



CROCHET PATTERN

Bag in Japan

Japanese Knot Bag

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MATERIALS

Friends Cotton 8/8:

1 skein of col. 124 Black
1 skein of col. 122 Anthracite
1 skein of col. 120 Titanium
2 skeins of col. 119 Grey
2 skeins of col. 118 Silver

Crochet hook 4.5 mm (US 7)
Stitch Markers
Darning needle

YARN QUALITY

 **Friends Cotton 8/8**, Hobbii

100% Cotton
50 g / 1.75 oz = 75 m / 82 yds

GAUGE

7 cm x 10 cm (2.8" x 4") = 10 sts x 16 rows

ABBREVIATIONS

ch = chain
Ss = slip stitch
sc = single crochet
Col = colour
R = row

SIZE

One size

MEASUREMENTS

Width: 32 cm / 12.6"
Length:
from short handle 25 cm / 9.8"
from long handle 42 cm / 16.5"

PATTERN INFORMATION

The bag is worked in spiralling segments, from the centre out, starting from the darkest colour to the lightest. The "Ten-Stitch" technique is applied to regular crochet. The typical asymmetrical handles are added at the end.

TECHNIQUES VIDEOS

Video showing the trickiest parts:

https://youtu.be/3Oll6NpO_Ec

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QUESTIONS

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Please make sure to include the pattern's name and number.

Happy Crafting!

Pattern



INFO AND TIPS

This lovely, geometric bag is worked from the centre out, in spiralling segments, starting from the darkest colour (black) to the lightest (silver). This pattern uses the Single Crochet stitch only and its easiness makes it the perfect beginner-friendly project; yet its peculiar construction – the “Ten-Stitch” technique - and colour play also makes it a totally fun project for everyone!

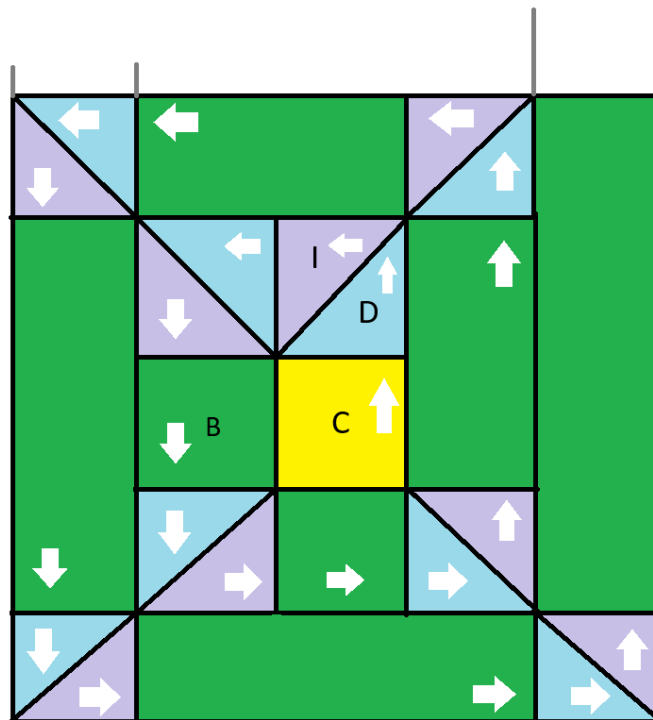


Fig. 1

Legend:

