

BAGGE BELT BAG

Design: Lankava, Molla Mills.

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

Yarn: Lankava Moi Braided Yarn (80 % recycled cotton, 20 % polyester, 500 g = approx. 300 m) 240 g black (70) and 240 g natural white (52).

Crochet Hook: 4.5 mm or size to 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 yellow cord, cord lock, and 2 cord ends.

Intarsia Crochet: Crochet single crochet stitches flat with two colors according to the pattern and grid. Read odd rows (= RS rows) from right to left and even rows (= WS rows) from left to right. Always leave yarn ends to the back on odd rows and to the front on even rows. When changing colors, work the final yarn over of the previous stitch with the new color. This way, the color change stitch remains solid. When starting a new color, weave in the yarn end as you go along. When the motif is complete, cut the yarn and weave in ends on the next row of stitches. This method helps avoid a tedious finishing process. Crochet each color area from its own skein.

Abbreviations: *ch* = chain stitch, *s* = 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. Roll black yarn into two equally sized balls and white yarn into three. Start with both colors as follows: With white, crochet 8 chains, switch to black yarn and crochet 23 chains.

Row 1 (RS): With black, sc in 2nd chain from hook and in next 21 chains, at the end of last st, switch to white, leave black yarn behind and crochet 8 sc with white, turn.

Row 2 (WS): With white, ch 1, 8 sc, switch to black at the end of last st, move white yarn below black to the front, crochet 22 sc with black, turn.

Row 3: With white, ch 1, 4 sc carrying black yarn inside sts, switch to black at the end of last st, leave white yarn behind, crochet 18 sc with black, switch to white at the end of last st, leave black yarn behind, crochet 8 sc with white.

Row 4: With white, ch 1, 8 sc, switch to black, 18 sc, switch to white, 4 sc.

Row 5: With white, ch 1, 4 sc, 4 black sc, take another white yarn and crochet 10 sc, take another black yarn and crochet 4 sc, 8 white sc.

Rows 6. - 8: Continue according to the pattern.

Row 9: With black, ch 1, 8 sc, with white, 10 sc, with black, first 4 sc, then 4 sc carrying white yarn inside sts, switch to white, 4 sc.

Rows 10.- 19: Continue according to the pattern.

Row 20: With black, ch 1, 6 sc, with white, 10 sc, with black, 8 sc, then 6 sc with white and include black yarn in white sts.

Edge the piece from three sides as follows: Sc 6 with white carrying black yarn inside sts, 8 sc with black carrying white yarn inside sts, 4 sc with white, 2 sc with black, 22 sc with black at the bottom, 8 sc with white, and 14 sc with white on the other side and 6 sc with black. Cut yarns and weave in ends.

Pocket: With white yarn, crochet 6 chains, switch to black yarn and crochet 18 chains, take another white yarn and crochet 2 chains.

Row 1 (RS): With white, sc in 2nd chain from hook and 1 sc, switch to black, leave white yarn behind, sc 18 with black, sc 6 with white.

Rows 2. - 14: Continue according to the pattern.

Continue without cutting the yarn and edge the piece from three sides as follows: Crochet 14 sc on the short sides and 26 sc on the bottom according to the pattern colors. Cut yarns and weave in ends.

Zipper Pieces: Make 2 identical pieces with 1 stitch seam allowance. With black yarn, crochet 45 chains.

Row 1 (RS): Sc in 2nd chain from hook and 25 sc, then with white yarn, sc 8, with another black yarn, sc 10, turn = 44 sc.

Rows 2. - 6: Continue according to the pattern. Cut yarns and weave in ends.

Side Pieces: Make 2 identical pieces. With black yarn, crochet 46 chains, switch to white yarn and crochet 15 chains.

Row 1(RS): Sc in 2nd chain from hook, sc in 13 chains. Switch to black, leave white yarn behind and sc 45.

Row2 (WS): With black, ch 1, sc 45, with white, sc 14.

Row 3: With white, ch 1, sc 13, switch to black, sc 10. Then with another white yarn, sc 8, with another black yarn, sc 20, then with a third white yarn, sc 8.

Rows 4. - 8: Continue according to the pattern. Cut yarns and weave in ends.

Belt Pieces: Make 2 pieces. With black yarn, crochet 6 chains.

Row 1 (RS): Sc in 2nd chain from hook, 4 sc, turn = 5 sts.

Row 2: Ch 1, 5 sc, turn.

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

Row 4: Ch 1, 6 sc, turn.

Row 5: Ch 1, 4 sc, 2 sc in next st, 1 sc, turn = 7 sts.

Row 6: Ch 1, 7 sc, turn.

Rows 7. - 18: Follow the chart and increase every 2nd row. Cut yarns and weave in ends. Crochet the second belt piece as a mirror image of the first one according to the second chart.

Finishing: Place the pocket WS over the front piece and align the motifs. Crochet or sew the pocket onto the front piece using black yarn. Leave 30 cm of yarn at both ends of the seam and sew a few reinforcement stitches at the ends of the seam to prevent the pocket edge from stretching during use. Thread the yellow cord through the top edge of the pocket and the front piece, 10 sts away from the edges of the pocket and one row away from the top edge of the pocket. Thread the yarn ends through the cord lock and finally through the cord ends.

Next, align the starting edges of the zipper pieces and sew the zipper in between by hand or machine with one row of seam allowance (seam allowance turns inside). Then sew the inner edges of the seam allowances securely to the stitches of the zipper pieces' first rows with sturdy cotton yarn.

