

Plaid Bag

## FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

## Width: 161/4"

Depth: 10112" (not including straps)

## MATERIALS

Premier ${ }^{\circledR}$ Yarns Colorfusion ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ Chunky (100\% Acrylic; 3.5oz/100g, 109yds/100m)

- MC: 1174-02 Autumn Sky - 2 balls

Premier ${ }^{\circledR}$ Yarns Serenity Chunky ${ }^{\circledR}$ ( $100 \%$
Acrylic; 3.5 oz/100 g, 109 yds/100 m)

- CC1: 700-71 Almond -2 balls
- CC2: 700-62 Flint - 3 balls
- CC3: 700-73 Clover - 1 ball
- CC4: 700-61 Copper 1 ball

Hook: US Size K-10.5 ( 6.5 mm ) or size needed to obtain gauge
Notions: Tapestry needle

## GAUGE

11 sts $\times 10$ rows $=4^{\prime \prime}$ in pattern and sc. Save time, check your gauge.

## Skills/techniques used in this pattern:

- Chain, single and double crochet stitches.
- Overlay mosaic crochet technique.
- Standing single crochet.
- Single crochet decreases.
- Surface Slip stitch.
- Working in front and back loops of stitches.
- Slip stitch seaming pieces together.


## STITCH GUIDE

Long front loop double crochet (Lng fldc): Yo, insert hook in free loop of indicated st 2 rows below, yo and pull up a long loop, (yo, pull through 2 loops on hook) 2 times, sk the st on
working row.
Join with a Single Crochet (sc join): Place slip knot on hook, insert hook in indicated st, yo and pull up a loop, yo and pull through both loops on hook.

Surface slip stitch: Make a slip knot and take if off hook. With slip knot held behind work, insert hook in indicated st/sp from front to back. Pick up slip knot with hook and pull through to front of work. Gently pull strands downward so knot remains in back of work and loop remains in front of work. *Insert hook in adjacent st/sp, and pull up a loop to front of work, pull through loop on hook; rep from * to desired number of surface slip stitches.

## PATTERN NOTES

This Bag is worked in 4 pieces and seamed together. The Bottom and Side Bands are worked back and forth in rows. The Handles are crocheted directly on to the Bag after assembly.

Main Panel Notes: The colorwork is created by working back loop only single crochet stitches in working rows and front loop long double crochet stitches in unworked front loops 2 rows below as in the overlay mosaic crochet technique. The remainder of the colorwork is made by working surface slip stitches.
Colors alternate each row. Work all rows with one color and right side facing, you will not turn your work after Row 1. Leave a 3-4" tail at the beginning and end of each row in each color. Single crochets are worked in back loops only (blo), except for the first and last stitch
of each row. The stitch count will remain the same throughout.

## BAG

## Bottom Band

With CC2, ch 17.
Row 1: Sc in $2^{\text {nd }}$ ch from hook and each ch across, turn

- 16 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1 (does not count as a st throughout), sc in each sc across, turn.
Rep Row 2 until Bottom Band measures $161 /{ }^{\prime \prime}$ " from foundation row.
Border Rnd: Ch 1, *work 45 sc across row ends and 1 sc in each of next 16 sc ; rep from * once, join to beg sc with a sl st-122 sc. Fasten off.

Side Band (make 2)
With CC4, work as Bottom Band until piece measures $101 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ from foundation row.
Border Rnd: Ch 1, *work 26 sc across row ends and 1 sc in each of next 16 sc ; rep from * once, join to beg sc with a sl st-84 sc. Fasten off.

Main Panel (make 2)
With MC, ch 46.
Row 1: Sc in $2^{\text {nd }} \mathrm{ch}$ from hook and each ch across - 45 sc . Fasten off MC.
Row 2: Sc join CC1, sc blo to last sc, sc in last sc, fasten of CC1.
Row 3: Sc join MC, Lng fldc in next 4 sts, (sc blo in next 5 sts, Lng fldc in next 5 sts) 4 times, replacing last Lng fldc of row with a sc through both loops, fasten off MC.
Row 4: Sc join CC1, sc blo in next 4 sts, (Lng fldc in
next 5 sts, sc blo in next 5 sts) 4 times, replacing last sc blo of row with a sc through both loops, fasten off CC1.
Row 5: Rep Row 3.
Row 6: Rep Row 4.
Row 7: Sc join CC2, sc blo to last sc, sc in last sc, fasten CC2.
Row 8: Sc join CC1, Lng fldc in next 4 sts, (sc blo in next 5 sts, Lng fldc in next 5 sts) 4 times, replacing last Lng fldc of row with a sc through both loops, fasten off CC1.
Row 9: Sc join CC2, sc blo in next 4 sts, (Lng fldc in next 5 sts, sc blo in next 5 sts) 4 times, replacing last sc blo of row with a sc through both loops, fasten off CC2.
Row 10: Rep Row 8.
Row 11: Rep Row 9.
Row 12: Sc join MC , sc blo to last sc, sc in last sc, fasten MC.
Row 13: Sc join CC2, Lng fldc in next 4 sts, (sc blo in next 5 sts, Lng fldc in next 5 sts) 4 times, replacing last Lng fldc of row with a sc through both loops, fasten off CC2.
Row 14: Sc join MC, sc blo in next 4 sts, (Lng fldc in next 5 sts, sc blo in next 5 sts) 4 times, replacing last sc blo of row with a sc through both loops, fasten off MC.

Row 15: Rep Row 13.
Row 16: Rep Row 14.
Row 17: Rep Row 2.
Row 18: Rep Row 3.
Row 19: Rep Row 4.
Row 20: Rep Row 5.
Row 21: Rep Row 4.

Row 22-26: Rep Rows 7-11.

## Surface SI St

Note: Use photo as a guide for the following steps on both Main Panels.
Step 1: With CC3, work 5 horizonal lines of surface sl st.
Step 2: With CC4, work 8 vertical lines of surface sl st.
Step 3: Alternating between MC and CC1, work 4
horizonal lines of surface sl st.
Weave in all ends on WS of fabric.

## FINISHING

## Assembly

With MC, WS facing and working through inner loops of both thicknesses, sl st seam Main Panels to each long side of Bottom Panel. Sl st seam Side Panels in place to Bottom and Main Panels.

## Straps

Sc join CC3 in first st of Main Panel.
Rnd 1: Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, *(sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog) across Main Panel, sc in each of next 16 sc of Side Panel; rep from * once more, join to beg sc with a sl st-104 sc.
Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in next 8 sc, ch 32 for Strap, sk next 20 sc, sc in next 32 sc, ch 32 for next Strap, sk next 20 sc, sc in each rem sc, join to beg sc with a sl st.
Rnd 3: Ch 1, *sc across to Strap, 40 sc around the
Strap chs; rep from * once more, sc in each rem sc, join to beg sc with a sl st.

Fasten off, weave in rem ends.
Abbreviations
project continued

| beg | begin(ning) |
| :--- | :--- |
| blo | back loop only |
| CC | contrast color |
| ch | chain |
| dc | double crochet |
| dec'd | decreased |
| MC | main color |
| rem | remain(ing) |
| rep | repeat(ing) |
| RS | right side |
| sc | single crochet |
| sc2tog | single crochet 2 sts together (1 st dec'd) |
| sk | skip |
| sp | space |
| st(s) | stitch(es) |
| WS | wrong side |
| Yo | yarn over |



