



The Sunny Days Beach Bag – Beachy colourway

All of us here at Black Sheep Wools are really excited that Kathryn at Crafternoon Treats has made her own version of the Sunny Days Beach bag.

The original pattern for Sarah's beach bag can be downloaded from our free patterns page: Kathryn has put together his extra information about her colour choices (the Beachy colourway) and how she made the retro-style handles.

[For more info see the original blog post.](#)

The bag was adapted with Sarah's kind permission. Note that your yarn pack does not include the dowel for the retro handles but this is widely available from DIY stores and on Ebay.

Search for 12 inch (30cm) lengths of 1cm wooden dowel and buy 2 or a pack of 10 pre-cut dowels. Kathryn bought them from a seller called [Trustleaf](#).

Making the Beachy bag

The beachy bag is slightly flared at the top and has flaps and simple dowel handles to give a lovely retro look...

A tutorial on how to make the flaps and handles is included below but first, here are the colours used, in order of the rows of the original pattern:

Beachy colours by row

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|-------------------------|--------------------|---|
| 1-26 (base) Smokey blue | 44 Pearl grey | |
| 27 - 29 Clay | 45 Sky blue | |
| 30 Sky blue | 46 Light blue | |
| 31 Light pistachio | 47 Olive | |
| 32 Royal | 48 Turquoise | |
| 33 Light blue | 49 Royal | |
| 34 Turquoise | 50 Light pistachio | 60 Royal |
| 35 Olive | 51 Light blue | 61 Olive |
| 36 Light blue | 52 Tangerine | 62 Turquoise |
| 37 Clay | 53 Mustard | 63 Light blue |
| 38 Smokey orange | 54 Clay | 64 Sky blue |
| 39 Powder | 55 Powder | 65 Omitted - I went straight to the next dc round |
| 40 Nougat | 56 Powder | 66 Smokey orange |
| 41 Tangerine | 57 Smokey orange | 67 Pearl grey |
| 42 Powder | 58 Pearl grey | |
| 43 Mustard | 59 Nougat | |



Colours for the handle flaps

Flaps 1 and 2 - two rows of dc in: Pistachio, powder, clay, tangerine, light blue, mustard

Flaps 3 and 4 - two rows of dc in: Tangerine, clay, powder, pearl grey, mustard and smokey orange

Final round (top of the bag and round the flaps): Nougat

Working up the beachy bag

The retro bag handles are very simple; just 12 inch (30cm) lengths of 1cm wooden dowel, lightly painted and waxed and held in place with crochet flaps. To balance the handles the beachy bag has a slightly flared top.

To make the beach bag in the Beachy colours, simply follow the pattern to row 52 using the colours listed on the previous page. Then make the following modifications:

- **Rows 52-57** (rounds of dc stitches): increase 2 stitches (one at each side of the bag) by working 2dc into the same stitch in rows 52, 53, 54, 55 and 56 and increase by just one stitch in row 57. This will give you 11 more stitches for the start of the next ripple section, so an extra ripple repeat.
- **Rows 58 - 67** Rows 58 to 64 are worked in the same way as the original pattern (using the colours listed on the previous page). Omit the last ripple row (65) and go straight to the two dc rows (rows 66 and 67) before making two flaps to form the retro handles.

Making the handle flaps

When row 67 is complete, lay the bag flat, making sure that the sides of the base are lined up so that the bag is exactly lined up for the front and back. Then:

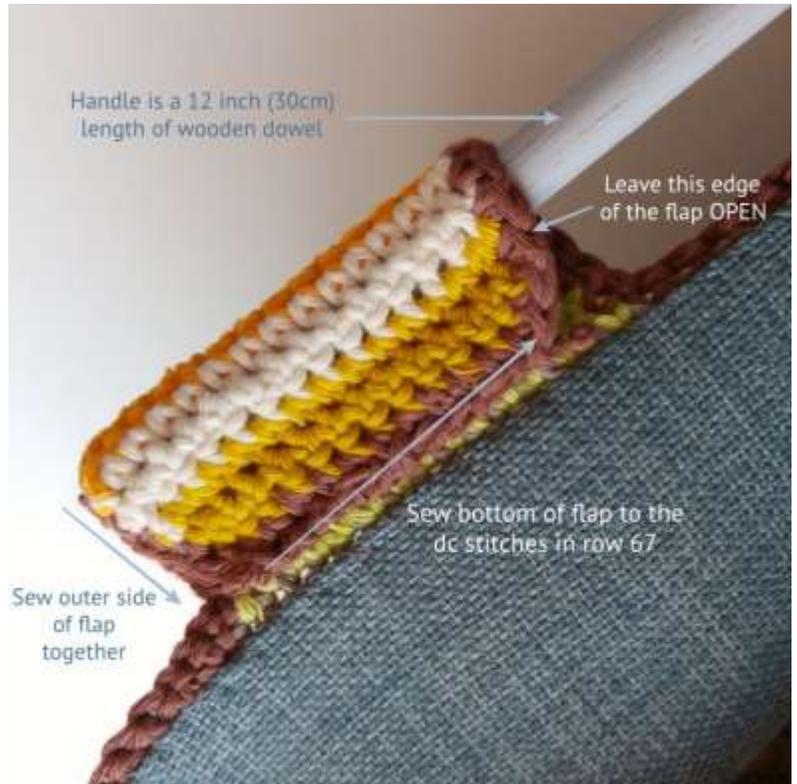
- Centre your 12 inch (30cm) length of wooden dowel (the handle) on the bag top and then mark the position of each end with a stitch marker. These points are the outer edges of your flaps
- Count 14 stitches inwards and add another marker to show the start of each flap. For Kathryn's bag, the central gap between the handle flaps was 20 stitches.
- Repeat this for both sides so that you have four stitch markers on each side.
- Join the yarn at the first stitch marker for each flap and work 2 rows in each colour (see above for the flap colours). Each flap consists of 10 rows of 14 dc stitches.
- Use nougat to crochet a round of dc stitches all around the top of the bag and around each handle flap.



You can see the flaps in the photo above right, with the stitch markers still in place.

Sewing the handle flaps in place

Using nougat, sew the outer edge of each flap closed, and attach the bottom edge of the flap to the stitches in row 67. Leave the other edge of the flap open as this will form the pocket for the wooden dowel for the handle.



Finishing the handles

Once all four flaps are sewn into place, with the outer edges closed and the inner edges open, all that remains is to add the lengths of wooden dowel.

They look quite good natural but if you want to paint it a coordinating colour and wax it, you can. Kathryn used paint from a matchpot in duck egg blue.

