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Working Notes

- 1 Make the Circular Base
- 2 Make the Strips for the bag 'tube'
- 3 Join the strips into a tube
- 4 Join the tube onto the base
- 5 Work edging around top of bag
- 6 Make drawstring

Use lots colours, but yarns of all the same type (or equivalent thickness). You may need the following other Worksheets:

- 1: Choosing Yarn and Hook
- 2: Terms/Abbreviations/Symbols
- 3: Crochet Stitch Reference
- 22: Keeping Edges Straight
- 23: Simple Rounds and Spirals
- 24: 'Flying' Stitches

Terms/Abbreviations

Ch - chain; ss - slip stitch; sc - single crochet; hdc - half double; dc - double crochet; tr - triple; st - stitch; rnd - round; tch - turning chain; inc(s) - increase(s); 'flying' st - instead of joining in new yarn, make slip knot, place on hook and work first st directly (hold yarn end to stop loop twiddling!); Corded Edge - work in sc in the 'wrong' direction (this causes twist), ie righthanders work from left to right

Circular Base

Make Base to size required, ending after an even-numbered round, as follows:

All rounds: join each round with ss into top of first st and fasten off • to disguise the join turn and start next round with a 'flying' st in a new colour in a new place (See also Worksheet #24)

Round 1 (and all odd-numbered rounds): are right side facing • worked in dc (incs as below)

Round 2 (and all even numbered rounds): are wrong side facing • worked in sc with no incs

Rnd 1: 18 sts

Rnd 3: [2tr] x 18 = 36 sts

Rnd 5: [1tr, 2tr] x 18 = 54 sts

Rnd 7: [(1tr) twice, 2tr] x 18 = 72 sts

Rnd 9: [(1tr) 3 times, 2tr] x 18 = 90 sts

Rnd 11: [(1tr) 4 times, 2tr] x 18 = 108sts

Rnd 13: [(1tr) 5 times, 2tr] x 18 = 126sts ... and so on, ie work one more single tr between incs each rnd

Strips for 'tube'

How many Strips? The total number needed is the number of sts in the last round of the Circular Base divided by 6. For example, supposing you work 20 rnds for the Base, the number of Strips has to be 30, ie 180 (number of sts in rnd 20) divided by 6

What stitch? Make roughly equal numbers of Strips using each of four basic stitches: sc, hdc, dc and tr

What colour? Whatever ... I used all my colours, but only one for each Strip

How many stitches? Each Strip must be exactly 4 sts wide - this is the point of the project. For info on how many base chains to make for each stitch, how many chains to miss before working the first st in Row 1, how many chains to make for turning for row 2 onwards, whether to work into the top of the previous tch at the end of each row, etc, please see stitch diagrams on page 2 and additional Worksheets

21: Tote Bag - Part 1

If you want to spend a little time proving to yourself that you really know how to work flat round shapes and keep your edges straight in basic crochet and you'd quite like a fun bag at the end of it, start here! But if you just want the bag, be warned: there are much easier ways of making one that looks pretty much like it!



How Long? All Strips must be the 'same' length, so will have different numbers of rows depending on stitch.

Make first Strip in any stitch to length required, except this must have a number of rows which is a multiple as follows:

- sc strips = multiple of 6 rows
- hdc strips = multiple of 4 rows
- dc strips = multiple of 3 rows
- tr strips = multiple of 2 rows

then make sure all other strips are made in the above proportions. For example, if first Strip in double crochet is 36 rows, then ***all*** dc Strips must be 36 rows, all tr Strips must be 24 rows, ie 36 divided by 3 and multiplied by 2; all hdc Strips must be 48 rows, ie 36 divided by 3 and multiplied by 4; and all sc Strips must be 72 rows, ie 36 divided by 3 and multiplied by 6. It is not important that the Strips should actually be the correct measurement, only that they have exactly the correct numbers of rows worked - trust me, I'm a designer!

