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Skill Level: intermediate

How much yarn: 3 balls (each ball 50g and 125m) of **Milo** yarn (100% Cotton), shade no. 8701

Hook: A 3.00mm crochet hook

Sewing needle: Yarn needle with rounded point

Other items: Small golden metal snap hook

2 wood-coloured resin handles measuring 16 x 12 cm

1 white pearl 1.5cm in diameter with a central hole

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STITCHES

Using Hook: Chain (ch) – Slip stitch (ss)

Double crochet (dc)

PRAWN STITCH: this stitch is dc worked from left to right. Start at the left-hand end of the row you are working, insert the hook in the first st to the right and complete a dc stitch. Repeat in the next st to the right and continue to the end of the row.

TENSION

17.5 sts and 20 rows measure 10cm square over double crochet with 3.00mm crochet hook and two strands of yarn held together throughout. Take time to check tension before starting work: it is essential to work to the stated tension to achieve success.

INSTRUCTIONS

Note: work with 2 strands of yarn held together throughout.

Back panel: start around a handle, as shown in picture. With 3.00mm crochet hook and 4 strands of yarn held together work 42 elongated slip stitch around lower part and 3 or 4cm lower side parts of a handle, starting from right side part, up down. Cut 2 strands of yarn and cont to work only with 2 strands of yarn held together. Work rows of dc as follows: **1st row:** ch1 (that doesn't count as a st), 1 dc into each of first 12 sts, 3 dc into next st (= 2 sts increased), 1 dc into each of next 16 sts, 3 dc into next st (= 2 sts increased), 1 dc into each of last 12 sts, turn. **2nd row:** ch1 (that doesn't count as a st), 1 dc into each of first 13 sts, 3 dc into next st (= 2 sts increased), 1 dc into each of next 18 sts, 3 dc into next st (= 2 sts increased),

1 dc into each of last 13 sts, turn. **3rd row:** ch1 (that doesn't count as a st), 1 dc into each st to end, turn. Cont to work rows of dc, increasing sts as before (= work 3 dc into central of 3 dc below worked into same dc) * every row twice, then work a row straight = without inc); rep from * 7 more times: there are 114 sts. When work measures 14cm from beg and 28 rows have been worked, leave unworked first and last 31 sts (= side parts) and cont to work central 52 sts, decreasing 1 st at each end every alternate row twice, then every row twice: 44 sts remain. Fasten off. Now work a row of dc as follows: 1 dc into each of 31 sts of first side, 6 dc along first side edge of last 6 central rows, 1 dc into each of last 44 sts, 6 dc along other side edge of last 6 central rows, 1 dc into each of 31 sts of other side: there are 118 sts. Work other 2 rows dc. Fasten off.

Front panel: work as Back Panel.

FINISHING

Place panels RS to RS and, with 3.00mm crochet hook and 2 strands of yarn held together, work a row of dc across sts of last row to join the panels, inserting hook every time in both thicknesses. Fasten off. Finish two open upper edges with 3.00mm crochet hook and 2 strands of yarn held together, working a row of prawn st. Fasten off.

Tassel: cut approx 45 lengths of yarn to 20cm each. Fold in half to indicate the centre point. Wind a long strand of double yarn around centre point and secure tightly with a knot. In the remaining strand, pass the 2 pearls and secure them with another knot, finally knot the two strands in the loop of the snap hook, joining it to the tassel. Fix the tassel threads at about 1.5 cm from the fold line, wrapping them several times. Fix the tassel on the upper edge of the bag, as shown in the photo.

