

## **KERTTU BACKPACK**

### **SIZE**

Height 33 cm, maximum circumference 60 cm

### **YARN**

Liina yarn 18-strand, natural white (06) 100 g, brown (coffee 52) 30 g, Molla yarn 18-strand, lilac (viola 36) 200 g, orange (carrot 45) 100 g. For the shoulder strap, brown (coffee 52) 40 g

### **HOOK**

2.25 mm

### **GAUGE**

13 sts x 6 rows = 5 cm x 5 cm

### **MATERIALS**

Thin metal hoop diameter 16 cm, two openable metal rings diameter 30 mm, two carabiner locks, nylon cord for upper edge 1 m (thickness 4 mm), snap lock, 2 metal cord ends.

### **ABBREVIATIONS**

rnd = round

ch = chain stitch

st = stitch

yoh = yarn over hook

sc = single crochet (Am.)

dc = double crochet (Am.)

sl st = slip stitch

### **INFO**

For the backpack, crochet the bag piece in multicolor crochet starting from the round bottom piece, and a separate bottom support piece. In multicolor crochet, carry all yarns (unless otherwise stated) along with the stitches throughout the work, changing yarn color always at the last yoh of the stitch.

### **BOTTOM SUPPORT PIECE**

Rnd 1 Make a yarn loop with lilac yarn, insert the hook through the loop, pull yoh to the right side and work 3 ch, work 11 dc into the loop while carrying the yarn tail along with the stitches throughout the round. Close the round with a sl st to the third ch, pull the yarn tail tightly to close the loop. There are 12 dc in the round including the 3 ch sts.

Rnd 2 Work a sdc (or 3 ch) and dc in the same st. Crochet 2 dc in each st (24 dc). Close the round with a sl st.

Rnd 3 Work a sdc (or 3 ch), and dc in the same st. Crochet 2 dc in every other st and 1 dc in the remaining sts (36 dc). Close the round with a sl st.

Rnd 4 Work a sdc (or 3 ch), and dc in the same st. Crochet 2 dc in every 3rd st and 1 dc in the remaining sts (48 dc). Close the round with a sl st.

Rnd 5 Work a sdc (or 3 ch), and dc in the same st. Crochet 2 dc in every 4th st and 1 dc in the remaining sts (60 dc). Close the round with a sl st.

Rnd 6 Work a sdc (or 3 ch), and dc in the same st. Crochet 2 dc in every 5th st and 1 dc in the remaining sts (72 dc). Close the round with a sl st.

Rnd 7 Work a sdc (or 3 ch), and dc in the same st. Crochet 2 dc in every 6th st and 1 dc in the remaining sts (84 dc). Close the round with a sl st.

Rnd 8 Work a sdc (or 3 ch), and dc in the same st. Crochet 2 dc in every 7th st and 1 dc in the remaining sts (96 dc). Close the round with a sl st.

Rnd 9 Work a sdc (or 3 ch), and dc in the same st. Crochet 2 dc in every 8th st and 1 dc in the remaining sts (108 dc). Close the round with a sl st.

Rnd 10 Work 1 ch, join the metal hoop to the work, work 108 sc (leaving the metal hoop inside the sts). Close the round with a sl st. Cut yarn and weave in ends.

### **BAG PIECE, BOTTOM**

Follow the instructions for the bottom support piece until rnd 8.

Rnd 9 Work a sdc (or 3 ch), and dc in the same st. Crochet 2 dc in every other st and 1 dc in the remaining sts (108 dc). Close the round with a sl st.

Rnd 10 Join the bottom support piece to the work, place it behind the bag piece with back sides facing each other. Crochet the pieces together with sc sts; 1 sc in each st.

Rnd 11 Work 1 ch, work 1 sc in the next 2 sts. Work 2 sc (increase) in every other st and 1 dc in the remaining sts (in the round you have altogether 160 sc). Close round with a sl st.

### **BAG PIECE, MULTICOLOR PART**

Multicolor crochet begins, take brown and natural white yarn in work.

