

RAINBOW SHOULDER BAG

Design: Lankava, Molla Mills.

Size: 27x23 cm.

Yarn: Liina Cotton Twine 12-ply (100 % cotton, 500 g / cone) 100 g natural white (1), 15 g red (60), 15 g yellow (25), 15 g cobalt blue (74) and 15 g orchid (65) and Molla Cotton Twine 12-ply (100 % cotton, 500 g / cone) 15 g tomato (44) and 15 g jade (51)

Crochet hook: 1.75 mm or size to obtain gauge.

Other supplies: 2 metal rings 15 mm, 2 trigger hooks and 2 leather straps (width 6 mm).

Abbreviations: ch = chain stitch, dc = double crochet, rnd = round, sc = single crochet, sl st = slip stitch, st(s) = stitch(es)

Instructions: Begin by working 3 identical triangular pieces. Start from the center of the triangle as follows: Using natural white yarn, ch 4 for a foundation chain.

Row 1: 2 dc+3 ch+3 dc into the first ch of the foundation chain.

Row 2: 3 ch+2 dc into same st, 3 dc+3 ch+3 dc into ch arch (= tip of the triangle), 3 dc into 3rd ch from previous row.

Row 3: 3 ch+2 dc into same st, 3 dc in between dc groups from the previous row, 3 dc+3 ch+3 dc into ch arch, 3 dc in between dc groups, 3 dc into 3rd ch from the previous row.

Row 4: 3 ch + 2 dc into same st, *3 dc in between dc groups*, repeat *-* once more, 3 dc+3 ch+3 dc into ch arch, repeat *-* 2 times and then 3 dc into 3rd ch from the previous row. Mark the last dc from the previous row (see the pic). Cut yarn and fasten off. Work two more identical pieces.

Bag: Start from the dc marked with black color on the triangle piece.

Row 1: 3 ch+2 dc into the marked dc, *3 dc in between dc groups*, repeat *-* 2 times more, 3 dc+3 ch+3 dc into ch arch of the tip, 3 dc in between dc groups, repeat *-* 2 times more, 3 dc into 3rd ch from the previous row. Take the second triangle piece, start from the marked dc and work as Row 1. Then, take the third triangle piece and work the same.

Row 2: 3 ch, *3 dc in between all dc groups, 3 dc+3 ch+3 dc into ch arch of the tip, 3 dc in between all dc groups, skip the last dc group of this triangle piece and the first dc group of the next triangle piece = 6 dc*, (see pic), continue by working the next pieces the same ie. repeat *-* 2 times more, finish by working 1 dc into 3rd ch and turn. Repeat Row 2, 35 times more = 36 rows. Cut yarn and fasten off.