C = Segment C = YELLOW segment = starting segment

D = Segment D = LIGHT BLUE segments

I = Segment I = LILAC segments

B = Segment B = GREEN segments

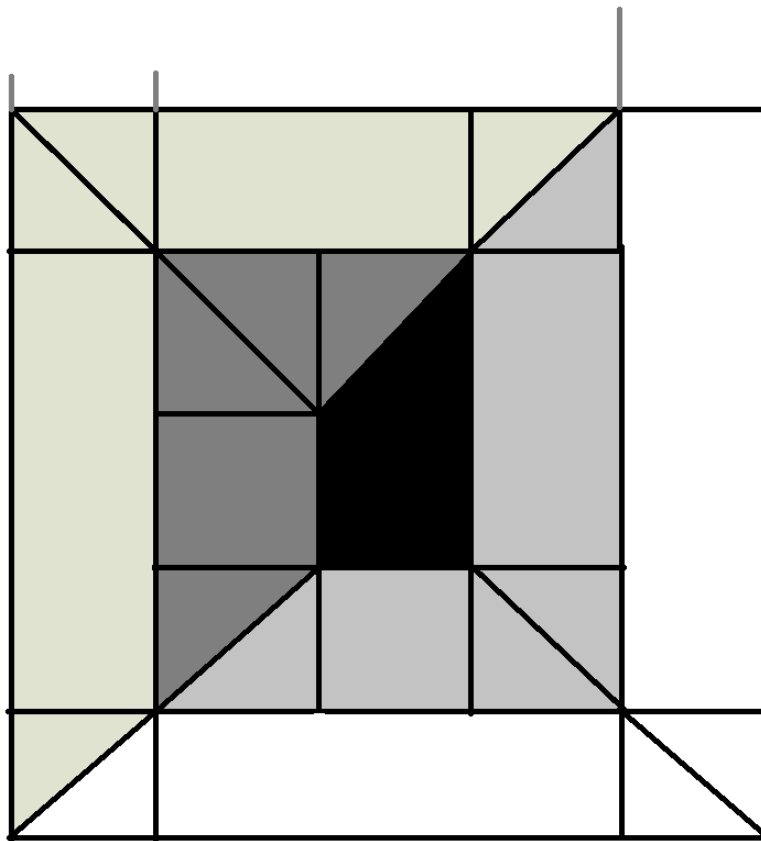


Fig. 2 Colours pattern

Legend:

Black segments = col 124

Anthracite segments = col 122

Titanium segments = col 120

Grey segments = col 119

Silver segments = col 118

Find a video tutorial showing the trickiest parts of this pattern here:

https://youtu.be/3OIJ6NpO_Ec

SIDE 1

Segment C ("Centre")

With yarn in col 124, ch11.

Row 1. 10 sc, starting from the 2nd ch from the hook. Ch1, turn.

R2. 10 sc across.

R3-10. Repeat R2.

Segment D ("Decrease Segment")

R11. 9 sc. Turn (without chaining 1).

R12. ss in 2nd st from hook, ch1, 8 sc. Ch1, turn.

R13. 7 sc. Turn.

R14. ss in 2nd st from hook, ch1, 6 sc. Ch1, turn.

R15. 5 sc. Turn.

R16. ss in 2nd st from hook, ch1, 4 sc. Ch1, turn.

R17. 3 sc. Turn

R18. ss in 2nd st from hook, ch1, 2 sc. Ch1, turn.

R19. 1 sc. Ch1.

- *This will be the decrease pattern throughout.*

Cut off yarn.



Attach yarn in col 122 where shown in *Photo 1*, rotating the piece by 90° to the right and starting working on the diagonal formed by the decreases made in Segment D.



Photo 1

SEGMENT I (“INCREASE SEGMENT”)

R1. Ch1, sc in same st (*Photo 1*). Ss in adjacent st of the diagonal (see *Photo 2*). Ss in next st of the diagonal (this counts as ch1, *Photo 3*). Turn.



Photo 2



Photo 3

R2. 2 sc (*Photo 4*). Ch1, turn.



Photo 4

R3. 3 sc. Ss in adjacent st of diagonal, ss in next st (*Photo 5*). Turn.



Photo 5

R4. 4 sc. Ch1, turn.

R5. 5 sc. Ss in adjacent st of diagonal, ss in next st. Turn.

R6. 6 sc. Ch1, turn.

R7. 7 sc. Ss in adjacent st of diagonal, ss in next st. Turn.

R8. 8 sc. Ch1, turn.

R9. 9 sc. Ss in adjacent st of diagonal, ss in next st. Turn.

R10. 10 sc. Ch1, turn (*Photo 6*).



Photo 6

- *This will be the increase pattern throughout.*

Now create a **Segment D** following the instructions given above (*Photo 7*).



Photo 7

Proceed without cutting off yarn and create a **Segment I**, rotating the piece by 90° to the right and following the given instructions (*Photo 8*).



Photo 8

SEGMENT B (“BODY SEGMENT”)

Now you will proceed working in rows of 10 sc, attaching them to the adjacent segment (**Segment C**, in this case) with ss. You need to make sure that the rows you create symmetrically match the ones of the adjacent segment, so count the rows of that segment and place st markers, if necessary, so as to know exactly where to ss row after row (*Photos 9 and 10*). You should create a total of 10 rows, in this case.



