

BUTTERCUP BAG

#BUTTERCUPBAG / NO 3 / INSTRUCTION: ANITA B. BENZENBERG
SKILL LEVEL *** MEDIUM

SIZE

Approx 37 x 41 cm

THE BAG

Begin to crochet 18 granny squares and sew these tog 3 x 3 for the 2 sides, 1 front and 1 back. Cont to crochet a long band for side panels and bottom, and pin band to each side and bottom on front and back of bag before working handles.

Sew side panel and bottom to front and back of bag.

Work bag in triple yarn (= 3 strands Mandarin Petit)

YARN

MANDARIN PETIT (100 % cotton, 50 g = 180 m)

YARN REQUIRED

Almond white #3011: 9 balls

SUGGESTED CROCHET HOOK

4.5 mm

Size of hook is only suggestion. If your crocheting shows tighter tension, use thicker hook, for looser tension use thinner hook

TENSION

15 sc with triple yarn (= 3 strands Mandarin Petit) and 4.5 mm hook = 10 cm

1 square meas approx 11½ x 11½ cm

PUFF STITCH (= PUFF-ST)

1 yoh, insert hook in stitch, pull up loop, rep from *-* a total of 3 times, 1 yoh, pull loop through 6 loops on hook, 1 yoh, pull loop through the last 2 loops on hook.

3 DC TOG

Work 1 dc, but stop when 2 loops rem on hook, work 1 dc, but stop when 3 loops rem on hook, work 1 dc, but stop when 4 loops rem on hook, 1 yoh and pull through all loops on hook.

4 DC TOG

Work in the same manner as 2 dc tog, but work until 5 loops on hook, 1 yoh and pull through all loops on hook.

1ST DC = CH3

1ST SC = CH1

SQUARE

With triple yarn and 4.5 mm crochet hook ch6, join to a ring with 1 sl.

Rnd 1: Work 16 dc in ch-ring, join with 1 sl.

Rnd 2: Work (ch3, 1 puff-st) in first dc, ch1, *(1 puff-st, ch1) in next dc*, rep from *-* in the rnd, join with 1 sl at top of first puff-st.

Rnd 3: Work 1 sl in first ch-loop, (ch3, 3 dc tog) in same ch-loop, ch2, *work 4 dc tog, ch2 in next ch-loop*, rep from *-* in the rnd, join with 1 sl.

Rnd 4: Work 1 sl in first ch-loop, (ch3, 2 dc) in same ch-loops, *(3 tr, ch3, 3 tr) in next ch-loop, 3 dc in next ch-loop, 3 hdc in next ch-loop, 3 dc in next ch-loop*, rep from *-* in the rnd, end with (3 tr, ch3, 3 tr) in next ch-loop, 3 dc in next ch-loop, 3 hdc in last ch-loop, join with 1 sl.

Work a total of 18 squares.

FINISHING

FRONT/BACK

Sew tog 9 squares 3 x 3 as follows:

With RS facing place squares next to each other, and with mattress stitches sew squares tog through back of loop on every stitch on each square.

Sew rem squares tog in the same manner.

SIDE PANEL, BOTTOM AND HANDLES

With triple yarn and 4.5 mm crochet hook ch8.

Work 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each following ch = 7 sc.

Work sc back and forth until band, slightly stretched, meas the same as 3 sides for back/front. Do not cut yarn.

Pin band for side panel and bottom to front and back, and cont to work upper edge of bag as follows:

Work *7 sc over side panel, work 17 sc over each square*, rep from *-* on other side of bag, join with 1 sl = 116 sc.

Work 2 rows sc back and forth over all sts and join each row with 1 sl.

Insert marker on each side of the 27 middle sts on

back and front.

Cont back and forth and work handles as follows:

Work sc until first marker on front, ch60, miss 27 sc until second marker on front, cont sc until first marker on back, ch60, miss 27 sc before second marker on the back, cont sc to end of row, join with 1 sl.

Work 4 rows sc back and forth, and on first row work 1 sc in each ch = 182 sc.

Cut yarn and fasten well.

With mattress stitches sew side panels and bottom to front and back.

