



# All That Zippered Pouch

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Colorwork is not just for knitters, nor does it need to have that “traditional” look. This happy project turns colorwork on its head with its bright colors and oversized houndstooth pattern and is just oozing retro 80s/90s vibes! If you have never worked in tapestry crochet before, this is the perfect project for learning the basics! This bag features an optional fabric lining for extra stability, zipper, and adorable heart charm just for fun.

## Finished Measurements

Bag measures about 8.5" x 6.25" [21.5 cm x 16 cm]

## Materials

- Approximately 105 yds [96 m] sport weight yarn (CYCA#2) in each of two colors in any fiber content to be used for the pouch. Choose a yarn without much texture or halo, for best results
- Approximately 25 yds [23 m] sport weight yarn (CYCA#2) to be used for the heart charm. Choose a yarn without much texture or halo, for best results
- US C/2 [2.75 mm] crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Yarn Needle
- Removeable stitch marker to keep track of the first stitch of the round
- About 10" [25.5 cm] x 14" [36 cm] piece of fabric for lining (optional). I used a rip-stop fabric so that I can use this as a small make-up bag, but laminate cotton or even a woven cotton lining (such as quilter's cotton) would work well too.
- One 9" [23 cm] zipper (this will be shortened to fit)
- Small amount of polyester fiberfill to stuff heart charm
- Hand sewing needle and matching thread (thread should match C2, and another color to match lining if desired)

## Yarn Used for Zippered Pouch Shown

Premier Yarns Cotton Fair (sport weight, 52% cotton, 48% acrylic; 317 yards [290 m]/ 3.5 oz [100 grams]: Leaf Green #27-10 (C1), Bright Pink #27-06 (C2), Lemon Drops #27-11 (C3); 1 partial ball each color.



## Abbreviations

- Blo** = back loop only  
**C** = color  
**Ch** = chain  
**Rnd(s)** = round(s)  
**SC** = single crochet  
**SC2tog** = single crochet two stitches together (See Special Stitches)  
**St(s)** = stitch(es)  
**YO** = yarn over

## Gauge

22.5 sts and 16 rnds = 4" [10 cm] in SC blo, worked in the rnd in colorwork pattern.

## Notes

Pouch and heart are made in continuous rounds, without joining. Use a locking stitch marker to note the beginning of the round.

Be sure to watch the [video tutorial](#) on the Creative Crochet Corner website for tips.

## Working from the Colorwork Chart

Colorwork is worked in the round with the RS always facing. On stitch before color change, work last YO with new color. Carry color not in use along the top edge of work and crochet around it (encasing it) as you work. Make sure that the yarn you are carrying does not constrict your stitches. Every few stitches after a color change, pull on the end of the carried yarn, so that you know it is not too loose, then, pull on the fabric so that you know it is not too tight.

When you need to change colors, drop the old color and pick up the new color. Always drop the darker color to the back and the lighter color to the front (or vice versa - just be consistent), to avoid tangling the yarn. When working from chart, always read chart from bottom to top and right to left if right-handed (or left to right if left-handed). If you crochet left handed, make a mirror image copy of the Colorwork Chart to work from. Your finished pouch will be a mirror image of the sample pictured here. This is necessary because of the way crochet stitches fit together (crochet stitches do not have bilateral symmetry).

