

BOLSA BELT BAG

Design: Lankava, Molla Mills.

Size: Approx. 25x15x7 cm (width x height x depth).

Yarn: Lankava Moi braided yarn (80 % recycled cotton, 20 % polyester, 500 g = approx. 300 m) 450 g yellow (57).

Crochet hook: 4.5 mm or as per gauge.

Gauge: 14 sts and 14 rows = 10 cm.

Other supplies: 30 cm zipper, sturdy cotton yarn, 80-90 cm leather belt, 35 cm thin light pink cord, cord lock, and 2 cord stops.

Abbreviations: *row* = round, *ch* = chain stitch, *st* = stitch, *sc* = single crochet, *sl st* = slip stitch, *RS* = right side, *WS* = wrong side.

Instructions: Crochet flat 8 pieces: front piece, back piece, pocket, side piece, 2 zipper pieces, and 2 belt pieces.

Front and back pieces: Make 2 identical pieces.

Crochet a starting chain of 31 ch sts.

Row 1: Crochet 1 sc into 2nd ch from hook, 29 sc, turn = 30 sc.

Rows 2-20: Ch 1, 30 sc, turn. Always turn the work in the same direction when starting a new row to keep the edges even. Continue without cutting the yarn and edge the sides and bottom of the piece as follows: crochet 1 sc into each stitch along the short side (= 20 sc), 30 sc along the bottom, and again 20 sc along the other side.

Zipper piece: Make 2 identical pieces with one stitch seam allowances. Crochet a starting chain of 45 ch sts.

Row 1: Crochet 1 sc into 2nd ch from hook, 43 sc, turn = 44 sc.

Rows 2-5: Ch 1, 44 sc, turn. Finally, cut yarn and fasten off.

Side piece: Crochet a starting chain of 61 ch sts.

Row 1: Crochet 1 sc into 2nd ch from hook, 59 sc, turn = 60 sc (includes 1 stitch seam allowance).

Rows 2-8: Ch 1, 60 sc, turn. Finally, cut yarn and fasten off.

Pocket: Crochet a starting chain of 27 ch sts.

Row 1: Crochet 1 sc into 2nd ch from hook, 25 sc, turn = 26 sc.

Rows 2-14: Ch 1, 26 sc, turn. Continue without cutting the yarn and edge the sides and bottom of the piece as follows: crochet 1 sc into each stitch along the short side (= 14 sc), 26 sc along the bottom, again 14 sc along the other side, and 26 sl st along the top edge. Cut yarn and fasten off.

Belt pieces: Make 2 identical pieces. Crochet a starting chain of 6 ch sts. Leave a 50 cm yarn at the beginning for finishing.

Row 1: Crochet 1 sc into 2nd ch from hook, 1 sc into each st, turn = 5 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, 5 sc, turn. Begin increases.

Row 3: Ch 1, 3 sc, 2 sc into next st, 1 sc, turn = 6 sc.

Row 4: Ch 1, 6 sc, turn.

Row 5: Ch 1, 4 sc, 2 sc into next st, 1 sc = 7 sc.

Row 6: Ch 1, 7 sc.

Rows 7-18: Continue increases on odd rows by crocheting 2 sc into the second last st. Increases will be at the bottom edge of the piece. When there are 13 sc, cut yarn and fasten off.

Sewing: Sew the pocket onto the front piece 2 rows from the bottom edge and crochet it to the piece with slip stitches. Thread the light pink cord through the top edge of the pocket and front piece, leaving 10 sc from the sides of the pocket and one row from the top of the pocket so that the ends of the cord are on the WS of the work. Thread the cords through the cord lock and then through the cord stops at the ends of the cord. Place the starting edges of the zipper pieces together and sew the zipper between them with one row of seam allowance (the seam allowance will be turned inside).



Reinforce the zipper seams as follows: Sew the inner edge of the seam allowance firmly to the stitches of the 1st row of the zipper piece with sturdy cotton yarn. Then place the RS of the zipper piece and side piece together and sew their short sides together with one stitch seam allowance, creating a ring.

Then place the RS of this ring and the front piece together and crochet them together with sc. Make sure the zipper opens in the correct direction, to the right for right-handed and to the left for left-handed people. Then turn the piece inside out and attach the back piece and belt pieces to the ring as follows: Pin the belt pieces to the upper edges of both sides of the back piece and crochet them together for 13 sts.

Finishing: Split the leather belt in half, make three adjacent pair of holes at both ends about 5 cm apart, and sew the belts securely inside the belt pieces (see image).

