

BOLSITO PURSE

Design: Lankava, Molla Mills.

Size: 25x20x10 cm (width x height x depth).

Yarn: Lankava Moi braided yarn (80 % recycled cotton, 20 % polyester, 500 g = approx. 300 m) 300 g natural white (52), 70 g blue (83), 50 g powder pink (75), and 30 g yellow (57).

Crochet hooks: 4 mm and 4.5 mm or as per gauge.

Gauge: 13 sc and 14 rows = 10 cm.

Other supplies: 2 snap locks and 2 metal rings (diameter 30 mm).

Instructions: Make 6 pieces for the purse: 2 purse panels, a pocket, 2 short straps, and a shoulder strap. Crochet the front and back panels as well as the straps flat, and the pocket in closed rounds.

Straps: Make two straps approximately 40 cm long. Crochet with a smaller hook and pink yarn, make a starting chain of 7 ch.

Row 1: Crochet 1 sc into the 2nd ch from the hook, 5 sc, turn = 6 sts.

Rows 2-60: Ch 1, 6 sc, turn. Cut and fasten off yarn.

Pocket: Crochet with a larger hook and pink yarn, make a starting chain of 36 ch and close it into a ring with a sl st. Leave a 60 cm tail for sewing the bottom seam. Continue crocheting in a spiral.

Rows 1-13: Crochet 36 sc. Then, continue without cutting the yarn. Fold the pocket in half and place 2 stitch markers on the back upper edge, 16 sts apart. Crochet 20 sl st along the front edge between the markers. Cut and fasten off the yarn. Sew the opposite sts of the pocket bottom together with the yarn tail, overlapping. The seam should be inside the pocket.

Purse Panels: Crochet with a larger hook and white yarn, make a starting chain of 29 ch. **Row 1:** Crochet 1 sc into the 2nd ch from the hook, 27 sc, turn = 28 sc.

Rows 2-7: Ch 1, 28 sc, turn, and start increases.

Row 8: Ch 1, 2 sc, 2 sc in the same st, 22 sc, 2 sc in the same st, 2 sc, turn = 30 sts.

Rows 9-15: Ch 1, 30 sc, turn.

Row 16: Ch 1, 2 sc, 2 sc in the same st, 24 sc, 2 sc in the same st, 2 sc, turn = 32 sts.

Row 17: Ch 1, 32 sc, turn. Attach the straps in the following row.

Row 18: Ch 1, 8 sc, attach the pink strap by crocheting it together with the purse panel for 4 sts, place the end of the strap against the edge of the panel and crochet the opposite sts together with 4 sc each, decreasing 2 sts from the edges of the strap as follows: insert the hook into the two outermost strap sts and then into one purse st and crochet them together, then crochet 2 sc, and finally crochet 3 sc together as before, 6 sc. Attach the other end of the strap similarly, 9 sc. Make sure the strap does not twist.

Rows 19-21: As row 17.

Row 22: Ch 1, 7 sc, attach the pocket by crocheting it onto the purse panel with 16 sc, 8 sc.



Rows 23-27: As row 17.

Row 28: 32 sl st. Cut and fasten off the yarn. Turn the starting edge upwards and crochet the bottom of the purse as follows: Attach white yarn to the 6th st of the starting chain, leaving a 50 cm tail for sewing the bottom seam, and crochet 18 sc with the larger hook, turn. Leave 5 sts on each side of the starting chain for the bottom seams.

Rows 2-5: Ch 1, 18 sc, turn. Cut the yarn and leave a 50 cm tail. Fold and sew the bottom seams on the inside with the yarn tails. Fasten off the ends. Then, make 1 long horizontal stitch into each strap, 3 rows below the top edge of the purse, to keep the straps in place. Crochet another identical purse panel, but without a pocket. Edge both pieces' sides with yellow yarn as follows: Attach the yarn to the upper left edge and crochet 1 sc into each row edge (= 27 sc), 18 sc along the bottom edge, and 27 sc along the opposite side. Cut and fasten off the yarn.

Next, place the front and back panels together with the insides facing and crochet them together with sl sts in yellow yarn (the seam will be visible on the right side of the work). Start from the upper left edge, leaving approximately 50 cm tails for reinforcement stitches, crochet 2 sl sts, attach a metal ring to the seam with 4 sl sts. Continue edging the piece with sl sts, attaching the other metal ring to the other end of the seam. Finally, sew a few reinforcement stitches at the ends of the seam with the yarn tails.

Shoulder Strap: Crochet a strap approximately 103 cm long with the smaller hook.

Row 1: Crochet 4 sc into the snap lock ring, turn.

Rows 2-146: Ch 1, 4 sc, turn. Leave a 50 cm tail at the end and use it to sew the other snap lock in place. Attach the finished shoulder strap to the purse's metal rings. Fasten off the ends.