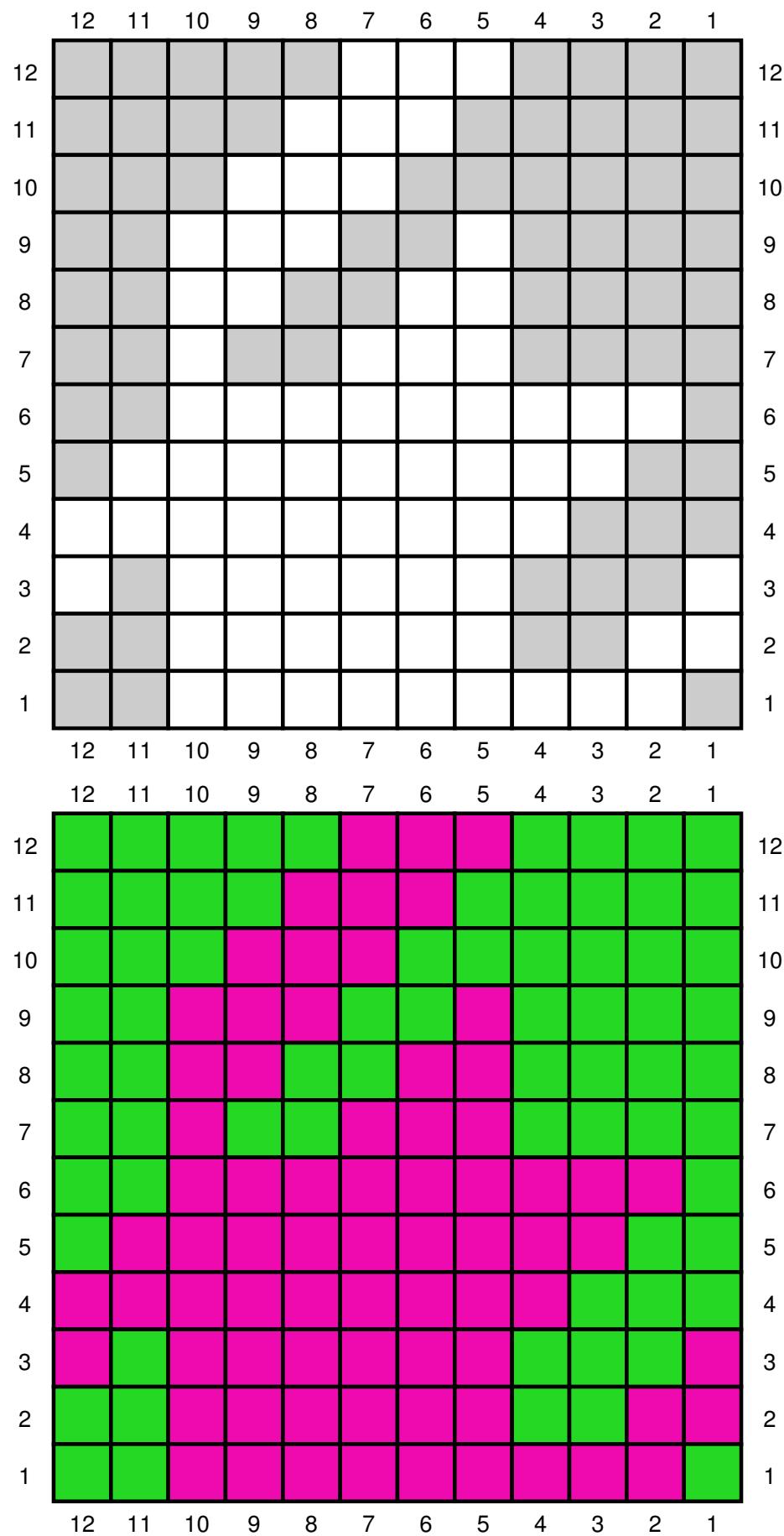
For stability and gauge consistency, work over C1 on last rnd of pouch, even though the rnd does not require color changes.

There are two colorwork charts included here in this pattern: one in the colors that I used, and one in neutral colors that you can customize for the colors that you will be using. You can choose to follow either chart.

## Special Stitches

**Single Crochet through the back loop only (SC blo):** Insert hook under the back loop of stitch, yo and pull up loop, yo and pull through both loops on hook.

**Single Crochet decrease (SC2tog):** Insert hook into next stitch, yo and pull up loop, insert hook into following st, yo and pull up loop, yo and pull through all three loops on hook.



## Instructions

### **Pouch:**

With C1, ch 49.

**Set-up Row:** Beginning with the second ch from hook and working into the bottom of the ch, 1 SC into each of the next 48 sts. Do not turn. 48 sts.

**Rnd 1:** Keeping same side facing, rotate work 180-degrees (like turning a steering wheel) in order to work across the opposite edge of the foundation chain. Lay C2 along top edge of foundation chain and crochet around the un-used strand of yarn as you begin working from the colorwork chart, using SC blo. (See notes about working from chart). Use a stitch marker to keep track of first st of rnd. Work Rnd 1 of colorwork chart, making 4 repeats across the row, rotate work in order to continue working across opposite side of foundation chain (into the top of the stitches from Set-up Row). Continue working Rnd 1 of chart making 4 more repeats across row ending at stitch marker. From this point onward, work in the rnd without joins.

**Rnds 2-12:** Continue working in the rnd from chart.

**Rnds 13-24:** Repeat Rnds 1-12 of chart. Change to C2 on last yo of last st in Rnd 24.

**Rnd 25:** Continuing with C2 and working over C1 yarn (for stability), SC blo in each st around, sl st to first st of rnd to join, fasten off.

Weave in yarn tails.

### **Heart charm:**

#### **First Lobe**

**Rnd 1:** With C3, make an adjustable loop, 6 SC into loop, pull on beginning yarn tail to tighten loop. Do not join, but work in a spiral. 6 sts.

**Rnd 2:** 2 SC into each st. 12 sts.

**Rnds 3-4:** 1 SC into each st.

**Rnd 5:** 1 SC into each of next 10 sts, sl st in next 2 sts.

Fasten off. Place a stitch marker in first st of last rnd.

Set aside.

#### **Second Lobe**

With a new piece of C3 yarn, repeat Rnds 1-4 from First Lobe.

