

## AFRICAN FLOWER CROCHET BAG

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**Finished size:** appr. 30x21 cm (height of handles at the middle point 26 cm)

**Yarn:** Liina 18 ply cotton twine (100 % CO, 500 g/cone) 100 g Black (3), 50 g Ecru (1)

**Hook:** nr 4 (US G/6) or according to personal gauge

**Other supplies:** 1 m plastic tube (diameter 5,4 mm, 50 m/roll) and a wool needle with a large eye for sewing the pieces together

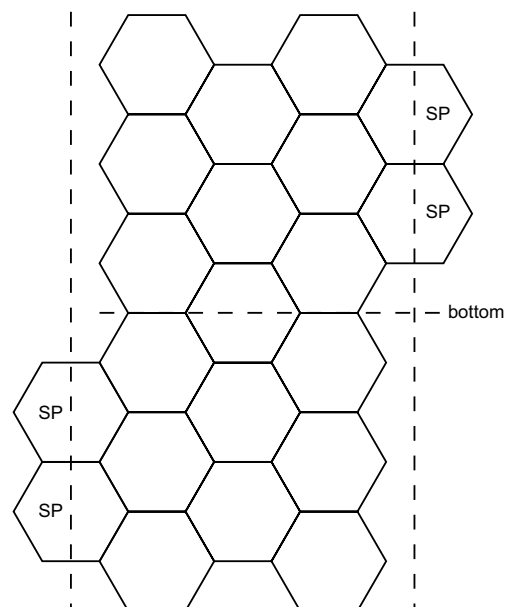
**Instructions:** Make 21 identical pieces. **Row 1:** ch 5 with Ecru, close with slst. **Row 2:** ch 1, 1 dc, ch 1, \*2 dc, ch 1\*, repeat \*-\* 4 more times, slst to 3<sup>rd</sup> ch. **Row 3:** ch 3, 1 dc + ch 1 + 2 dc to ch-loop, \*2 dc, 1 ch, 2 dc\*, repeat \*-\* 4 more times, slst to 3<sup>rd</sup> ch. **Row 4:** 7 dc to each ch-loop. Switch to Black yarn. **Row 5:** ch 1, \* 1 sc to each dc, 1 sc between dc-groups taking hook through ch on 3<sup>rd</sup> row\*, repeat 5 more times, slst to 1<sup>st</sup> ch. **Row 6:** ch 3, 2 dc, 1 dc + ch 1 + 1 dc to same st, \*6 dc, 1 dc + ch 1 + 1 dc to same st\*, repeat \*-\* 5 more times, 3 dc, slst to 3<sup>rd</sup> ch. Leave a tail for sewing pieces together. Steam pieces from wrong side and sew together according to diagram. Place 2 pieces together wrong sides facing, sew opposite sts together with whip stitch. Fold the work from where the bottom part begins and fasten open edges of side pieces (SP) together.

**Corner pieces:** Crochet 2 identical pieces for the corners of the bag. Make a magic loop (= twist yarn around finger, take hook through loop, pick up yarn and pull through loop, pick up yarn on hook, pull through loop on hook). **Row 1:** ch 4, \*3 dc, ch 1\*, repeat \*-\* once more, 2 dc, slst to 3<sup>rd</sup> ch. **Row 2:** ch 3, \*1 dc, ch 2, 1 dc to ch-loop, 3 dc\*, repeat \*-\* one more time, 1 dc + ch 2 + 1 dc to ch-loop, 2 dc slst to 3<sup>rd</sup> ch.

**Row 3:** ch 3, 1 dc, \*2 dc + ch 1 + 2 dc to ch-loop, 5 dc\*, repeat one more time, 2 dc + ch1 + 2 dc to ch-loop, 3 dc, slst to 3<sup>rd</sup> ch. Leave a yarn tail, sew pieces to the corners of the bottom of the bag.

**Handles:** Crochet handles to the upper parts of the protruding pieces. Ch 1 to the ch-loop on the left corner of the piece, 7 sc, dec 2 sc tog so the 2<sup>nd</sup> sc is crocheted to the ch-loop on the right corner, ch 1 for turning. Continue with 1 sc to each sc but dec 2 sc tog at end of each row until 6 sc remain. After 11 rows, start crocheting the handle in the round. **Row 12:** at end of row, ch 2, 1 sc to 1<sup>st</sup> sc of row. Continue with 1 sc to each sc until the handle measures 40 cm. Pull yarn through last st and leave tail for sewing handles together.

**Finishing:** Crochet sc to the top edge of the bag and follow with 1 row of slst. Begin at the base of the handle, ch 2 at the ends of the handles, crochet along one edge of handle and continue around the whole edge of the bag. Finish off yarns. Thread plastic tube into handles and sew them together at the middle. Cut tube into same length as handles and close with a few stitches to keep the tube inside the handle. Steam the bag lightly on the wrong side.



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