

Swirling Bag

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BAG

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Inspired by a funny patchwork bag with panels swirling up its sides, this crocheted bag is worked from the bottom up, beginning with four pieces that are seamed to form the base. The same colors are worked up in playful concentric rings, and the closure is a matching drawstring. Resulting is a colorful bag that would not only make a nice gift in itself but wrapping for a nice gift as well.

FINISHED SIZE 27" (69 cm) in circumference at widest part, 12" (31 cm) from center bottom to top of bag.

YARN DK weight (Light #3) cotton, about 115 yd (105 m) in each of 4 colors.

Shown here: Rowan Cotton Glace (100% cotton; 125 yd [115 m]/50 g):

heather #828 (purple; A), shoot #814 (green; B), pier #809 (blue; C), #832 persimmon (orange; D), 1 ball each.

HOOK Size E/4 (3.5mm). Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

NOTIONS Tapestry needle.

GAUGE 20 sts and 25 rows = 4" (10 cm) in sc.

NOTES

+ Bag is made of four shaped pieces that are sewn together to make the bottom. Stitches are then worked in the round from the bottom piece to form the upper part of the bag.

+ Turning chain (tch) does not count as a stitch throughout.



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First Section

With A, ch 33.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn—32 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Rows 3–32: Rep Row 2.

Begin shaping

Row 1: Ch 1, sc in first st, sc2tog (see Glossary), sc to end, turn—31 sc rem.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc to last 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in last st, turn—30

sc rem.

Rep Rows 1–2 until 1 st rem. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Second Section

Row 1: With B, work 32 sc along longest side of first section placing 1 sc in each row-end of first 32 rows, turn—32 sc. Cont as for first section.

Third Section

With C, work as for second section.

Fourth Section

With D, work as for second section.

Assembly

With long tail at point of section threaded on a tapestry needle, sew sections tog as foll: With tail of A and using a woven seam (see Glossary), sew from point on section A to beg row of section B, leaving dec edges unattached. Rep for rem sections, using tail of B to attach it to section C, using tail of D to attach it to section D, and using tail of D to attach it to section A (see diagram).

DRAWSTRING

With D, ch 50, drop D and draw up lp of C for next ch, ch 50, drop C and join B, ch 50, drop B and join A, ch 50, turn. *With A, sl st in each ch of A, fasten off A; rep from * using B, then C, then D—200 sts.



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UPPER BAG

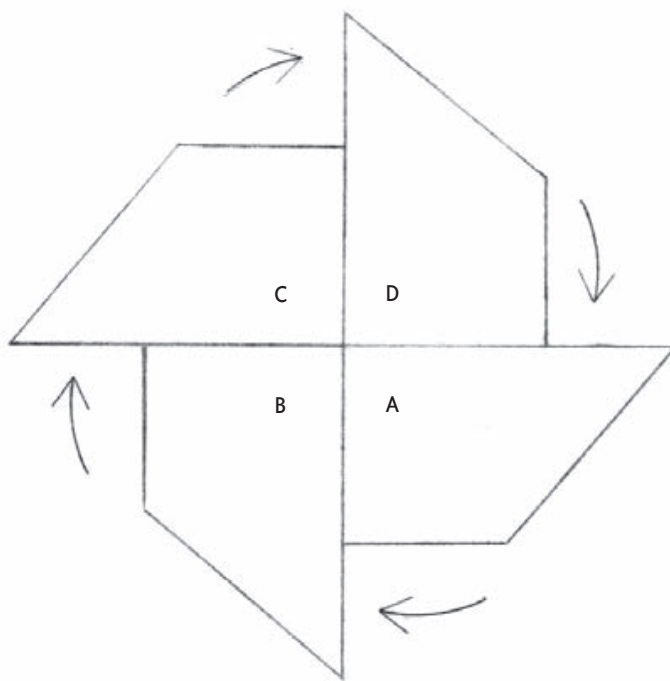
With D, work 132 sc evenly around open top edge of bag, working 33 sc across dec edge of each color section—132 sc. Cont in sc in the rnd without joining rnds, working a total of 6 rounds each in D, A, and B. Join C and work 2 rnds in sc. Place marker (pm) in last st to mark end of rnd. Move m up as work progresses.

Next rnd: (drawstring eyelets) Sc in next 4 sts, *ch 2, sk 2 sc, sc in next 9 sts; rep from *, ending with sc in last 5 sts—12 ch-2 sps.

Next rnd: Sc in each sc, 2 sc in each ch-2 sp around—132 sc. Work 2 rnds even in sc. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in loose ends. Weave drawstring cord through eyelets and then knot each end of cord with an overhand knot.



An advertisement for Jimmy Beans Wool. It features four knitted bean characters in red, purple, orange, and green, sitting on a wooden crate. A sign on the crate reads "Take Me to Your Leader by Knitting at KNoon (They come in peace!)". To the right is a sign that says "Your local online yarn store". The background is a solid green color with the text "jimmy beans wool" in white, a circular logo of colorful dots, and the text "Visit our shop in Reno, NV (877) JBW - KNIT (529 - 5648) www.JimmyBeansWool.com".

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SINGLE CROCHET 2 TOGETHER (SC2TOG)

Insert hook into next stitch, yarn over, pull up a loop (2 loops on hook); insert hook into next stitch, yarn over, pull up a loop (3 loops on hook). Yarn over and draw yarn through all 3 loops on hook (**Figure 1**). Completed sc2tog—1 stitch decreased (**Figure 2**).



Figure 1



Figure 2

WOVEN SEAM

Place pieces side by side on a flat surface, right sides facing you and the edges lined up row by row or stitch by stitch.

Step 1: Secure seaming yarn on wrong side of piece A at start of seam. Pass needle to right side at bottom of first stitch.

Step 2: Put needle through bottom of first stitch of piece B and pass it up to right side again at top of stitch (or in stitch above, if you're working in single crochet).

Step 3: Put needle through bottom of first stitch of piece A, exactly where you previously passed needle to right side, and bring needle to right side at top of same stitch.

Step 4: Put needle through piece B where you previously passed needle to right side, and bring needle to right side at the top of same or next stitch.

Step 5: Put the needle through piece A, where you previously passed needle to right side, and bring needle through to right side at top of stitch.

Repeat Steps 4 and 5, gently tightening seam as you go, being careful not to distort fabric. Allow rows to line up but don't make seam tighter than edges themselves. Edges will roll to the wrong side of work. Secure end of seaming yarn.

