

beach bum backpack pattern

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Pack up for some waves with the Beach Bum Backpack! This fun summer project uses the crochet mosaic method to create a geometric pattern. It's perfect for beginners who are looking to learn new crochet techniques!

required skills

Must be comfortable with the single crochet stitch and crocheting in the round.

finished size

11" tall, 14" wide, 3" deep
strap length adjustable



gauge

14 sts x 14 rows = 4"

materials

- Main Color - 275 yds of worsted weight yarn (suggest using a plant based fiber)
- Contrast Color - 65 yds of worsted weight yarn
Sample made with Echoview Lanyard Lite, 100% organic cotton yarn, 475 yds/cone
- size I-9 (5.5mm) hook
- removable stitch markers
- tapestry needle

abbreviations

- ch - chain
- inc st - increase stitch (make 2 sc into the same st to inc)
- rm - removable marker
- sc - single crochet
- sl - slip stitch
- st(s) - stitch(es)
- MCMS: Main Color Mosaic St
- CCMS: Contrast Color Mosaic St

instructional video

<https://www.fireflyfiberarts.com/learn-the-basics>

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instructions

Bag Bottom

Using the main color (MC): slip knot, ch 27, sc from 2 ch on hook, the first ch counts as a turning st. Mark this stitch with a rm, it will be important later. sc to one st before the last ch st. Sc 5 sts into last ch st. Place a rm on the first and last of these 5 sts. This marks your turning sts.

Turn your work 180 degrees to the right, so you are now working on the bottom of the ch row. Sc into the ch sts until you get to the marker chain st. Remove marker, Sc 5 sts into the ch st. Place a rm on the first and last of these 5 sts. This marks your turning sts.

You will continue to work in the round to create your bottom.

[Sc to rm, inc st into each turning st (10 sts), mark the beginning and ended of this section]. Repeat [].

[Sc to rm, *inc st, sc 1 st* repeat: * to * until next rm (15 sts), mark the beginning and end of this section]. Repeat [].

[Sc to rm, *inc st, sc 2 sts* repeat: * to * until next rm (20 sts), mark the beginning and ended of this section]. Repeat [].

[Sc to rm, *sc 3 sts, inc st* repeat: * to * until next rm (25 sts), mark the beginning and ended of this section]. Repeat [].

Sc to rm, remove marker, sc and replace marker with a unique rm, this is your new beginning of round. Mark your beginning of round with this unique rm each round.

Sc to end of round, removing markers when you get to them. (100 sts total)

It is important to have 100 sts for the rest of the bag. If you don't have enough or too many, adjust in the next round by increasing or decreasing to achieve the correct amount of sts

Sc through the back loop for 1 round.

Bag Body

Sc until your bag wall measures 2" from the back loop edge.

Mosaic Section

You can watch an instructional video here:
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MCMS: Main Color Mosaic St - with the main color, insert hook in to st, yo and pull up loop (2 loops on hook), drop main color and pick up contrast color, yo with cc, pull through both loops on hook.

CCMS: Contrast Color Mosaic St - with the contrast color, insert hook in to st, yo and pull up loop (2 loops on hook), drop contrast color and pick up main color, yo with mc, pull through both loops on hook.

Make sure to carry your non-working yarn under your stitches - watch video for instructions.

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Round 1: Sc 1 round in CC. On last st CCMS.

Round 2: [MCMS, sc 3 sts in cc, CCMS]
Repeat for entire round.

Round 3: [sc 1 st mc, MCMS, sc 2 sts in cc, CCMS] Repeat for entire round.

Round 4: [sc 2 sts mc, MCMS, sc 1 sts in cc, CCMS] Repeat for entire round.

Round 5: [sc 3 sts mc, MCMS, CCMS] Repeat [] until 5 st before end of round. Sc 3 sts mc, MCMS, sc 1 in cc.

Repeat rounds 1 - 5 (5) times

Sc in MC for 2" from mosaic round or until bag reaches desired height.

Note that changing this will alter your yardage total.

Sc 15 sts, ch 10, skip 10 sts, sc rest of the round

Sc 1 round. Cut yarn and weave in ends.

Straps - Make 2

Using mc, ch 6, in 2nd chain from hook, sc. sc to end of row, ch 1, turn.

Sc to end of round, ch 1 turn.

Repeat until the strap is 28" long or desired length. Sc border in cc around the strap.

Attaching the Straps to Your Bag

1. Attach the straps to the top center front of bag. You can sc, slip stitch, or sew it on.
2. Thread the straps through the loop created at top center back.
3. Attach each strap at opposite sides along the back bottom edge, being careful not to twist the straps.

