

## BOKITO BAG

**Design:** Lankava, Molla Mills.

**Size:** 40x28x12 cm (width x height x depth).

**Yarn:** Lankava Moi Braided Yarn (80% recycled cotton, 20% polyester, 500 g = approx. 300 m) 350 g natural white (52), 160 g yellow (57), 220 g blue (83) and 30 g powder (75).

**Hook:** 4.5 mm (or size to obtain gauge).

**Gauge:** 14 stitches and 14 rows = 10 cm.

### Abbreviations:

*row* = round

*ch* = chain stitch

*st* = stitch

*sc* = single crochet

*sl st* = slip stitch

*RS* = right side

*WS* = wrong side

**Instructions:** Crochet flat 5 pieces: 2 straps, 1 pocket, and 2 bag pieces.

**Straps:** With yellow yarn, make a starting chain of 7 ch sts.

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

**Rows 2-120:** Ch 1, 6 sc, turn. Cut yarn and fasten off. Finished strap length is approx. 85 cm.

**Pocket:** With powder pink yarn, make a starting chain of 25 ch sts.

**Row 1:** Crochet 1 sc into 2nd ch from hook, 23 sc = 24 sts.

**Rows 2-17:** Ch 1, 24 sc, turn.

**Row 18:** 24 sl st. Cut yarn and fasten off. Finished pocket size is 18x13 cm.

**Bag Pieces:** With blue yarn, make a starting chain of 51 ch sts.

**Row 1:** Crochet 1 sc into 2nd ch from hook, 49 sc, turn = 50 sts.

**Rows 2-12:** Ch 1, 50 sc, turn. At the end of row 12, switch to white yarn and fasten off blue yarn.

**Row 13:** On this row, attach straps and pocket to the bag piece as follows: Crochet 10 sc, attach yellow strap and crochet it together with bag piece for 3 sts. Then attach pocket and crochet both pocket and strap together for 3 sts. Make sure the pocket is centered on the bag piece (the strap will be sewn onto the bag piece later, with the pocket edges under the strap). Then crochet along the bottom edge of the pocket for 18 sts onto the bag piece. Then attach the other end of the strap (ensure it's not twisted) and crochet both strap and pocket onto the bag piece for 3 sts, then only strap for 3 sts. Finish with 10 sc.

**Rows 14-39:** Ch 1, 50 sc, turn.

**Row 40:** 50 sl st. Cut yarn and fasten off. Then turn the starting edge upwards and crochet the bag base. Attach blue yarn to the 8th st of the starting chain, leaving a 50 cm yarn tail for sewing the seam, and crochet 36 sc, turn. Leave 7 sts at each end of the starting chain for base seams.

**Rows 2-7:** Ch 1, 36 sc. Finally, cut yarn leaving a 50 cm tail. Fold and sew the base seams with the tails left at the beginning and end on the WS. Fasten off. Edge the sides of the bag with powder pink yarn as follows: Attach yarn to the upper left corner and crochet 39 sc along the side, 36 sc along the bottom, and 39 sc along the other side. Cut yarn and fasten off. Crochet another bag piece without a pocket.

**Finishing:** Hand sew the pocket onto the front of one bag piece using powder pink yarn. Crochet the straps with yellow yarn, attaching them 3 rows from the top edge of the bag piece. Then place the bag pieces WS together and join them with powder pink yarn. Start from the upper left corner of the RS, leaving approximately 50 cm yarn at the beginning and end for reinforcement stitches, and crochet the pieces together with sl st. Finally, sew a few reinforcement stitches at the ends of the seam with the tails left at the beginning and end. Fasten off.