Edging: Before fastening off, continue around the edge of each Strip in sc, ending with ss into top of first sc and working, as follows:

- per sc row end = 1 sc
- per hdc row end = 2 sc and 1 sc alternately
- per dc row end = 2 sc
- per tr row end = 3 sc
- at tops and bottoms of Strips work 3 sc into each 'corner' st and 1 sc into each of 2 sts at centre - thus each Strip has: 6 sts across the top and bottom, including the central sc of 3 at both corners • the same number of sts along the sides as every other Strip. Fasten off. (See Stitch Diagrams on page 2)

Getting It Together

Joining Strips into a 'tube': Place any two Strips wrong sides together, join yarn into 'corner' sts and work Corded Edge, inserting hook through both loops of corresponding edge sts of both Strips together. Fasten off. Join remaining Strips and finally first to last Strip in same manner.

Join 'tube' to Base: Place the Base and 'tube' wrong sides together and work Corded Edge through sts of last round of Base and ends of Strips all round, matching each Strip end with 6 sts of Base

Top Border (for Drawstring): Work all rounds with right side facing and end each with ss into first st worked. Change yarn every round ... or not! After yarn changes, join new yarn into a new place with a 'flying' st (See Worksheet # 24).

Rnd 1: 1 sc into each of 6 sts of each Strip

Rnd 2: Corded Edge inserting hook under front loop only

Rnd 3: sc under back loop only of each st of rnd 1

Rnd 4: (1 dc into each of 5 sts, ch 4, skip 4 sts) all round

Rnd 5: as Rnd 2

Rnd 6: sc under back loop only of each st of rnd 4

Rnd 7: Corded Edge inserting hook under both loops

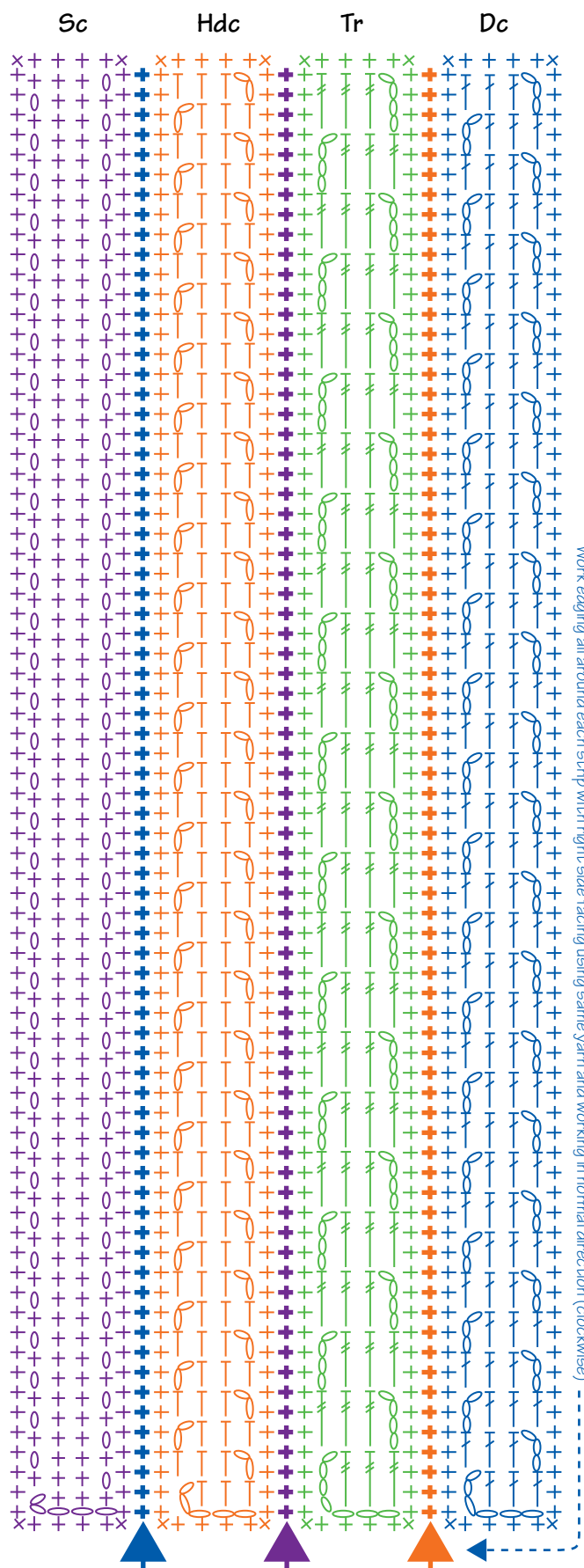
Drawstring: Make some sort of cord and thread through spaces in Top Border (I made a thick length of chain using several strands together joined into a continuous loop with ss and added a tassel)