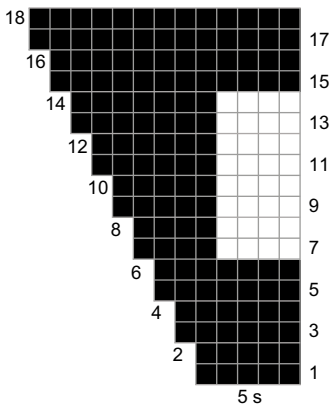
After that, align the RS of the zipper piece and the side piece, and sew their short sides together with one stitch seam allowance, forming a ring. Then align the ring with the RS of the front piece and crochet them together with single crochet stitches. Ensure that the zipper opens in the correct direction, to the right for right-handers and to the left for left-handers.

Turn the piece inside out and attach the back piece and belt pieces to the ring as follows: Pin the belt pieces to the top edges of both sides of the back piece and crochet these 3 pieces together for a length of 13 sts each.

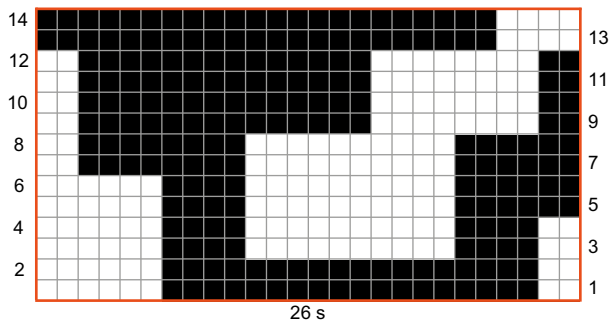
Split the leather belt in half, make three adjacent pair of holes at both ends about 5 cm apart, and sew the belts securely inside the belt pieces (see image).



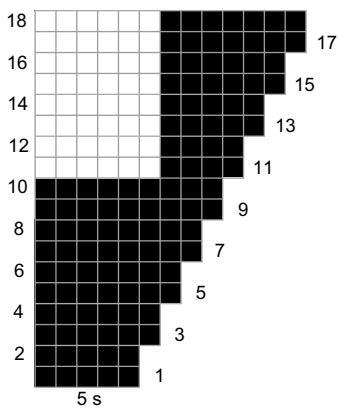
BELT PIECE 1



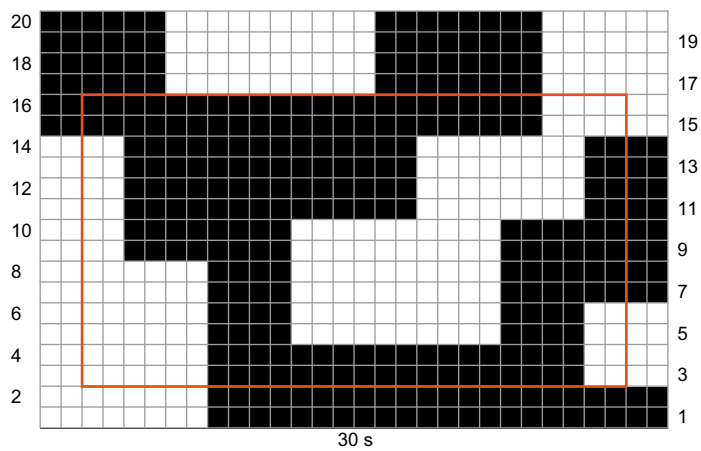
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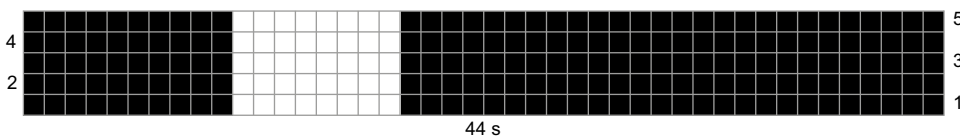
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FRONT- AND BACK PIECES



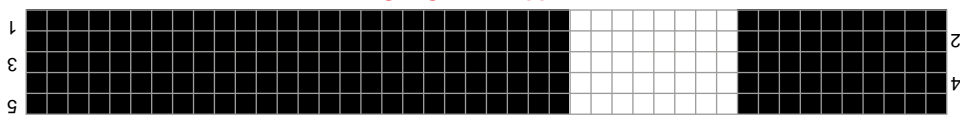
ZIPPER PIECES



A

starting edge, sew zipper here
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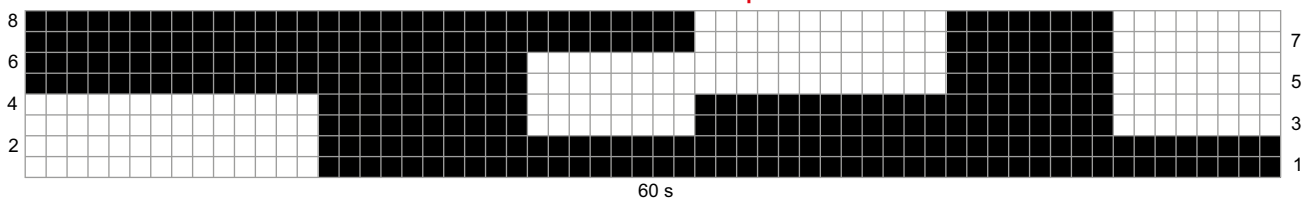
B



SIDE PIECE

connect this side with the front piece

A



B

- single crochet, sc, natural white
- single crochet, sc, black