

RAG TOTE BAG

US crochet terms used throughout.

Abbreviations: st(s) = stitch(es)

ch = chain

sc = single crochet

dc = double crochet

Design: Lankava, Molla Mills

Finished size: 45x35 cm

Yarn: 3 discs of Aino Rag Rug Yarn in Pastel shades (9) (cut from recycled cotton sheets, 1-2 kg/package = 4 discs), 400 g of Liina Cotton Twine, 18-ply, in Undyed (01) (100% cotton, 500 g = approx. 840 m). For the pocket: 100 g of Liina Cotton Twine, 12-ply, in Undyed (01) (100% cotton, 500 g = approx. 1,280 m).

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E)

Gauge: 10 rounds = 10 cm

Other supplies: 2.8 m of Rug binding in Mustard (21) (Width: 70 mm, 80% recycled cotton, 20% polyester), and strong sewing thread (e.g. Coats Bear thread Nr. 30)

Crocheting around the Rag Rug Yarn: Crochet loose scs with the Cotton Twine around the Rag Rug Yarn in triple. Carry the triple rag yarn inside the sts throughout the work. Keep the rag yarns at an even tension to stop the bag from getting wider or narrower.

Instructions: Crochet the bag according to Chart 1. Note: the chart does not show the whole width of the bag.

With the 18-ply cotton twine, ch 110. Take 3 rag rug yarns together into the work and crochet scs around the triple rag rug yarn, according to the chart.

Round 1: sc+ ch 1+ sc into the 4th ch from hook, ch 1, *skip 1 ch, sc, ch 1*, repeat *-*, and crochet into the last ch: sc+ ch 1+ sc+ ch 1+ sc+ ch 1+ sc+ ch 1+ sc, *ch 1, skip ch-1 space, sc*, repeat *-*, and end the rnd with ch 1, sc + ch 1+ sc into the 4th ch (see the chart). Both ends have now 5 scs. Continue to work in a spiral according to the chart: make a sc in each ch-1 space and ch 1 between each sc. After 38 rnds, cut the rag rug yarns and weave in ends. Leave the cotton twine waiting.

Pocket: Work according to Chart 2. Ch 49 with the 12-ply cotton twine.

Round 1: Dc+ ch 1+ dc into 5th ch from hook, *ch 1, skip 1, dc in next st*, repeat *-* 20 more times, ch 1, skip 1 dc, dc+ ch 1+ dc+ ch 1+ dc+ ch 1+ dc into the last ch. To make the work round, crochet into the other side of the foundation chain: *ch 1, skip 1 dc, dc in next st*, repeat *-* 20 more times, ch 1, dc+ ch 1 into the 5th ch, close with a sl st into the 3rd ch.

Rnd 2: Ch 3,*ch 1, dc into a dc from the previous rnd*, repeat *-* till the end of rnd.

Rnds 3-20: As rnd 2.

Rnd 21: Ch 1, sc in each st, slip stitch into the ch. Cut yarn and weave in ends. Finish the edge of the bag by crocheting as before but without the rag yarns. Attach the pocket to the inside on the 1st rnd.

Finishing: Sew the rug binding into a circle with 3 cm seam allowance. Steam open the seam, fold the binding in half lengthwise, sew the edges together. To make the handles, pin the binding onto the bag so that the seam is in the middle of the base. Sew the binding from several places, approx. 8 cm from the bag opening.



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Chart 1

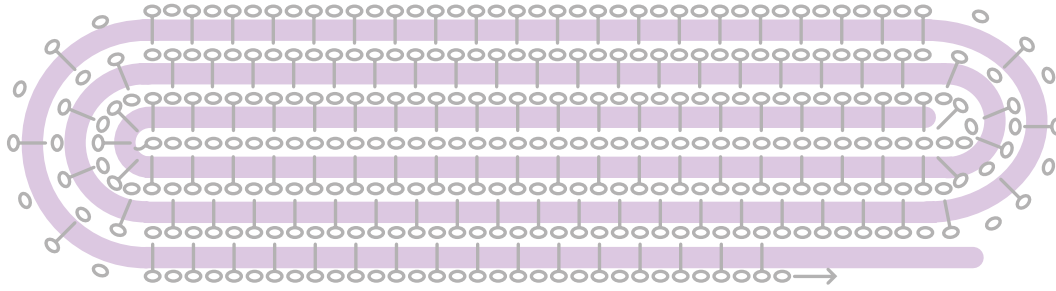
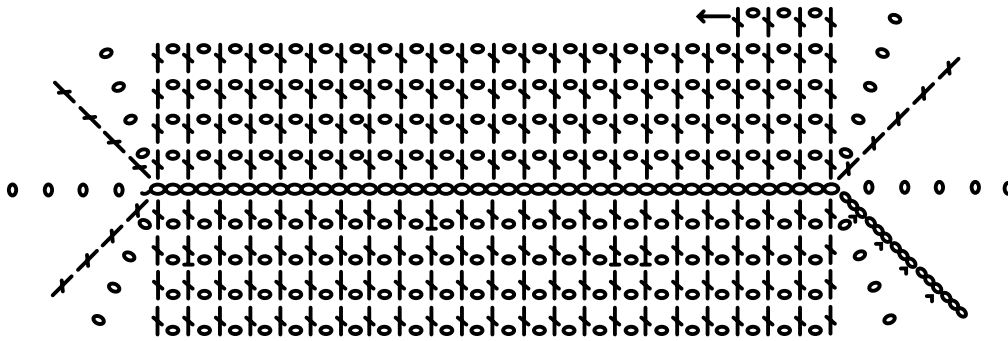


Chart 2



- = 1 ch
- ⋮ = 1 dc
- ⊖ = loose sc
- < = sl st
- ⊙ = sc

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