

Rainbow Smiley Bag



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Supplies:

You can use any yarn from your stash in nice colors with suitable hook size.

I used Lana Grossa MC Wool cotton mix 130

Hook size 4 mm

Little bit of black yarn for eyes and mouth

Scissors and needle

Optional: fabric for lining the bag

Size: 17 x 17 cm

Abbreviations (US)

ch = chain

sc = single crochet

dc = double crochet

hdc = half double crochet

Trc= treble crochet

SI st = slip stitch

St = stitch

Sts = stitches

Rep = repeat

Inc = increase

Pattern Smiley Granny Square (make 2)

R1: make a magic ring, ch3 (counts as first dc), 11dc in ring, close R with sl st in first (ch3) st (12dc).

R2: sl st in next st (in first of 12 sts), ch3 (counts as first dc), 1dc in same st, 2dc in every st, close R with sl st in first (ch3) st (24dc).

R3: sl st in next st, ch3 (counts as first dc), 1dc in same st, (1dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 11 times, 1dc in next st, close R with sl st in first (ch3) st (36dc). Fasten off yarn.

R4: attach new yarn color in any st; sc in every st, close R with sl st in first st (36sc).

R5: change color; attach new color in the back loop of a st, ch6 (counts as 1trc, ch2), 1trc in back loop of same st, *1dc in back loop of next 2 sts, 1hdc in back loop of next st, 1sc in back loop of the next 2 sts, 1hdc in back loop of next st, 1dc in back loop of next 2 sts, (trc in back loop, ch2, trc in back loop) in next st **, rep * ** 2 times, rep from *- ** another time, close R with sl st in third ch of beginning ch3 (40dc, 4 ch-spaces).

R6: attach new color in corner space; ch5 (counts as first dc and ch2), 2dc in same space, *1dc in every st till next ch2 corner space, (2dc, ch2, 2dc) in ch2 corner space**, rep * - ** Close R with sl st in beginning ch3 (56dc, 4 ch spaces) (10dc between the corner sts).

R7: attach new color in a corner space; 3dc (use ch3 to make first dc), ch1, 3dc, * skip next 2 sts, 3dc in next st, ** rep * -** 3 times. In the corners: 3dc, ch1, 3dc.

R8 and R9: change color, attach the yarn in corner space; (3dc, ch1, 3dc), 3dc in every space between the 3dc clusters. SI st in first dc. Fasten off.

Assembling:

Embroider a mouth and eyes with black yarn. (Secure mouth shape with some fabric glue). Put the grannies on top of each other (wrong sides in front of you) and crochet the pieces together with single crochets. Optional: block the pieces before crocheting them together.

Make a strap by cutting 15 strands of yarn of 2m. make a knot at the end. Divide the strands in 3 parts and make a plait/braid. Make a knot at the end and cut the ends to make tassels. Sew the strap to the bag sides.

Option: line your bag with fabric and use a magnetic button, so the bag can be closed.

That's it! very easy but so much fun! Enjoy the Summer with this smiley bag!

I hope you like this smiley bag and happy crocheting!

Love Esther

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