

## BLUE BAG

US crochet terms used throughout.

Abbreviations:

st(s) = stitch(es)

ch = chain

sl st = slip stitch

sc = single crochet

hdc = half double crochet

dc = double crochet

**Design** Lankava, Shizukudo

**Finished size** 46x31cm (width x height)

**Yarn** 1 kg of Mini Tube Yarn in Bright blue (32) (80% recycled cotton, 20% polyester, 1kg = approx. 355m)

**Other supplies** For the handles: 116cm of plastic tube (100% polyurethane, outer diameter 4mm) or approx. 4mm thick rope

**Crochet hook** 4mm and 5mm (US G and H) (or size to obtain gauge)

**Gauge** 13.5 sts and 8.5 rounds over pattern using 5mm (US H) hook = 10cm

**Instructions** Begin by making the oval bottom of the bag. Ch 50 for the foundation chain with the smaller hook.

**Round 1:** Sc into 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook, sc in next 48 sts, 3 scs into the last st. Rotate work to continue along the opposite side of the foundation chain: sc in next 48 sts, 2 scs in the 2<sup>nd</sup> ch, close with a sl st into 1<sup>st</sup> ch = 102 sts. Close all rounds similarly.

**Rnd 2:** Ch 1, 2 scs in the same st, sc in next 48 sts, 2 scs in next 3 sts, sc in next 48 sts, 2 scs in next 2 sts, sl st = 108 sts.

**Rnd 3:** Ch 1, sc, 2 scs in next st, sc in next 49 sts, \*2 scs in next st, sc in next st\*, repeat \*-\* once more, 2 scs in next st, sc in next 49 sts, 2 scs in next st, sc in next st, 2 scs in next st, sl st = 114 sts.

**Rnd 4:** Ch 1, sc, 2 scs in next st, sc in next 50 sts, \*2 scs in next st, sc in next 2 sts\*, repeat \*-\* once more, 2 scs in next st, sc in next 50 sts, 2 scs in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 scs in next st, sc in next st, sl st = 120 sts. The bottom is now finished. Change into the larger hook and continue by making the sides.

**Rnd 1:** Ch 1, \*sc+ hdc+ dc in next st, skip 2 sts\*, repeat \*-\* until the end of rnd and close rnd as follows: sl st into 1<sup>st</sup> sc, ch 1 for turning. Note: Make the 1<sup>st</sup> st-group of the following rnd into the same sc as the sl st just made, this way the ch-1 made for turning is hidden under the st-group and the number of st-groups remains the same.

**Rnd 2:** Make sc+ hdc+ dc in the same sc as the sl st, make sc+ hdc+ dc in each sc of previous rnd, sl st into 1<sup>st</sup> sc, ch 1 for turning.

Repeat rnd 2 until you have made 27 rnds. Next, don't turn work at the end of rnd but continue as follows:

**Rnd 28:** Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in 1<sup>st</sup> ch.

**Rnd 29:** Sl st into the front loop of each sc around.

**Rnd 30:** Sl st into the back loop of each sc of rnd 28.

**Handles:** With the smaller hook, ch 5 for the foundation chain and leave a tail of 50cm at the beginning for sewing.

**Rows 1-66:** Ch 1, sc in next 5 sts, turn work. Leave a tail of 50cm at the end. Make another handle.

**Finishing** Cut the plastic tube in two pieces (= 2 x 58cm) and place a tube at the middle of a handle piece. Take a length of yarn and sew the edges of handle closed around the tube, but leave 8cm of each end unsewn. Sew the ends of the handles onto the bag, so that each handle is in the middle of the side and there is approx. 14cm space between the ends.



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