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Little Girl's Backpack
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SIMPLY SOFT PARTY™

DESCRIPTION   **SIZING**

Abbreviations

Ch(s) = Chain(s)

sc = single crochet

Sc2tog = Draw up a loop in next st) twice. Yoh and draw through all loops on hook

Sl st = Slip stitch

Details & Instructions

MEASUREMENTS

Finished Measurements

Backpack measures approximately 13"/33cm long (not including fringe) x 11"/28cm wide (at lower edge) x 2"/5cm deep

MATERIALS

Bag

Simply Soft Party (85 g/3. oz;150 m/164 yds)

Contrast A Spring Sparkle (0002)   2

GAUGE

In pattern, 14 sts and 18 rows = 4"/10cm.

INSTRUCTIONS

FRONT
Beginning at lower edge, with A, ch 40.
Row 1 (RS): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across, turn—39 sc.
Rows 2–6: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.
Row 7: Ch 1, sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sc, sc2tog, turn—37 sc.
Rows 8–13: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.
Row 14: Ch 1, sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sc, sc2tog, turn—35 sc.
Rows 15–28: Repeat Rows 8–14 twice—31 sc at the end of Row 28.
Rows 29–51: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.
Fasten off.

BACK
Work same as front—31 sc. Do not fasten off.
Row 52: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.
Flap
Rows 53–58: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn. **Note:** Row 53 is top of flap.
Row 59: Ch 1, sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sc, sc2tog, turn—29 sc.
Row 60: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.
Rows 61–70: Repeat last 2 rows 5 times—19 sc at the end for Row 70.
Rows 71–73: Repeat Row 59 three times—13 sc at the end of Row 73.
Rows 74–78: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.
Fasten off.

GUSSET
With A, ch 7.
Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across, turn—6 sc.
Rows 2–127: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.
Fasten off.

STRAPS (make 2)
With B, ch 6.
Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across, turn—5 sc.
Rows 2–91: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.
Round 92: Sl st evenly spaced around all edges of strap.
Fasten off.

FINISHING
Assembly: Line up one end of gusset with Row 51 of front and Row 52 of back. Pin long edges of gusset to edges of front and back, making sure that the edges are even and other end of gusset lines up on opposite side of both front and back. With front facing you, and working through both thicknesses, join B with sc in top corner of front and gusset, sc evenly along long edge of gusset to join it to front. Fasten off. Repeat to join gusset to back.
Flap Trim and Buttonloop: With RS of flap facing you, join B with sc in edge of flap at top of flap, sc in end of each row down side of flap; working in sts of last row, 2 sc in first st (for corner), sc in next 5 sts, (sc, ch 5, sc) in next st (for buttonloop), sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in last st (for corner); working up other side of flap, sc in end of each row up side. Do not fasten off.
Top Trim: Sc evenly spaced across top of gusset, top of front, and across top of other end of gusset; join with sl st in first sc of flap trim. Fasten off.
Using yarn needle, weave in all ends.
Fringe: Cut strands of A and B, 7"/18cm long. Attach fringes to lower edge of backpack, beginning and ending with a B-colored fringe, as follows: Fold strand in half forming a loop at folded end. With crochet hook, draw loop through edge of backpack, thread ends of strands through loop and pull to tighten and secure. Trim ends to even. Repeat process across edge of flap, beginning and ending at opposite ends of Row 59 and using 2 1/2"/6.5cm lengths. Trim ends to about 1"/2.5cm.
With sewing needle and A, sew button to center of front, between Rows 35 and 36 to allow flap to fold over top of gusset properly. With yarn needle and B, using photograph as a guide, embroider 10 French knots on front of flap. With yarn needle and A, whipstitch two D-rings to back, between Rows 3 and 4 and about 1"/2.5cm from one outside edge. Sew two more D-rings to back, between Rows 3 and 4 and about 1"/2.5cm from opposite outside edge. With A, whipstitch straps to Row 51 of back, about 2"/5cm from outside edges.
Using yarn needle, weave in any remaining ends.