



Ava - Cosmetic Pouch

No. 1028-204-9656

Skill level: Intermediate

Crochet hook: 3 mm (US size C/2)

Size: H – 15 cm / 6 inches

L – 25 cm / 9,8 inches

W – 4 cm / 1,6 inches

Materials: 25 cm zipper, darning needle, stitch marker and patience ;)

Yarn: Rainbow Cotton 8/4

Light Grey (#016) - 1 skein

Black (#009) - 1 skein

Dark Red (#059) - 1 skein

Rose (#044) - 1 skein

Abbreviations:

Ch - chain

St(s) - stitch(es)

SC - single crochet

Blo - back loop only

Sl St - slip stitch

Yo - yarn over

Purchase your yarn here:

<http://shop.hobbii.com/ava-cosmetic-pouch>

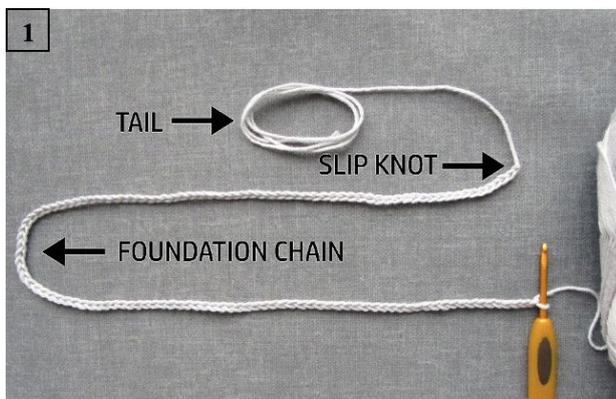
Before we start:

This cosmetic pouch requires to know the tapestry crochet technique. The pouch is worked in the round so you'll only be working on the right side.

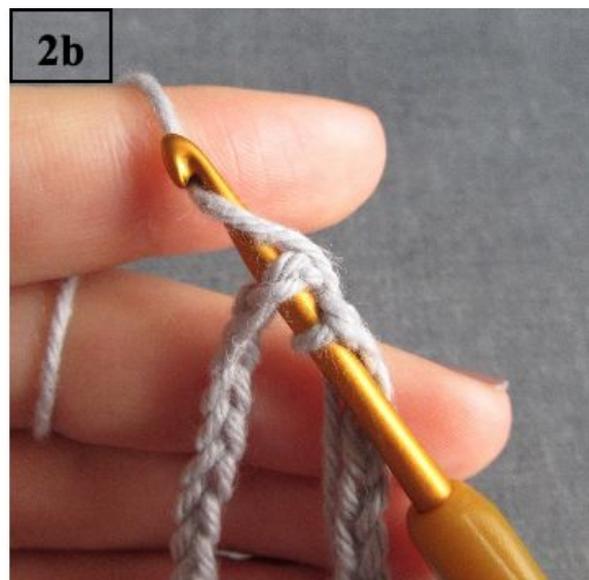
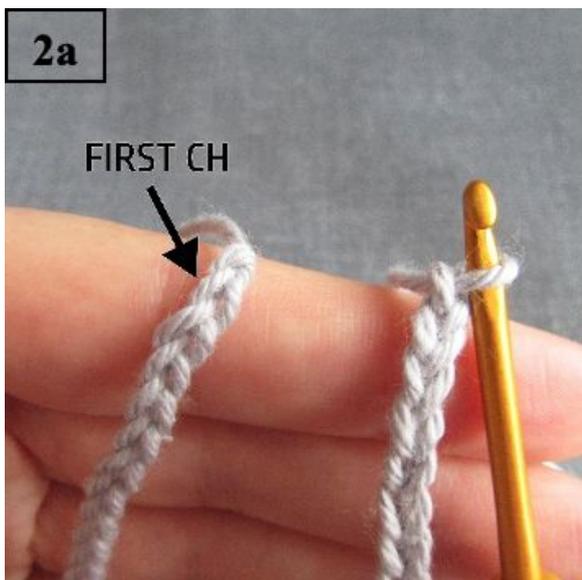
You'll find in this tutorial a beginner friendly step by step structure that will walk you through the most important parts of the making of the pouch. Nonetheless, if you are a more experienced crocheter, you'll be able to go straight to the written pattern at the end of this document. The pattern also contains a tapestry chart as well as information on how to make the pouch in a different size.