Photo 9

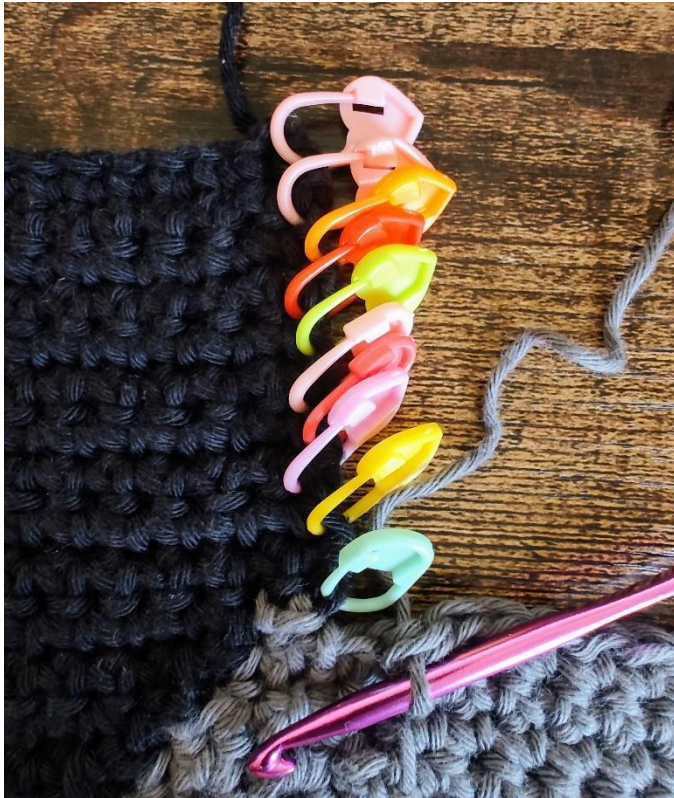


Photo 10

R1. 10 sc. Ss in adjacent border st of **Segment C** (teal st marker in *Photo 10*), then ss in next st/row of **Segment C** (yellow st marker in *Photo 10*, counts as ch1, see *Photo 11*) and turn.



Photo 11

R2. 10 sc. Ch1, turn.

R3. 10 sc. Ss in adjacent border st of **Segment C**, then ss in next st/row of **Segment C** (counts as ch1) and turn.

R4. 10 sc. Ch1, turn.

R5. 10 sc. Ss in adjacent border st of **Segment C**, then ss in next st/row of **Segment C** and turn.

R6. 10 sc. Ch1, turn.

R7. 10 sc. Ss in adjacent border st of **Segment C**, then ss in next st/row of **Segment C** and turn.

R8. 10 sc. Ch1, turn.

R9. 10 sc. Ss in adjacent border st of **Segment C**, then ss in next st/row of **Segment C** and turn.

R10. 10 sc. Ch1, turn.

Your piece should look as shown in *Photo 12*.



Photo 12

- *This will be the body pattern throughout, though the number of rows will vary as you proceed.*

Now create a **Segment D** following the instructions given for that segment.



Cut off yarn and attach col 120.

Create a **Segment I** following the instructions given for that segment.

Create a **Segment B** following the instructions given for that segment. *make the slip stitches preferably in the single crochets of Row1 of **Segment C**, working over the starting chain.*

Create a **Segment D** following the instructions given for that segment.

Create a **Segment I** following the instructions given for that segment.

Create a **Segment B** following the instructions given for that segment. *ss all across the long side of the black Segment (10 sc x 20 rows).*

Create a **Segment D** following the instructions given for that segment.



Cut off yarn and attach col 119.

Create a **Segment I** following the instructions given for that segment.

Create a **Segment B** following the instructions given for that segment. *10 sc x 20 rows*

Create a **Segment D** following the instructions given for that segment.

Create a **Segment I** following the instructions given for that segment.

Create a **Segment B** following the instructions given for that segment. *10 sc x 30 rows*

Create a **Segment D** following the instructions given for that segment.



Cut off yarn and attach col 118.

Create a **Segment I** following the instructions given for that segment.

Create a **Segment B** following the instructions given for that segment. *10 sc x 30 rows*

Create a **Segment D** following the instructions given for that segment.

Create a **Segment I** following the instructions given for that segment.

Create a **Segment B** following the instructions given for that segment. *10 sc x 40 rows*

Ch1, turn. Do NOT cut off yarn yet.

SHORT HANDLE

Proceed crocheting in rows of 11 sc with yarn in col 118, creating the short handle (*Photo 13*):



Photo 13

R1. 11 sc, ch1, turn.

R2-24. Repeat Row1.

R25. 11 sc, fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing afterwards.

SIDE 2

Create Side 2 of the bag following the instructions for Side 1.

LONG HANDLE

When you are crocheting the last piece using col 118, stop at the end of last Segment B and cut off yarn. Attach yarn in col 124 on the farthest right side and proceed working in rows of 11 sc, creating the long handle (*Photo 14*):



Photo 14

R1. 11 sc, ch1, turn.

R2-49. Repeat Row1.

R50. 11 sc, fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing afterwards.

ASSEMBLING

With the wrong sides facing out and looking up (refer to *Fig. 2* above for the correct positioning), position the bag Sides 1 and 2 on one another and sew them together with ss (or the sewing method you prefer), using one of the lightest shades and leaving the upper part open. Try and work a ss per row on each side, so as to align the bag Sides perfectly (*Photo 15*).



Photo 15

Time to close the handles and attach them by sewing to the corresponding parts on the other side of the bag (*Photos 16 and 17*).



Photo 16



Photo 17

Cut off yarn and weave in all ends. Done!

Enjoy!

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