



Measurements of finished bag:

25 cm wide

24cm high

15cm deep

Skill Level:

intermediate

How much yarn:

10 balls (each ball

50g and 83m)

of **Nuovo Irlanda**

yarn (100% Pure Merino Wool – Machine Washable) shade no. 12959

Hook: A 4.50mm crochet hook

Sewing needle: Yarn needle with rounded point

Other items: Sewing yarn and matching thread

Lining fabric in matching colour. Felt

Ring and carabiner. Fabric glue

STITCHES

Using hook: chain (ch) – Double crochet (dc)

Treble (tr). **PRAWN STITCH:** this 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. **BOBBLE STITCH A:** (work on an odd number of sts).

1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th rows: work a row of dc; at end work 1 turning chain. **5th row (bobble row):** 1 dc into 1st st, * 1 bobble into next st, working into same st 4 tr closed together as follows: (yarn on hook, insert hook in stitch, yarn on hook and pull a loop through, yarn on hook and pull through two loops on hook) 4 times, yarn on hook and pull through the 5 loops on the hook (= 1 bobble made), 1 dc into each of next 3 sts; rep from * ending with a bobble and 1 dc; ch1, turn. **6th, 7th and 8th row:** work as 1st row. **9th row:** 1 dc into each of next 3 sts, * 1 bobble into next st, 1 dc into each of next 3 sts, rep from * to end, ch1, turn. Rep from 2nd to 9th row throughout.

BOBBLE STITCH B: (work on an odd number of sts)

1st and 2nd rows: work a row of dc; at end work 1 turning chain. **3rd row (bobble row):** 1 dc into 1st st, * 1 bobble into next st, 1 dc into next st; rep from *

ending with a bobble and 1 dc; ch1, turn. **4th row:** work a row of dc; at end work 1 turning chain. Rep from 1st to 4th row throughout.

INSTRUCTIONS

Back panel: ch36 and, starting from 2nd ch from hook, work 9 rows of Bobble Stitch A. Then work 3 rows of dc, turn work and complete upper edge with a row of prawn st. Fasten off.

Front panel: work as Back Panel.

Bottom, gussets and shoulder strap: ch22 and, starting from 2nd ch from hook, work 29 rows in Bobble stitch B until you reach the measure to form the bag bottom and sides of the panels. End with a row of bobbles and continue to work first part of shoulder strap with Bobble stitch B, working only the 4 central bobbles. From 3rd row, dec 1 st at each side every row 3 times. When 11 rows of bobbles have been worked, cont to work 3 rows dc, then fasten off. Now, join yarn to starting chains on other side of work and work second part of shoulder strap as given for first part.

FINISHING

From felt cut out 3 pieces in the same size of two panels and bottom with gussets. For lining, cut out 3 pieces of fabric that are each 1 cm bigger than each corresponding crocheted part all around for seams and hems. With RS of lining pieces tog, sew the 2 panels and bottom with gussets, using a 1cm seam width so the lining fits well inside bag. On WS of lining fabric glue felt shapes in correspondence to strengthen lining. Join crocheted parts of bag: work a row of dc inserting hook into both thicknesses of each panel and corresponding side of bottom and gusset. Sew the 2 halves of shoulder strap, work a row of dc along each shoulder strap side, then fold in half central 35cm of shoulder strap and join them with a row of dc. Insert strengthened lining into bag, fold hems and sew along upper side, inside bag. For closure, fix ring and carabiner at centre of panel. Make a tassel 10cm long and, with 2 rows of chains, join it to bag.