BOTTLE CARRIER

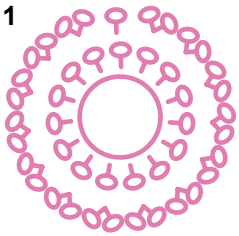
US crochet terms used throughout.
Abbreviations: st(s) = stitch(es)
ch = chain
sc = single crochet

Design: Lankava, Molla Mills
Finished size: approx. 16x18 cm
Yarn: Mini Tube Yarn: 300 g in Unbleached (2), and 300 g in Pink (29) (80% recycled cotton, 20% polyester, 1 kg = approx. 355 m)
Hook: 5.5 mm (US I), or according to personal gauge
Gauge: 11 rounds = 10 cm
Other supplies: 65 cm leather belt, and strong sewing thread (e.g. Coats Bear thread Nr. 30)

Tapestry crochet: The bottle holders are crocheted in the round using 2 colors. Crochet around the color not in use. Always change color so that you make the last yarn over of the previous st with the new color. Keep both yarns at an even tension throughout the work, and check that the yarn running inside the sts is not too loose.

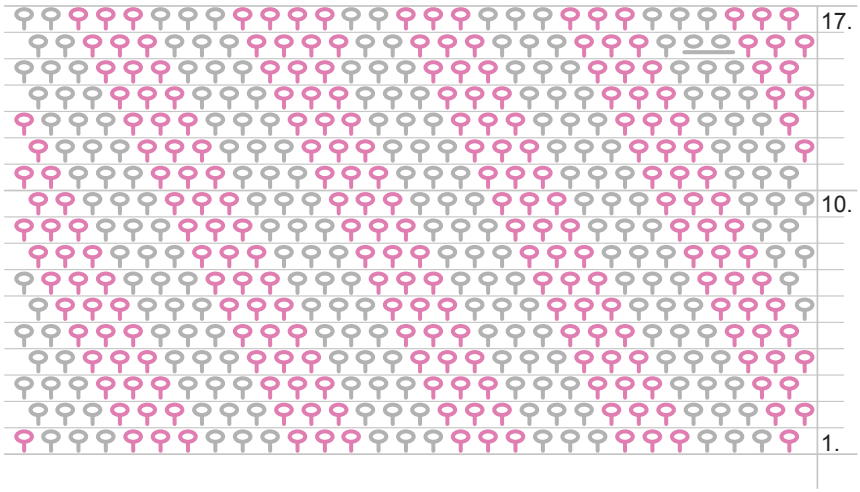
Instructions: Crochet 4 similar bottle holders.
Round 1: Make a magic loop with Pink (= twist yarn around finger, take hook through loop, pick up yarn with the hook, yarn over and pull through the loop on hook), 15 sc into the loop. Pull the tail to tighten the loop. Continue in a spiral, i.e. without closing the rounds with a slip stitch. **Rnd 2:** Take the Unbleached yarn into work as well, 2 sc in each st, with the Unbleached yarn running inside the sts = 29 sc. **Rnd 3:** Begin tapestry crochet: sc in next st with Pink, *sc in next 3 sts with Unbleached, sc in next 3 sts with Pink*, repeat *-* 3 more times, sc in next 3 sts with Unbleached, sc in next st with Pink. Continue to work according to Chart 2 and crochet 14 more rnds. **Rnd 16:** Sc in next 3 sts, make an opening: Ch 2 with Unbleached around the Pink yarn, skip 2, and continue work according to the chart. Cut yarn and weave in ends.
Finishing: Cut 15 cm and 50 cm long pieces of the leather belt, so that the buckle is in the longer piece. Make a hole into the shorter piece, 3 cm from the edge. Put the piece through the openings of 2 bottle holders and sew tightly with the Bear thread. Put the longer piece through the openings of the remaining 2 holders and close the piece with the buckle. Place the holders overlapping each other, so that the shorter belt piece lies in the middle of the longer one. This way the holders will lean onto each other. The carrier holds four 0.5 liter bottles.

Chart 1



= Magic Loop
= sc, Pink
= sc, Unbleached
= Opening

Chart 2



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