First step - Foundation Chain

1 - Make sure to leave a tail of approximately **60 cm/24 inches** that you'll use later on. Take your **3 mm** crochet hook and Ch **126** with the **Grey** yarn to create the foundation chain.



2 - Sl St in the first Ch of the foundation chain to create a circle. Make sure the chains are not twisted. Then **Ch1**.





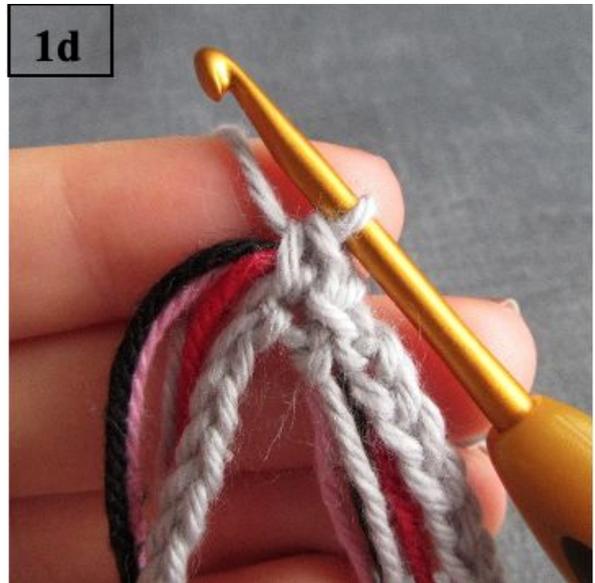
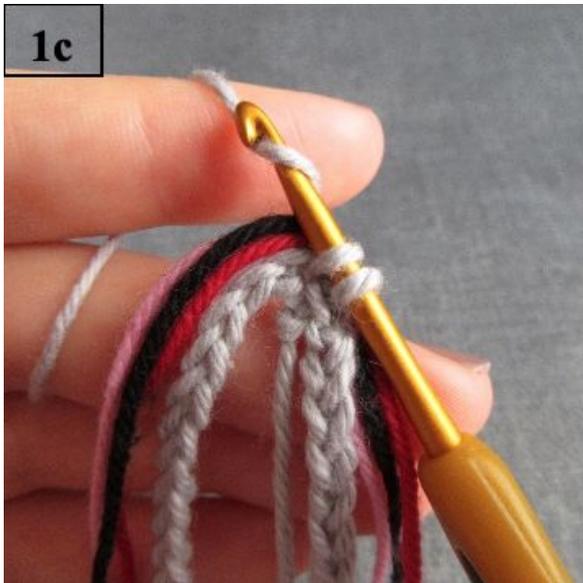
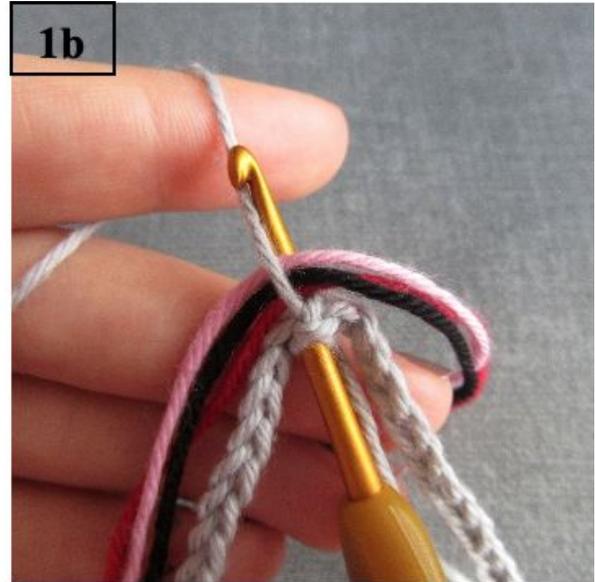
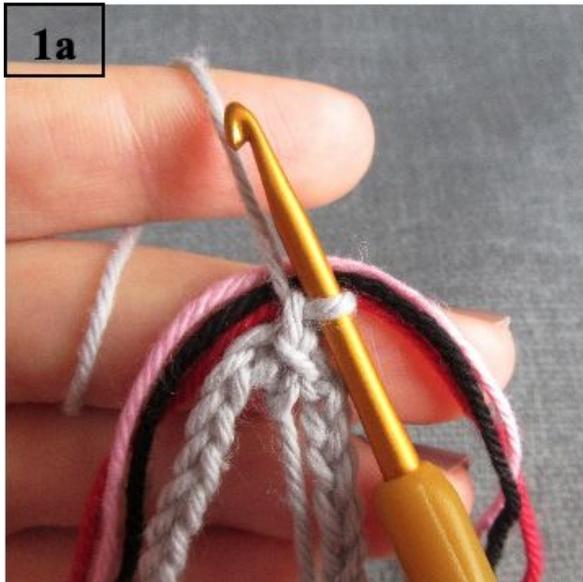
Second step - Tapestry

