

## CROCHET BACKPACK (DESIGNED BY MOLLA MILLS)

SIZE Diameter 31 cm, Height 26 cm

MATERIALS Lamana Ica ( $100 \%$ Pima Cotton, approx. $80 \mathrm{~m} / 50 \mathrm{~g}$ ) 250 g in colour Chili shade 15 and 100 g in colour Peach shade 44, 3 mm crochet hook, tapestry needle, 2 metal rings (diameter 30 mm ), 4 m red nylon cord (use in double)

PATTERN NOTE Main Pattern: dc/sc; follow chart
Gauge: 24 sts and $22 \mathrm{rnds}=10 \times 10 \mathrm{~cm}$

HOW TO The backpack is made in spiral rounds from bottom up with dc/sc using tapestry crochet technique. Carry the other yarn in the work all the time. When you change colour in dc/sc always take last yarn over with the new colour.
Rnd 1: start with Chili and make a small yarn loop, work $10 \mathrm{dc} / \mathrm{sc}$ into it
Rnd 2: carry Peach yarn from this round on, work $2 \mathrm{dc} / \mathrm{sc}$ into each st ( $=20$ sts in round)
Rnd 3: work $2 \mathrm{dc} / \mathrm{sc}$ into every second st, work $1 \mathrm{dc} / \mathrm{sc}$ into every other st (= 30 sts in round)
Rnd 4: work $1 \mathrm{dc} / \mathrm{sc}$ round
Rnd 5: work $2 \mathrm{dc} / \mathrm{sc}$ into every 3rd st, work $1 \mathrm{dc} / \mathrm{sc}$ into every other st (= 40 sts )
Rnd 6: work $2 \mathrm{dc} / \mathrm{sc}$ into every 4th st, work $1 \mathrm{dc} / \mathrm{sc}$ into every other st (= 50 sts )
Rnd 7: work $2 \mathrm{dc} / \mathrm{sc}$ into every 5th st, work $1 \mathrm{dc} / \mathrm{sc}$ into every other st (= 60 sts )
Rnd 8: work $2 \mathrm{dc} / \mathrm{sc}$ into every 6th st, work $1 \mathrm{dc} / \mathrm{sc}$ into every other st (= 70 sts )
Rnd 9: work $1 \mathrm{dc} / \mathrm{sc}$ round
Rnd 10: work $2 \mathrm{dc} / \mathrm{sc}$ into every 7th st, work $1 \mathrm{dc} / \mathrm{sc}$ into every other st (= 80 sts )
Rnd 11: work $2 \mathrm{dc} / \mathrm{sc}$ into every 8th st, work $1 \mathrm{dc} / \mathrm{sc}$ into every other st ( $=90 \mathrm{sts}$ )
Rnd 12: work $2 \mathrm{dc} / \mathrm{sc}$ into every 9th st, work $1 \mathrm{dc} / \mathrm{sc}$ into every other st (= 100 sts )
Rnd 13: work $2 \mathrm{dc} / \mathrm{sc}$ into every 10th st, work $1 \mathrm{dc} / \mathrm{sc}$ into every other st ( $=110 \mathrm{sts}$ )
Rnd 14: work $1 \mathrm{dc} / \mathrm{sc}$ round
Rnd 15: work $2 \mathrm{dc} / \mathrm{sc}$ into every 11th st, work $1 \mathrm{dc} / \mathrm{sc}$ into every other st (= $\mathbf{1 2 0}$ sts)

Rnd 16: work $2 \mathrm{dc} / \mathrm{sc}$ into every 12th st, work $1 \mathrm{dc} / \mathrm{sc}$ into every other st (= 130 sts ) Rnd 17: work $2 \mathrm{dc} / \mathrm{sc}$ into every 13th st, work $1 \mathrm{dc} / \mathrm{sc}$ into every other st ( $=140 \mathrm{sts}$ )
Rnd 18: work $2 \mathrm{dc} / \mathrm{sc}$ into every 14 th st, work $1 \mathrm{dc} / \mathrm{sc}$ into every other st (= 150 sts)
Rnds 19-21: work 3 dc/sc rounds

Rnd 22: start with pattern: work 1 st halfway with Peach, take last yo with Chili. Work $8 \mathrm{dc} / \mathrm{sc}$ with Chili, work next st halfway and take last yo with Peach. Follow chart. There are 15 pattern repeats per round, one pattern repeat contains 10 sts.
Rnd 23: *work $2 \mathrm{dc} / \mathrm{sc}$ with Peach, $8 \mathrm{dc} / \mathrm{sc}$ with Chili*, repeat from * to *, the triangular pattern increases on left side of triangles by 1 st
Rnd 24: *work $3 \mathrm{dc} / \mathrm{sc}$ with Peach, $7 \mathrm{dc} / \mathrm{sc}$ with Chili ${ }^{*}$
Rnd 25: *work $4 \mathrm{dc} / \mathrm{sc}$ with Peach, $6 \mathrm{dc} / \mathrm{sc}$ with Chili*
Rnds 26-27: work 2 dc/sc rounds with Chili

Rounds 28-69: follow chart until there are 8 pattern repeats in height
Rnd 70: work $1 \mathrm{dc} / \mathrm{sc}$ round with Chili
Rnd 71: strap holes: *work $10 \mathrm{dc} / \mathrm{sc}$, ch 5 (take yarn under Peach yarn), skip 5 sts*, repeat from * to * until end of round ( $=10$ holes)
Rnds 72-74: work 3 dc/sc rounds with Chili
Rnd 75: finish backpack alternating $1 \mathrm{dc} / \mathrm{sc}$ in Peach, $1 \mathrm{dc} / \mathrm{sc}$ in Chili throughout.

TO FINISH Cut yarns and weave in ends. Sew two metal rings on the 20th round from bottom in about 20 cm distance from each other. Notice that metal rings have to locate in the same distance as strap holes. Fold nylon cord in two, thread through strap holes and knot ends into metal rings.





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## ABBREVIATIONS

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ch = chain
dc/sc = double crochet (UK)/single crochet (US)
st(s) = stitch(es)
sl st = slip st
yo = yarn over
rnd/rnds = round/s
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## SKILL LEVEL

(A) easy
(B) intermediate
(C) advanced