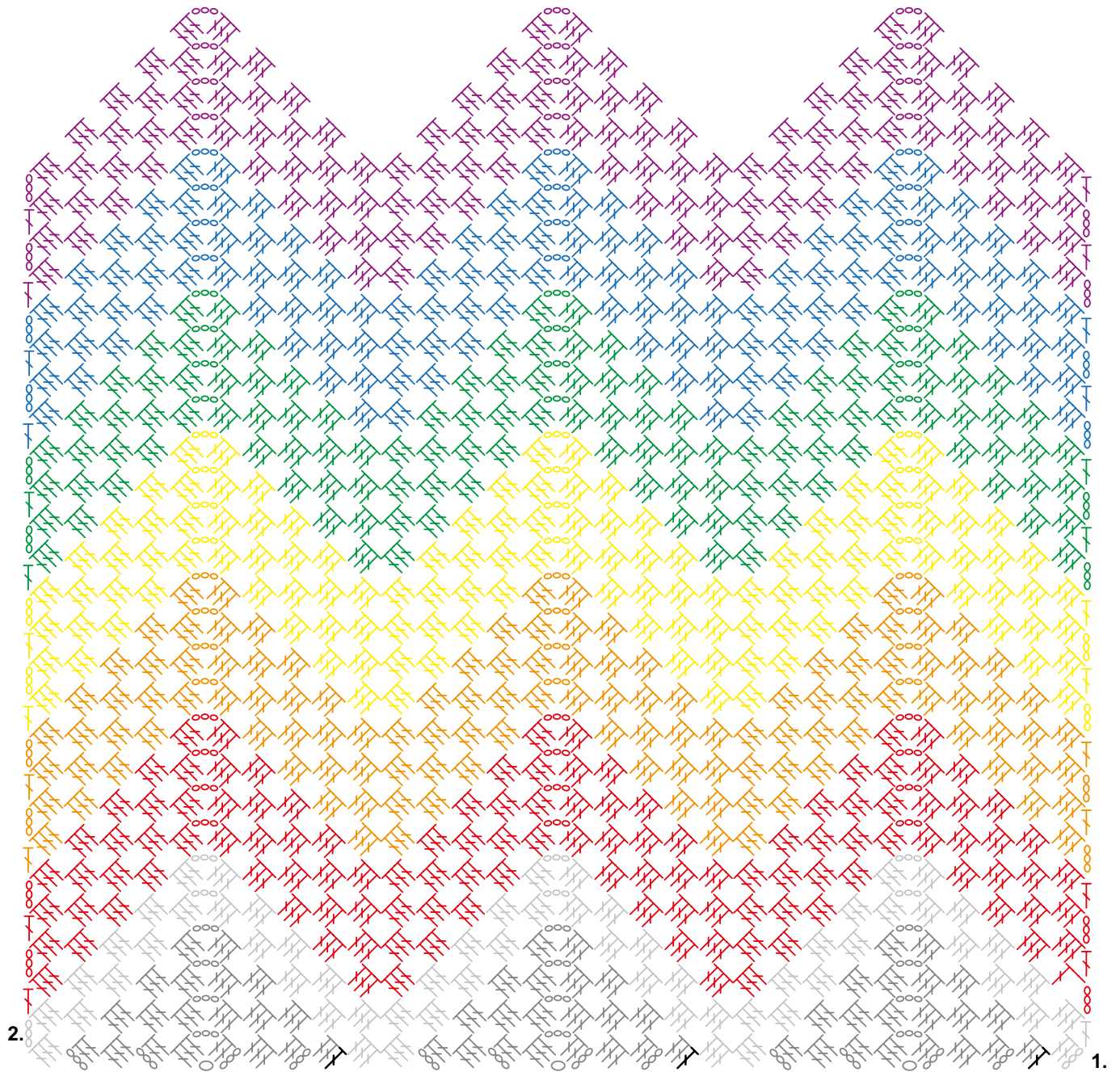
Continue by working the flap using different colors. Work repeating Row 2 and at the same time work stripes in the following way: 4 rows in red, 4 rows in tomato, 4 rows in yellow, 4 rows in jade, 4 rows in cobalt blue and 4 rows in orchid. Cut yarn after each stripe and fasten off as you go.

Then, work the edging using natural white yarn as follows: Starting from the right corner of the flap, take the natural white yarn and work 1 sc into each dc of the zigzag edge and 3 ch into ch arches of the tips. Continue by working 3 sc tightly in the place of each dc row. Work 3 sc in the place of each dc on the foundation edge (= 84 sts), finish the row by working 1 ch and turn. Work 4 rows more as follows: *1 sc into each st and 1 ch for turning*, repeat *-* 3 times more. Continue by working the other long edge the same. Cut yarn and fasten off.

Finishing: Place the work on a table with RS facing the table and the straight foundation edge facing you. Fold up approx. 23 from the bottom edge and fasten in place using stitch markers or pins. Then, join the long edges by crocheting. Begin from the lower right corner and work the outer edges of the facing sts together using slip stitches. Continue by working slip stitches along the flap edges and finish by working the facing sts of the other side together. Fasten off.

Sew the metal rings by hand on both sides of the bag, 23 cm from the bottom. Then make the bag strap. First, make 2 holes in one end of the strap: the first one 0.5 cm from one end and the other 1 cm from the first hole. Thread the strap end through the trigger hook, fold 3 cm down from the end of the strap and mark the other holes through the previous ones. Using 12-ply cotton twine, sew through the opposite holes. Work the other strap in the same way. Attach trigger hooks to the rings of the bag and tie the loose ends of the straps together in the middle.





Repeat Rnds 1-2 in natural white yarn 18 times = 36 Rnds

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| | = double crochet cluster, dcc | | = red |
| | = double crochet stitch, dc (Am.) | | = tomato |
| | = 3 ch, 3 chain stitches | | = yellow |
| | = natural white | | = jade |
| | = triangular piece, natural white | | = cobalt blue |
| | = the first stitch from the triangular piece | | = orchid |