Rnd 1 Work a sdc (or 3 ch) with lilac yarn, \*work 4 dc, change to brown yarn at the last yoh and work 2 dc, change to natural white yarn at the last yoh and work 3 dc, change to lilac yarn at the last yoh and work 1 dc\*. Repeat \*-\* to the end of the rnd. At the end of the rnd, crochet 2 dc with brown yarn and 3 dc with natural white yarn. Close rnd with a slip stitch.

A total of 16 pattern repeats are crocheted for the rnd, each pattern repeat is 10 sts in width.

Rnds 2 - 4 Work as in rnd 1. At the end of the row, change lilac yarn to orange yarn, cut lilac yarn and weave in ends.

Rnd 5 Work a sdc (or 3 ch) with orange yarn, \*work 2 dc, change to natural white yarn at the last yoh and work 2 dc, change to brown yarn at the last yoh and work 2 dc, change to orange yarn at the last yoh and work 4 dc\*. Repeat \*-\* to the end of the rnd, at the end of the rnd work 3 dc with orange yarn instead of four. Close rnd with a slip stitch.

Rnds 6 - 7 Work as in row 5. At the end of the rnd, change orange yarn to lilac yarn, cut orange yarn and weave in ends.

Row 8: Work a sdc (or 3 ch) with lilac yarn, \*work 3 dc, change to natural white yarn at the last yoh and work 3 dc, change to brown yarn at the last yoh and work 2 dc, change to lilac yarn at the last yoh and work 2 dc\*. Repeat \*-\* to the end of the rnd. At the end of the rnd, work 3 dc with natural white yarn and 2 dc with brown yarn. Close rnd with a slip stitch.

Rnds 9 - 11 Work as in rnd 8. At the end of the rnd, change lilac yarn to orange yarn, cut lilac yarn and weave in ends.

Rnd 12 Work a sdc (or 3 ch) with natural white yarn, change to orange yarn, \*work 6 stsdc change to brown yarn at the last yoh and work 2 dc, change to natural white yarn at the last yoh and work 2 dc\*. Repeat \*-\* to the end of the rnd, at the end of the rnd work 1 dc with natural white yarn instead of two. Close rnd with a slip stitch.

Rnds 13 - 14 Work as in rnd 12. At the end of the rnd, change orange yarn to lilac yarn, cut orange yarn and weave in ends.

Continue crocheting according to the chart from rnd 15 to rnd 35. Two complete pattern repeats are crocheted vertically and one half pattern repeat, the height of one pattern repeat is 14 rnds.

Cut brown and orange yarns and weave in ends, continue the work with natural white yarn.

Rnd 36 Work 1 ch, work 1 sc in each st around (160 sc).

Rnd 37 Work a sdc (or 3 ch), work 1 dc in each st.

Rnd 38 Strap opening. Work 5 ch, \*skip two sts, work 1 dc, work 2 ch\*. Repeat \*-\* to the end of the rnd, 53 gaps are crocheted for the rnd (note: skip three sts at the end of the rnd, the number of gaps is uneven).

Rnd 39 Work a sdc (or 3 ch), work 1 dc in each st and 2 dc in each ch-arches (160 dc).

Rnd 40 Edge border. Work 1 ch, \*work 1 hdc, 2 dc in the same st, 1 dc, 1 dc, 2 dc in the same st, 1 hdc, 2 sc together (decrease)\*. Repeat \*-\* to the end of the rnd, 20 arches are crocheted along the edge. Cut yarn and weave in ends.

Steam the work into shape.

### **SHOULDER STRAP**

Crochet 271 ch with brown yarn. Work 1 sc in the second st from the hook, work 1 sc in each st. At the end of the row, work 1 ch and continue working 1 sc in each st for a total of five rows. Leave a long tail of yarn, cut the yarn. Fold the strap in half and sew the long sides together, one stitch at a time. Tie the two carabiner locks to the ends of the strap.

### **FINISHING**

Thread the nylon cord through the strap opening at the rnd 38 leaving the ends of the strap in front of the work. Skip the gap in the middle at the back because the number of gaps is odd. Attach the snap lock in the cord in front of the work. Attach the metal cord ends in place.

Thread one openable metal ring through the bottom of the work to the back through rows 9 and 12 so that the metal hoop is inside the ring. Thread another openable metal ring through the top of the work to the back center. Attach the shoulder strap into the metal rings with carabiner locks.