**Rnd 5:** SC in each st. Mark the second stitch of the last rnd with contrast marker.

**Rnd 6:** Place the First Lobe (this was set aside earlier) next to the last st that you made from the Second Lobe. Beginning with the marked st of the First Lobe, make 1 SC into each of the next 11 sts. Leave the last st of the First Lobe un-worked and beginning with the contrast-marked st of the Second Lobe, make 1 SC into each of the next 11 sts. 22 sts.

Make 1 un-counted SC to shift the beginning of rnd. (This just means that you will make 1 SC into the next st, and then the following stitch will count as the new beginning of rnd). The purpose of this is to shift the beginning of rnds to the left by one st (or to the right by one st if you crochet left-handed. This counteracts the natural shifting of the beginning of rnds which happens when we work SC in the rnd.

### **Bottom of Heart**

Place a stitch marker in first dec of rnd to keep track of beginning of rnds.

**Rnd 7:** [SC2tog, 1 SC into each of the next 7 sts, SC2tog] 2 times. 18 sts.

**Rnd 8:** [SC2tog, 1 SC into each of the next 5 sts, SC2tog] 2 times. 14 sts.

**Rnd 9:** [SC2tog, 1 SC into each of the next 3 sts, SC2tog] 2 times. 10 sts.

Stuff heart with fiberfill, and continue to stuff as you work.

**Rnd 10:** 1 SC into each st.

**Rnd 11:** [SC2tog, 1 SC into each of the next st, SC2tog] 2 times. 6 sts.

Fasten off. Using yarn needle, thread the yarn tail through the front loop of each of the remaining 6 sts and pull tight to close bottom of heart.

Weave in all ends, sewing up small hole at top of heart.

### **Finishing**

Weave in ends, block pouch.

### **Zipper**

Check length of zipper and shorten if necessary. A zipper can be shortened by making a zipper stop out of thread near the bottom of the zipper, where you want the zipper to end. Pin, then sew the zipper into the top opening of the pouch. For additional help in shortening and installing zippers, check out [this video](#) on the Creative Crochet Corner.



### Lining

Fold lining fabric lengthwise and place finished pouch on top of folded lining, matching the bottom edge of pouch with the folded edge of fabric. Use pins (as shown) to keep fabric from sliding around if you are using a slippery fabric. Trace around sides and top edge of bag.



Cut around traced edges of lining, leaving  $\frac{1}{2}$ " [1.25 cm] seam allowances. Sew side seams using hand sewing needle and thread or sewing machine. Finger press the top edge of lining downward so that the fold is on the traced line. Slip lining into pouch and pin in place. Make sure that the teeth of the zipper are far enough away from the lining edge so that the zipper pull will not get caught. Using hand sewing needle and thread, sew top (folded) edge of lining in place around opening of pouch.

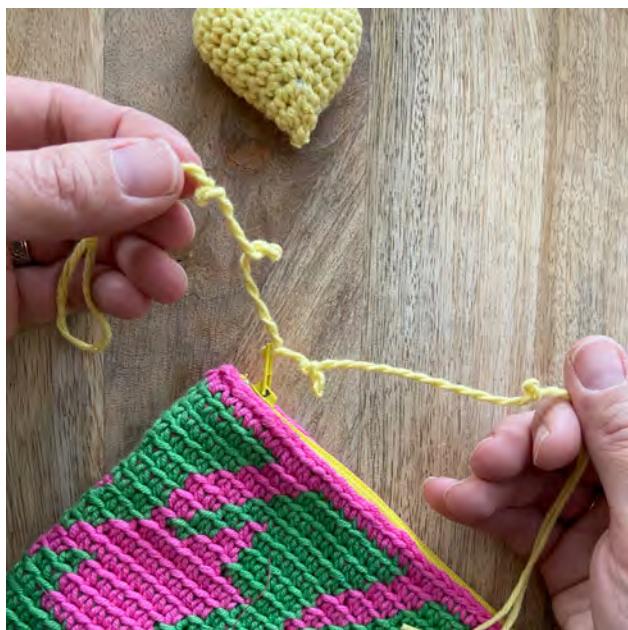


**Attaching heart charm to zipper pull**

Cut a piece of C3 that measures approximately 32" [81.5 cm] long. Use yarn needle to slide doubled C3 strand through hole in zipper pull as shown.



Center pull on doubled strand, and twist one side of the strand in one direction, while twisting the other end in the opposite direction. Twist until it starts to coil back on itself as shown.



Bring ends together and allow the pieces to twist around each other. Tie an overhand know a couple inches away from the zipper pull.



Using yarn needle, fasten the yarn ends (one half at a time) to the heart. Enter at the top center of the heart and exit at one of the sides of the heart, make a small stitch and weave in ends securely. Repeat with the other half of the yarn tails, sewing them into the opposite side of heart. Make these stitches very secure, as they will be pulled on whenever the pouch is being opened or closed.



## My Notes

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