SUMMER BAG

DIFFICULTY =

YARN: Natural Bag by Laines du Nord: colour no. 4 (ecru), 4 skeins x 100 grams; colour no. 6 (dark blue), 1 skein x 100 grams; colour no. 11, 1 skein x 100 grams.

CROCHET-HOOK: size 3.5 and 4

OTHER: darning needle, scissors, marker.



SKILL LEVEL: easy

NB: join new colour at last yo of last st. Cut yarn and hide the ends inside the fabric

SAMPLE

POINTS USED

Chain stitch, single crochet, double crochet

Back post double crochet: insert the hook into the back thread of base stitch and work 1 dc

Back post double crochet A: insert the hook into the back thread of base double crochet and into the horizontal bar under the back thread of base double crochet, then work 1 dc.

Back post double crochet B: insert the hook into the back thread of base double crochet and into 1st of 2 vertical ribs that shape one V behind the previous dc, then work 1 dc.

ABBREVIATIONS

RS = right side of work
WS = wrong side of work
st. = stitch
ch = chain stich
sc = single crochet
dc = double crochet
tr = treble crochet
BPDC = Back post double crochet
r. = round
M = marker
Beginning = beg.
Previous = prev.

MEASURES

Bag: height 28 cm, top width 42 cm, lower width 33 cm, depth 11 cm

Base of the bag: 11 x 33 cm

PROCEDURE

BASE OF THE BAG

Using ecru yarn, cast-on 44 ch

Round 1: work 1 tr in 4th ch from hook (3 ch you have skipped, shape the 1st tr) and PM in this ch, 1 tr in each of next 40 ch, 6 tr in same base st. of last tr you have worked (these 7 tr shape the first corner); PM in 2nd and 6th st. of corner. Turn and continue on side opposite the base ch, working 1 tr in each ch until 40th ch (first M), 6 tr in 40th ch (shaping second corner-group), close with 1 sc in 3rd beg. ch (the 3-beginning-ch correspond to 7th tr of second corner); PM in 2nd and 6th sts. of corner-group. [92 tr included 3-beg-ch]

Round 2: 1 ch (not consider it 1a st.), 1 dc in base st. of 1st ch, 1 dc in each tr of round.

Move 4 M into 4 corresponding sts. of prev. round, close with 1 sc in 1st dc. [92 dc]

Round 3: 3 ch (instead of 1st tr), * 1 tr in each dc until first M of corner-group, 7 tr in M-st., PM in 4th of 7-tr-group, 1 tr in each dc until second M of same corner-group, 7 tr in M-st., PM in 4th st. of 7-tr-group *, rep. from * to * once more, close with 1 sc in 3rd beg-ch. [120 tr included 3-beg-ch]

Round 4: repeat the second round. [120 dc]

Round 5: 3 ch (instead of 1st tr), * 1 tr in each dc until next M, 7 tr in M-st, PM in 4th st. of 7-tr-group * rep. from * to * 3 times more, 1 tr in each dc across the entire r., close with 1 sc in 3rd-beg-ch. [148 tr included 3-beg-ch]

Round 6: repeat the second. [148 dc]

The base of the bag measures 11 x 33 cm, approx. For reinforcing the perimeter of the base, work 1 round in sc around WS.

Round 7: move the yarn in front of work (RS) and working-loop in back (WS) as foll.: inset the hook from back to front, under 2 threads that shape the top loop of next dc, hook the working-loop and pass it through the loop of dc, from front to back, turn on WS. Using no. 4 crochet-hook, work 1 sc under 2 threads of top loops of each dc around the perimeter, close with 1 sc in 1st sc of round. [148 sc]

MAIN PART OF THE BAG

Round 1: on WS, turn the base moving the working-loop facing you, move the thread in back and work 1 ch (never consider it the 1st st.), 1 dc in same base st. of ch, 1 dc under 2 threads of loop of each sc across the entire r., close with 1 sc in 1st dc. PM in each of 4-corner sts. [148 dc]

Round 2: 1 ch and 1 dc in 1a st., *1 dc in each dc until the st. with M and work 2 dc inside it (increase), move M in 1st of these 2 sts., 1 dc in each dc until the st. with next M and work 2 dc inside it (increase), move M in 2nd of these 2 sts. *, rep. from * to * once more, 1 dc in each dc across the entire r., close with 1 sc in 1st dc. [4 increases = 152 dc]

Round 3: 1 ch (don't consider it the 1a st.), 1 dc in base st. of 1st ch, 1 dc in each dc of the round. Move 4 M in 4 corresponding sts. of this round, close con 1 sc in 1st dc. [152 dc]

Rounds 4 and 5: repeat second and third round. [across the fourth round: 4 increases =156 dc]

Use blue yarn.

Round 6: 1 ch (don't consider it the 1a st.),.), 1 dc in same base st. of 1st ch, 1 dc in each dc

across the entire round, close with 1 sc in 1st dc. [156 dc]

Repeat the sixth round, reaching 28 cm approx., from beginning of main part of bag.

At the end of 5th round, alternate the colours as follow: 5 rounds with blue, 5 rounds with ecru, 5 rounds with blue, 5 rounds with ecru, 4 rounds with yellow, 4 rounds with ecru, 4 rounds with yellow, 12 rounds with ecru.

Last round: 1 sc in each dc, close with 1 sc in 1st sc. Cut and tie off the thread.

Hide the ends inside the fabric.

HANDLES

Shape 2 spiral strings.

Using ecru yarn and no. 3.5 crochet-hook, cast-on 5 ch, (leaving a long tail for sewing) and close in ring shape with 1 sc in beg. knot.

Round 1: 1 BPdc in each ch [5 dc]

Round 2: 1 dc in each dc, inserting the hook under both threads of top loop of each dc. [5 dc]

Round 3: 1 BPdc A in each of 5 dc of the round.

Round 4: 1 BPdc B in each of 5 dc of the round.

NB: this round shape the spiral of the string.

Repeat the fourth round reaching 47 cm in length approx., cut yarn and close, leaving a long tail for sewing.

FINISHING

Flatten the top edge of the bag, measure 13 cm on both edges of front and place 2 M, spaced 16 cm apart. Repeat on top edge of back. Sew the 2 ends of the handles inside last sc-round (opening), in correspondence of markers, then sew some reinforcing stitches, making sure that they aren't visible on right side of bag.

PHOTOGALLERY