Before starting to follow the tapestry chart, here is some useful information.

1 - In tapestry crochet, you crochet with one color keeping the other yarns hidden inside the stitches. **TIP:** add them while starting the first row, which is entirely Grey, so the entire project is evenly thick.

In this step you'll add the Black, Red and Rose yarns that will remain hidden until you'll have to use them.

How to do this: Place the yarns to add as shown in the first image and **SC in the same Ch of the SI St**. Insert the hook, making sure to go under the yarns you are adding, yo the working yarn and pull up a loop so you have 2 loops on the hook. Now yo and pull through the 2 loops to have your first SC made. Put a stitch marker in the SC you just made to mark where the row begins. You'll move it every time you start a new row. Make all SC in that manner, otherwise you'll end up with floating yarn on the wrong side of the work.



Note: After doing some SC you may see that the crochet curls a bit and you can see through the stitches the yarns that are supposed to be hidden. This is perfectly normal, but it's **NOT** what you want. All you have to do is pull the hidden yarns to straighten the crochet and tighten the stitches together. You'll have to pay attention to this and pull the yarns, when necessary, throughout the entire project. Keeping an even tension is the most difficult part in Tapestry Crochet.

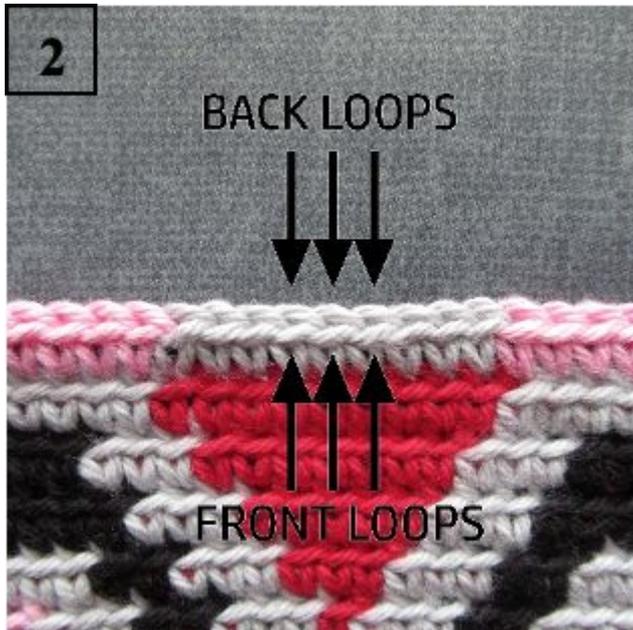
Before



After



2 - From the second row and forward, you'll have to crochet in the Blo of the sts. This will allow the design to be straighter. Crocheting in both loops would make the design slant to the right.



