CROCHET PATTERN

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## MATERIALS

2 skeins of Rainbow Cotton 8/8, color 052
1 skein of Rainbow Cotton 8/8, color 055
1 skein of Rainbow Cotton 8/8, color 024
1 skein of Rainbow Cotton 8/8, color 051
Crochet hook 4 mm (US size G/6)
Zipper 30 cm
2 magnetic buttons 20 mm diameter
Stitch markers
Sewing needle
Sewing thread
YARN QUALITY
(33) Rainbow Cotton 8/8, Hobbii
$100 \%$ cotton/ 50 g = 75 meter

## ABBREVIATIONS

Ch - chain
St(s) - stitch(es)
SC - single crochet
Blo - back loop only
SI St - slip stitch
Yo - yarn over

## SIZE

Onesize

## MEASUREMENTS

Height: $33 \mathrm{~cm} / 13$ inches
Length: $29 \mathrm{~cm} / 11,4$ inches

## PATTERN INFORMATION

The bag is made in tapestry crochet and worked in the round.

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http://shop.hobbii.com/estelle-bag

## QUESTIONS

If you have any questions regarding this pattern, please feel free to email us at support@hobbii.com
Please make sure to include the pattern's name and number.

Happy Crafting!

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## BEFORE WE START

The bag is worked in the round so you'll always be working on the right side.
You'll find in this tutorial a step-by-step structure that will walk you through the most important parts of the making of the bag. 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.

## FIRST STEP - FOUNDATION CHAIN + BASE

1 - Take your 4mm crochet hook and Ch 51 with the Vanilla yarn to create the foundation chain.
The base of the bag is made by crocheting 2 rows around the foundation chain.


ROW 1: Add colors (coral, mint and sunny yellow), 2 SC in the second Ch from the hook, 1 SC in next 48 sts, 4 SC in next st, 1 SC in next 48 sts, 2 SC in next st, SI St in Blo of first SC of the row. (total of 104 sts)

NOTE: In tapestry crochet, you crochet with one color keeping the other yarns hidden inside the stitches. You'll add them now, while starting the first row of the base, which is entirely Vanilla, so all the crochet is evenly thick.

How to add the yarns: identify the Second Ch from the hook and place the yarns to add as shown in the first image. Insert the hook in the chain, 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. Do a second SC in the same chain, in the same way.

The arrow shows which is the second chain.


Continue doing SC according to the row's instructions.


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, trying to pop out. 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 (not too much though). You'll have to pay

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attention to this and pull the yarns when necessary. Keeping an even tension is the most difficult part in Tapestry Crochet.

This is what you should aim for:
The left side photo shows you the front and the right side photo shows you the back


To finish the row, you'll have to SI St in the Back Loop of the first SC of the row.
How to do this: Identify the back loop of the first SC, insert the hook, yo and pull directly through the loop you already have on the hook.

Top arrow shows you the back loop and bottom arrow shows you the front loop


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At the end of the row, after doing all 104 SC around the foundation chain and joining the row, your crochet should look like this:


ROW 2: Ch 1 (does not count as st), 2 SC in same st as SL ST, 2 SC in next st, 1 SC in next 48 sts, 2 SC in next 4 sts, 1 SC in next 48 sts, 2 SC in next 2 st. (total of 112 sts)

From this Second Row and forward, you'll only crochet in the back loops of the stitches. Apply what you did in the previous row and follow the instructions above. Remember to pull the hidden yarns when necessary, to keep the crochet straight and tight.
At the end it should look like this:


Note: from now on you can choose to either crochet continuously without joining the rows or join the rows, according to your preference on the matter. Either way, place a stitch marker on the first SC of the row to clearly mark where the row begins and move it every time you start a new row.


## SECOND STEP - TAPESTRY CHART

Before you start following the tapestry chart, let me give you a last piece of useful information:
The 2 rows of the base were made in only one color, but from now on you will have to make color changes in the middle of the crochet.

How to change color: You'll insert the hook in the Blo of the stitch 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.



Now you can start following the chart, applying everything you read so far, to make this cute bag.
Optional: You can make a last row in RSC (reverse single crochet), also known as crab stitch, to create a nice border in Sunny Yellow. You can make any border of your preference or none at all.


## THE CHART

- Each square represents 1 single crochet in its respective color. All stitches are made in the Blo.



## THIRD STEP - FINISHING THE BAG

Cut the yarns and weave in the ends, if you haven't already.
Even though we are making a folded bag in this pattern, once you reach this point, other options are available:
1 - You can attach the zipper or the magnetic buttons for the closure of the bag, attach a couple of straps (crochet, leather, fabric...) and use it as a tote bag.
$\mathbf{2}$ - You can attach the zipper and use it as a project bag. You can even make several bags in different colors and keep your crochet/knitting wips organized and carefully stored in beautiful bags. You can stash a few granny squares in there :)

## 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.


## Attaching the magnetic buttons

To make the folded part of the bag, you'll need to attach magnetic buttons. Start by folding the top of the bag. You can fold it as much as you'd like, but I think that folding about a third of the bag will create clean proportions. Then, you have to decide where to attach the buttons, according to your preference, but I would suggest to place them near the edges. Make sure that both parts of the button and both buttons are aligned.
You can use pins to fix them in place or use stitch markers to mark the position you want to sew them. Then, just sew them into place using regular sewing needle and thread.


Once you're done, the purse is ready. You can also add a strap (crochet, leather, fabric...) to turn it into a shoulder bag, for example.

## WRITTEN PATTERN

With the Vanilla yarn Ch 51 to make the foundation chain

## For the base

To create the base, you will have to crochet around the foundation chain. The base is made of 2 rows.

Row 1: Add colors (coral, mint and sunny yellow), 2 SC in the second Ch from the hook, 1 SC in next 48 sts, 4 SC in next st, 1 SC in next 48 sts, 2 SC in next st, SI St in Blo of first SC of the row. (total of 104 sts)

From now on always crochet in Blo of sts.

ROW 2: Ch 1 (does not count as st), 2 SC in same st as SL ST, 2 SC in next st, 1 SC in next 48 sts, 2 SC in next 4 sts, 1 SC in next 48 sts, 2 SC in next 2 st. (total of 112 sts)

Note: From now on you can either crochet continuously without joining the rows or you can join the rows, according to your preference.

## Following the chart

Crochet in the Back Loop of the stitches.
Row 1 to 38: Crochet the pattern according to the chart.
Row 39 (optional): RSC (reverse single crochet) in each 112 sts in Sunny Yellow to create a nice border. You can make a different border or none at all.

Cut the yarns and weave the ends.
Finish the bag by attaching zipper and magnetic buttons according to previous instructions.

Enjoy!
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