows 58.-60. Work 1 sc in each st in natural white yarn, carry the brown yarn in the work. Cut yarns and weave in ends.

MIDDLE PIECE, PART 2: Begin part 2 in the same foundation chain with the part 1. Start at the right side of work with natural white yarn, carry the brown yarn in the work. Work 75 sc in the other edge of the foundation chain. Work as for middle piece, part 1. After row 60, cut brown yarn and weave in ends.

Next, work a round of sc and sl sts around the middle piece in natural white yarn. Start at the top right corner. Work 1 sl st in each st on the top edge (75 sl st). Work 1 sc in each row on the side and 1 sc in the starting ch (121 sc), 1 sl st in each st on the top edge (75 sl st), 1 sc in each row on the side and 1 sc in the starting ch (121 sc). Cut yarn and weave in ends.

SIDE PIECE: Row 1. Work 16 ch to begin in natural white yarn, grab the brown yarn in the work. Work 1 sc in the second st from the hook. Work 14 sc in natural white yarn. Leave the brown yarn one st from the end at the back-side of the work.

Rows 2.-51. Work 1 ch, turn, grab the brown yarn in the work. Note! The starting ch counts as the first sc of each row. Work 1 sc in each st. Cut brown yarn and weave in ends.

Next, work a round of sc and sl sts around the piece in natural white yarn. Start at the top left corner. Work 1 sc in each row on the side (50 sc) and 3 sc in the corner st, work 1 sc in each st on the bottom (15 sc) and 3 sc in the corner st, 1 sc in each row on the side (50 sc). You have altogether 121 sc sts. Work 1 sl st in each st on the top edge (15 sl st). Cut yarn and weave in ends. Work another similar side piece.

FINISHING: Place the middle piece on top of a side piece right sides outwards. Join the seam with single crochet stitches in natural white yarn. The stitching is visible on the right side of the work. Leave a 30 cm long yarn tail at both ends of the seam. The length of the seam is 121 sc sts. Stitch the other side piece into the middle part. With the yarn tails, sew a few reinforcing stitches by hand at the beginning and end of the seam to prevent the work from stretching.

SEWING: Measure and cut two long pieces from the cotton ribbon to place inside the work vertically from handle to handle across the bag. These ribbons prevent the bag handles from stretching the fabric in use. The ends of both ribbons are sewn by hand 15 cm from the sides. Sew the ribbons in the bottom of the bag with a few stitches. Measure and cut two cotton ribbons to sew horizontally at the top edge of the bag. The cotton ribbon is not sewn on the side piece.

Lastly, sew the leather handles in place at the top edge of the bag 15 cm from the sides.

