

Hanukkah Gift Bag

Level: Intermediate

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Circumference: 25"

Length: 10"

MATERIALS

Premier® Yarns Anti-pilling Everyday® Bulky (100% Anti-pilling Acrylic; 3.5oz/100g, 87yds/80m)

- MC #1068-13 Royal Blue 2 balls
- CC #1068-03 Fog Gray 2 balls

Hook: US Size L-11 (8 mm) crochet hook *or size* needed to obtain gauge

Notions: Tapestry needle, removable stitch markers

GAUGE

9½ sc x 11 rnds = 4"

Save time, check your gauge.

STITCH GUIDE

Magic Ring: Wrap yarn around your left middle finger twice, leaving a 6" tail. Insert hook under both strands and pull up a loop. Ch 1, and beg working directly into center of ring. This ring can be tightened later by pulling on the yarn tail.

PATTERN NOTES

Tapestry crochet technique is used to create color blocks at the base of the back by using two colors in one row. Work dc in color pattern as directed in Rnd 1 of Body, holding the strand for color not in use parallel to the row of stitches being worked, and work the dc around the stitch and the strand. To create clean and even color changes work the last double crochet in each color block as follows:

With current color, *yo, insert hook into indicated st, yo, pull up loop, yo, pull through 2 loops – 2 loops remain on hook; drop current color and with new color, yo and pull through 2 remaining loops on hook.

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Base

Note: The base is worked in a spiral. Do not join at the end of rounds. Use a removable stitch marker to mark the first stitch of the round and move the marker up with each subsequent round.

With MC, make Magic Ring.

Rnd 1: Work 6 sc in ring – 6 sc.

Rnd 2: [2sc in each sc] around – 12 sc.

Rnd 3: [Sc in sc, 2sc in next sc] around – 18 sc.

Rnd 4: Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc, [sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] around to last sc, sc in last sc – 24 sc.

Rnd 5: [Sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc] around – 30 sc.

Rnd 6: Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc, [sc in each of next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc] around to last 2 sc, sc in each sc to end – 36 sc.

Rnd 7: [Sc in each of next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc] around – 42 sc.

Rnd 8: Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc, [sc in each of next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc] around to last 3 sc, sc in each sc to end – 48 sc.

Rnd 9: [Sc in each of next 7 sc, 2 sc in next sc] around – 54 sc.

Rnd 8: Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc, [sc in each of next 8 sc, 2 sc in next sc] around to last 4 sc, sc in each sc to end – 60 sc.

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Body

Rnd 1: Continuing with MC, ch 2 (counts as dc), dc in the next dc, with CC, dc in blo of next 2 sc, *with MC, dc in blo of next 2 sc, with CC, dc in blo of next 2 sc; rep from * around – 60 dc. Cut CC.

Rnd 2: Working in a spiral without joining at the end of each rnd, with MC, [sc in each dc] around.

Rnds 3-18: Rep Rnd 2, join with sl st in 1st sc of Rnd 18. Rnd 19: Ch 3 (counts as dc, ch 1), sk 2 sc, dc in next sc, [ch 1, sk next sc, dc in next sc] around – 30 dc; 30 ch-1 sp.

Rnds 20: Ch 1, sc in each st around.

Rnds 21: Ch 2 (counts as dc), dc in each sc around. Rnd 22: Ch 2 (counts as dc, dc in each dc around.

Fasten off.

FINISHING

Drawstrings

With CC, make 2 ch, 20" long. Thread one chain length through ch sps made in Rnd 19, beginning and ending at side edge. Tie ends together. Repeat for second side.

With CC, using photo as a guide, embellish bag by using slip stitch to surface crochet design on front of bag. Design measures 4" x 4".

Weave in ends.

Abbreviations

beg begin(ning)blo back loop onlyCC contrasting color

ch chain

dc double crochet

MC main color rep repeat(ing) rnd(s) round(s)

sc single crochet

sk skip
sl st slip stitch
sp space
st(s) stitch(es)

yo yarn over



