

## **VIIVE BAG BY Molla Mills**

**FINISHED SIZE** Width: 32 cm / 12.5 in. Height: 32 cm / 12.5 in (including folded base)

**YARN** Liina twine, 18-ply (100% cotton, 840 m / 500 g), off-white, 200 g. Molla twine, 18-ply (100% cotton, 680 m / 500 g), green (jade), 200 g

**HOOK** 2.25 mm

**OTHER MATERIALS** 2 leather handles (length 46 cm / 18 in, width 12 mm). Tapestry needle

**GAUGE** 28 sc x 24 rnds = 10 cm / 4 in (blocked)

### **ABOUT THE BAG**

The Viive bag is timeless, versatile, and easy to crochet. It pairs just as well with a summer dress as it does for carrying books. You can adjust the size to suit your needs, add one long strap or two shorter handles, and include details like an inner pocket or zipper.

### **STITCHES & ABBREVIATIONS (US TERMS)**

rnd = round

RS = right side

WS = wrong side

st = stitch

ch = chain

sc = single crochet

sc BLO = single crochet worked in the back loop only

dc = double crochet

sl st = slip stitch

### **NOTES**

The bag is worked in two colors using single crochet with a closed base seam. The pocket is worked separately in filet crochet. In colorwork (tapestry crochet), carry the unused yarn inside the stitches throughout the work. Change color during the last yarn-over of the single crochet stitch. Always insert the hook under both loops of the stitch. Note that the pattern will slant to the right when working under both loops. Each stitch sits slightly over the previous round, which also shifts the beginning of the round as you work.

### **BAG BODY**

Chain 89 with green yarn.

**Round 1 (RS):** Work 2 sc in the 2nd ch from hook. Grab along off-white yarn and carry it inside the sts. Work 6 sc in green, switch color, 2 sc in off-white, \*8 sc in green, 2 sc in off-white\*, repeat \*-\*7 more times. Work 8 sc in green. In the last chain: work 2 sc in off-white and 2 sc in green (4 sc total). Continue on the opposite side of the foundation chain. Work 6 sc in green, \*2 sc in off-white, 8 sc in green\*, repeat \*-\* 8 more times. Work 2 sc in off-white in the last stitch. (180 sc total). Continue working in a spiral without joining.

**Rounds 2–4:** Repeat the pattern: 2 sc in off-white, 8 sc in green.

**Rounds 5–8:** Pattern changes: 5 sc in green, 2 sc in off-white, 1 sc in green, 2 sc in off-white. (See Chart 1)

**Rounds 9–12:** Pattern changes: 5 sc in green, 2 sc in off-white, 3 sc in green.

**Rounds 13–25:** Follow Chart 1. The pattern repeats, but the starting point shifts due to the natural slant of the stitches.

Repeat rounds 2–25 two more times (total 76 rounds). Finish the last round at the side edge (with the piece folded flat). Continue with the edging using off-white yarn.

### **EDGING**

**Rounds 77–82:** Work 1 sc in each stitch, carrying the green yarn inside. Cut and fasten off the green yarn at the end of the last round.

**Round 83:** With off-white yarn, work: 26 sc in back loops only, ch 2, skip 2 sts (handle opening), 34 sc BLO, ch 2, skip 2 sts, 52 sc BLO, ch 2, skip 2 sts, 34 sc BLO, ch 2, skip 2 sts, 26 sc BLO.

*Note: If you prefer one long shoulder strap, do not make these openings.*

**Round 84:** Work 1 sc in each stitch and 2 sc in each ch-2 space.

**Rounds 85–88:** Work 1 sc in each stitch. Cut yarn and fasten off.

### **POCKET**

With off-white yarn, chain 80 and join into a ring with a slip stitch.

**Round 1 (RS):** Ch 4 (counts as 1 dc + ch 1 throughout). \*Skip next ch, work 1 dc in next stitch, ch 1\*, repeat \*–\* to end. Join with sl st to the 3rd chain of the beginning ch. (40 squares). See Chart 2.

**Rounds 2–15:** Ch 4, \*skip next ch-1 space, work 1 dc in next dc, ch 1\*, repeat \*–\* to end. Join with sl st to the 3rd chain.

**Round 16:** Ch 1, work sc in each ch-1 space and dc around. Cut yarn and fasten off.

Turn the pocket WS out and flatten. Sew the bottom seam closed by hand. Steam lightly and turn RS out.

### **FINISHING**

Turn the bag WS out and steam lightly. Fold the bottom corners inward into triangles, aligning them with the foundation chain. This creates depth and structure. Sew the folds securely about 4 cm / 1.5 in from the edges using green yarn. Turn the bag RS out.

Make holes in both leather handles. Insert the ends through the openings made in round 83 and sew them in place from the RS with strong stitches. The stitches will remain visible on the outside.

Fold rounds 83–88 to the inside of the bag. Place the pocket centered along the top edge. Sew the folded edge in place stitch by stitch using off-white yarn, attaching one side of the pocket at the same time. Leave the other side of the pocket open. Turn the bag right side out and steam lightly.