

FROM WAY UP NORTH

By the Bay Backpack / Crochet



GAUGE

10 sc and 11 rows = 4"x4" with 8mm L/11 hook, 8.8 oz / 250g, 317yds/290m

YARN

Most chunky/t-shirt yarns will do. Bernat Maker is #5 on the Bulky scale

INSTRUCTIONS

NOTES:

- chs at the beg of rnds count as a stitch
- Colour coding: **Blue yarn**, **Cream yarn**, **Clay Yarn**, **Aqua yarn**
- use a simple sl st colour change

Main Bag Section (using 6mm hook)

Begin: ch 100, sl st to form a ring

Rnd 1-4: ch 2, hdc 99 sts around, sl st to reform ring [100 sts]

Rnd 5: ch 2, hdc 6, sl st 3, hdc 9, sl st 3, hdc 6, sl st 3, hdc 9, sl st 3, hdc 14, sl st 3, hdc 9, sl st 3, hdc 6, sl st 3, hdc 9, sl st 3, hdc 7, sl st into beg of rnd to reform ring [100 sts]

Rnd 6: ch 2, hdc 6, ch 3, hdc 9, ch 3, hdc 6, ch 3, hdc 9, ch 3, hdc 14, ch 3, hdc 9, ch 3, hdc 6, ch 3, hdc 9, ch 3, hdc 7, sl st into beg of rnd [100 sts]

Rnd 7: ch 2, hdc 6, sl st 3, hdc 9, sl st 3, hdc 6, sl st 3, hdc 9, sl st 3, hdc 14, sl st 3, hdc 9, sl st 3, hdc 6, sl st 3, hdc 9, sl st 3, hdc 7, sl st into beg of rnd [100 sts]

Rnd 8-16: ch 2, hdc 99, sl st into beg of rnd [100 sts]

Rnd 17-19: ch 2, hdc 99, sl st into beg of rnd [100 sts]

Rnd 20-21: ch 2, hdc 99, sl st into beg of rnd [100 sts]

Rnd 22-25: ch 2, hdc 99, sl st into beg of rnd [100 sts]

Rnd 26: ch 2, hdc 99, sl st into beg of rnd [100 sts]

Rnd 27-29: ch 2, hdc 99, sl st into beg of rnd [100 sts]

Rnd 30-31: ch 2, hdc 99, sl st into beg of rnd [100 sts]

Rnd 32-33: ch 2, hdc 99, sl st into beg of rnd [100 sts]

Rnd 34-37: ch 2, hdc 99, sl st into beg of rnd [100 sts]

Rnd 38-41: ch 2, hdc 99, sl st into beg of rnd [100 sts]

Fasten off and weave in all loose/cut ends

MATERIALS

Yarn: Bernat Maker - Available in Maker and Fashion
Cream (1 large ball), Blue Steel (1 large ball)
Aqua (1 small ball), Clay (1 small ball)

Hook: 6mm (main bag) and 3.75mm/F (rope)

Yarn needle (for quickly weaving in ends)

ABBREVIATIONS:

Approx = approximately
Beg = begin or beginning
Ch = chain
Hdc = half double crochet

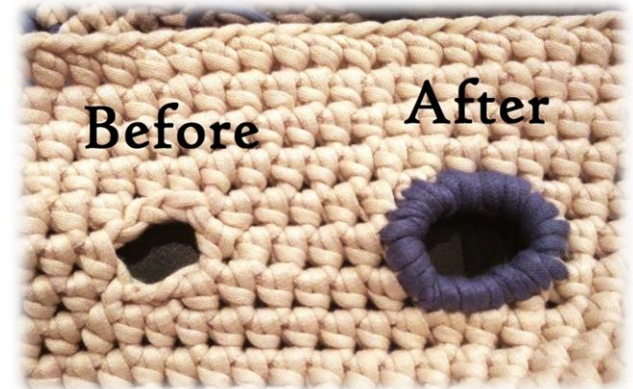
Mm = millimeters
Sc = single crochet
Sk = skip
St(s) = stitches

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Detailing Around the Rope Holes

To give the bag a more finished look, pick a contrasting colour and using a yarn needle, loop the contrasting yarn around the edges of the hole. Weave in ends.



Bottom of Bag (using 6mm hook & blue steel yarn)

Beg: ch 31

Row 1: sk 2 chs, hdc 29 sts [30 sts]

Row 2-15: ch 2, hdc 29 sts [30 sts]

Row 16: ch 2, hdc 29 sts, [30 sts]. Fasten off leaving a long tail ~4.5 feet long. Use the tail to sew on the bottom of the bag. Line the bottom up horizontally under the greatest distance between holes on the front (safety pins can help to keep the bottom in place). Using a yarn needle, sew the bottom onto the bag. Weave in ends.



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Rope Pincher

(using 3.75mm hook & blue steel yarn)

Beg: ch 22, sl st to form a ring

Rnd 1-2: ch 1, sc 21 sts

Rnd 3: ch 1, sc 21 sts, Fasten off leaving a ~6" tail and use this tail to sew the middle section together as shown. Weave in ends.



Tab for Connecting the Rope/Strap

Using Blue Steel yarn, with 6mm hook.

Beg: ch 10

Row 1: sc 9 sts, ch 2, turn

Row 2: sc 9 sts, ch 2, turn

Row 3: sc 9 sts, fasten off leaving ~8" tail. Sew the piece to the middle of the bottom of the back of the bag. Weave in ends.



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The Rope/Strap

Use your aqua colour yarn and your smaller size 3.75 (F) hook. Begin by chaining 6, sl st to form a ring, continue to sl st around in continual rounds. Since the strap is one piece that forms the backpack straps and ties through the front of the bag, I'd suggest making the rope ~8 feet long, this is adjustable based on comfort and size of the individual. You can change the diameter of the rope to make the strap thinner or thicker by adding/removing chs, customizing it to your preference. This rope takes longer than expected to crochet, I suggest taking breaks and working on other parts of the pattern to prevent hand cramps.

To add an interesting feature, I did a sl st colour change and added about a 1" section of an alternate colour then about 1/2" of the primary to finish at both ends of the rope. Tuck all loose ends into the rope using a yarn needle.



Putting it all together

When finished you will have 5 pieces – the bag with the bottom now sewn on and the tab sewn to the bottom back of the bag, the rope, and the rope pincher. Start assembling the backpack by threading the rope through the tab at the back, and then thread each end in and out of the holes around the top coming out the front. Thread each rope end through the pincher and tie a common shoelace knot. Now pack it with your towel, snorkel & mask and hit the water!