

ELEGANT BAG MISINA & NEW GLITTER



Measurements of finished bag:

25 cm wide at its widest point

23 cm high

Skill Level:

intermediate

How much yarn:

6 balls (each ball 50g and 100m) of **Misina** yarn (100% Pure New

Wool) shade no. 14594 and 2 balls (each ball 25g and 300m) of **New Glitter** yarn (51% Polyester, 49% Nylon) shade no. 9120

Hook: A 4.00mm crochet hook

Sewing needle: Yarn needle with rounded point

Other items: Green and yellow stitch-markers
Two golden rings 13cm in diameter

STITCHES

Using hook: chain (ch) - Slip stitch (ss)

Double crochet (dc)

RIDGE DOUBLE CROCHET BACK (RDCB): work 1 dc inserting hook into back loop only of previous row.

THERMAL STITCH: (work on any number of sts plus 1 turning ch that will never be counted as a stitch).

1st row: 1 dc into 2nd ch from hook, 1 dc into each of next chains, ch1, turn. **2nd row:** 1 RdcB into each st of previous row, ch1, turn. **3rd row:** turning the work slightly horizontally so that you can clearly see the row being worked on and the ridge two rows below,* work in dc, inserting hook at the same time into back loop of next st and into corresponding front loop of the st two rows below; rep from * to end, ch1, turn. Rep 3rd row throughout, keeping in mind that a complete thermal stitch pattern is made up of 2 rows because the stitch has a double-sided effect.

INSTRUCTIONS

Note: work using 2 strands of New Glitter yarn and 1 strand of Misina yarn held together throughout.

Front Panel: work in thermal stitch starting from rings. Secure the yarn around a ring and work 51 dc, then place stitch-markers as follows: count

10 sts, place a yellow stitch-marker in next st, miss 1 st, place a yellow stitch-marker in next st, place a green stitch-marker in following st, count 23 sts, place a green stitch-marker in next st (= 25 central sts that will remain unchanged), place a yellow stitch-marker in next st, miss 1 st, place a yellow stitch-marker in next st, last 10 sts will be free. Cont to work, increasing and decreasing as follows. **1st row:** miss 1 st (= 1 decrease), work in thermal st and, in correspondence with yellow stitch-markers inc 1 st (= 2 dc into next st) and move stitch-marker, instead in correspondence with green stitch-markers work always the stitch and move the stitch-marker; work to last 2 sts and dc2tog (= insert hook in a stitch, yarn on hook and pull a loop through, insert hook in next stitch, yarn on hook and pull a loop through, yarn on hook and pull through the 3 loops on the hook: 1 dec made), ch1, turn. **2nd row:** work in thermal stitch, dec 1 st at each side as given in previous row, BUT WITHOUT INCREASING. **Note:** when you get to the increases of the previous row, insert crochet hook twice into same stitch, otherwise the number of loops available will not be enough. Before working 3rd row, move the stitch-markers as follows: place 1 yellow stitch-marker in the outer stitch of each green stitch-marker, miss 2 sts (always outward), place a yellow stitch-marker in next st. **3rd row:** work as 1st row. Rep last 2 rows, cont to work in thermal stitch, inc 4 sts every alternate row and, at the same time, dec 1 st at each end every row, until to have 8 dc between yellow stitch-markers: the 25 central sts must remain unchanged. Now, leave only the yellow stitch-marker in the stitch next to the green ones and cont to work inc only 2 sts every row and dec 1 st at each end, until only 25 central sts remain. With two strands of New Glitter yarn held together, work a row of dc along outer edge. Fasten off.

Back Panel: work as Front Panel.

Join panels, using yarn needle and two strands of New Glitter yarn held together. Leave a free space near the handles to make it easier to open the bag. **Note:** before joining the panels, line them with matching fabric if desired.