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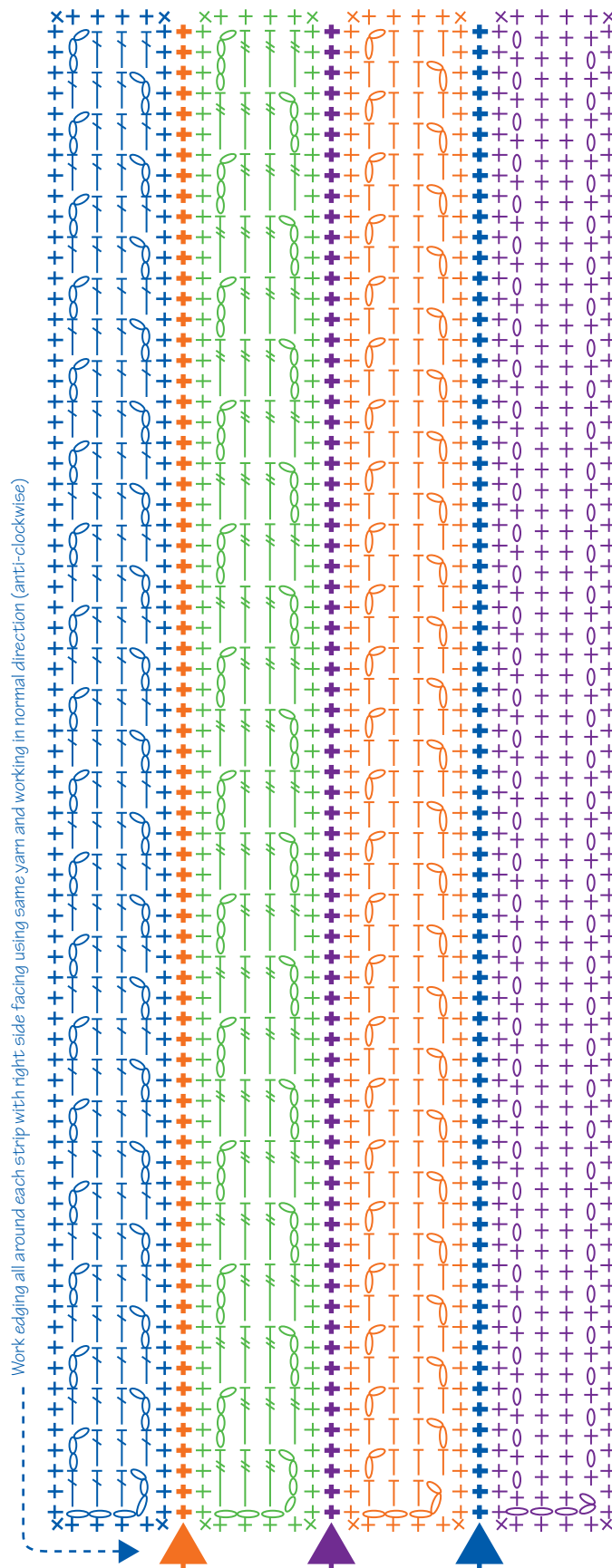
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21: Tote Bag – Part 2

Righthanded



Join strips on right side using contrasting yarn and working in 'wrong' direction, i.e. from right to left, to give the stitches a natural twist for the 'Corded' look



Join strips on right side using contrasting yarn and working in 'wrong' direction, i.e. from left to right, to give the stitches a natural twist for the 'Corded' look