3 - The first row is entirely Grey, but from the second row you'll have to change color in the middle of the crochet.

How to change color: You'll insert the hook in the Blo and pull up a loop as usual, then instead of yo and pulling through the 2 loops with the same yarn, you'll do it with the yarn of the next stitch.

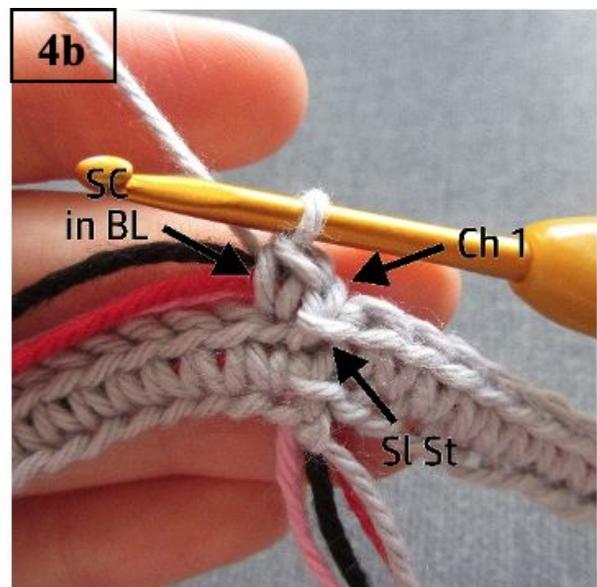




4 - In tapestry crochet you can either crochet continuously (spiral) without joining the rows or you can join the rows, according to your preference on the matter. If you're not sure how to join, follow this easy instruction below.

How to join: Sl St in both loops of the first St of the row, Ch1 (never counts as a St), make the first SC of the next row in the Blo of the same St where you made the Sl St.

Note: be sure to make the color change before joining, when the first St of the next row is different from the last St of the current row.



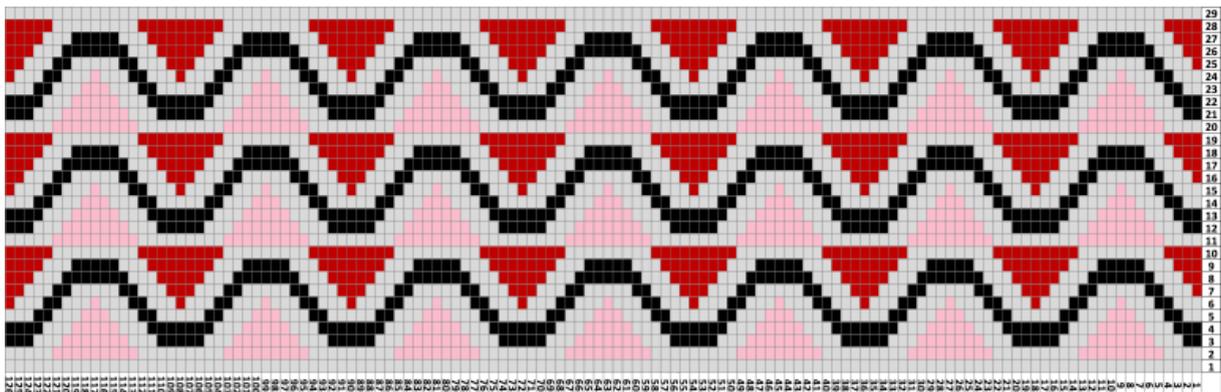
Now you can start following the chart, applying everything you read so far, to make this cute cosmetic pouch.



The Chart

Each square represents 1 single crochet in its respective color.

Optional: make a last row of slip stitches in Grey to have a nice border. You can use any border of your preference or none at all.



