

Market Bag

7mm Crochet hook / 3 different colour ways of Lopi Roving.

Colour A (red) x 2 / Colour B (moss) x 2 / Colour C (plum) x 1

To make this crochet bag you will be using 2 strands of Lopi roving crocheted together. Roll yourself a 2nd ball of each colour and always take the roving from the centre of the disc.

Base of the bag

- Using a double strand of colour A make 4 chain.
- Row 1: Make 12 trebles into the very 1st chain space. This should fill the space, slip stitch to close the gap.
- Row 2: Make 3 chain, make 2 trebles into every stitch. Slip stitch to close the gap.
- Row 3: Make 3 chain, make 1 treble in 1st stitch, 2 trebles in next stitch, 1 treble in next stitch, 2 trebles in next stitch....to end of round. Slip stitch to close the gap.
- Row 4: Make 3 chain, make 1 treble in next 2 stitches, make 2 trebles in next stitch, make 1 treble in next 2 stitches, make 2 trebles in next stitch...to end of round. Slip stitch to close the gap.
- Row 5: Make 3 chain, make 1 treble in next 3 stitches, make 2 trebles in next stitch, make 1 treble in next 3 stitches, make 2 trebles in next stitch...to end of round. Slip stitch to close the gap.

Repeat in this way, there should be 1 more treble in between the increasing trebles on each round, until you have worked a total of 11 rounds.

Sides of the bag

Using 2 strands of colour B

Row 12: Make 3 chain, make 1 treble in every stitch to end of round. Slip stitch to close the gap.

Row 13: Make 3 chain, make 1 treble in every stitch to end of round. Slip stitch to close the gap.

Repeat this until you have completed 7 rounds in colour B.

Change to colour C and work 7 rounds. Change to colour B and work 7 rounds. Change to colour A and work 1 round.

Finish off the ends.

Strap

Using 2 strands of colour A.

Make 9 chain.

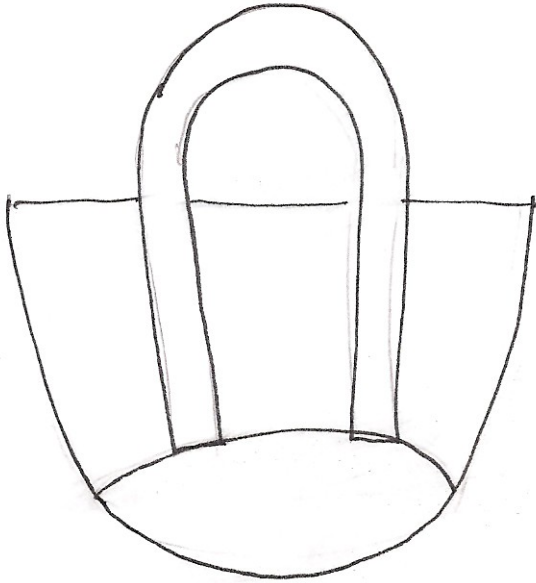
Row 1: Make 1 treble into 3rd chain from hook, make 1 treble into each chain. Make 3 additional chain, turn.

Repeat this row until strap measures 160cm.

Crochet a second strap.

Attaching the strap

Pin the straps into place so that you can get them even, using the diagram as a guide. Using a strand of colour A, stitch along the edges of both straps. The Lopi roving is prone to breaking so be careful when stitching.



Felting the basket

Put the bag into the washing machine with a 1/2 measure of washing powder. I ran the bag through a 40° wash in my machine which takes 1hr 4mins and it felted in one wash. Every machine seems to work a little differently so...run the bag through a wash and if you feel that it is not as tight as you would like put it through the wash for a 2nd cycle.

Once you are happy with the texture, set it into shape and allow to dry.

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