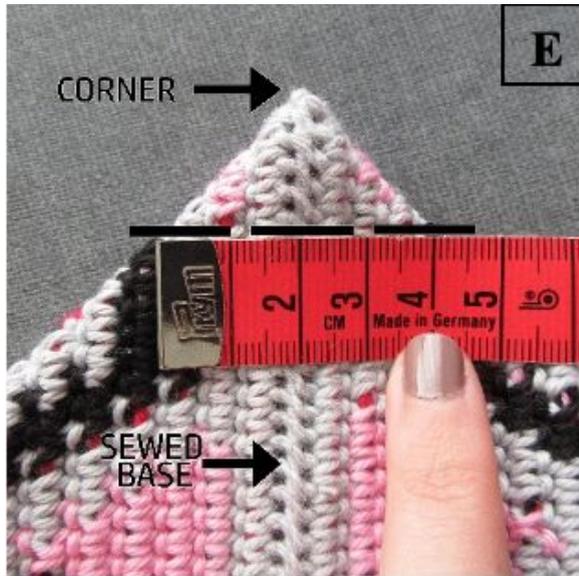
The project present in this tutorial is made by repeating this section 7x for the length and 3x for the height. Adding to that one Grey row at the beginning and another at the end, plus a last row of slip stitches to create a nice border.

IMPORTANT: If you want to make a different size than the one made in this pattern, repeat this section to fit your needs, making sure to adapt the foundation chain and the tail accordingly.



You can use the pouch just like that, but it's nice to add some depth to give this cosmetic pouch support and better storage. Here you're going to make a width of **4 cm / 1,6 inches**.

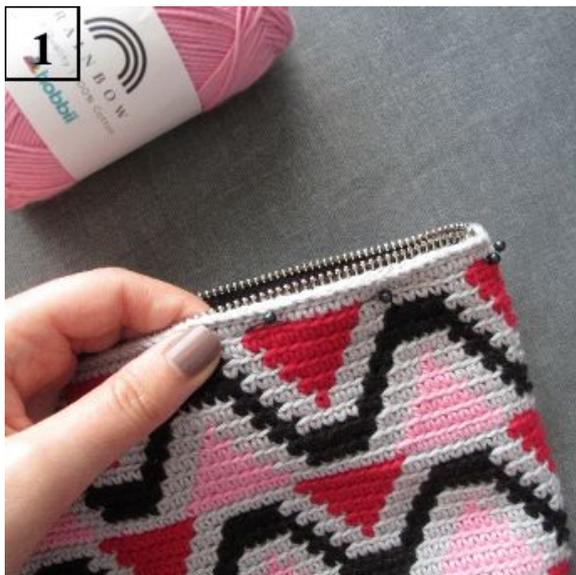
How to do that: with the crochet inside out, take one of the corners of the base and put the crochet in the shape of a triangle, making sure it's aligned with the base and that each side is equal. With a measuring tape, measure 4 cm / 1,6 inches across, which is where you'll sew. Pass the yarn 2 times in the first st to secure it and go back and forth until you reach the last st, where you'll also pass the yarn 2 times. Then, go all the way back in the same way until you reach the first st again, going inside the loop to secure it as you did for the base. Do the same with the other corner. Weave in the ends and turn your work outside in.





Attaching the zipper

With safety pins, fix the zipper in place. Sew it onto the pouch with a regular sewing needle and thread. You can also add a lining for an extra polished finishing look.





Written pattern

With the Grey yarn, leave a tail of approximately 60 cm / 24 inches.

Ch 126 and join ends with a SI St to create a circle.

Row 1: Ch 1, add the Black, Red and Rose yarns and place a stitch marker in the first SC of the row (which is made in the same st as the SI St). Crochet according to the chart.

You can either crochet continuously (in spiral) or join the rows, according to your preference.

From now on only crochet in the Back Loop of the stitches.

Row 2-29: Keep crocheting the pattern according to the chart on page 8.

Row 30 (optional): SI St each 126 sts to create a nice border in Grey. You can make another border of your preference or none.

Cut the yarns and weave in the ends.

Sew the base according to previous indications.

Attach zipper (you can also add lining).



Enjoy!
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