Little Beach Bag Emma Varnam

When you are on holiday it is great to have little bag which you can use to put your keys in and few coins for an night out on the town. Make this quick and easy bag in any combination of great cotton colours. You could make one for each holiday – letting it match with your latest holiday outfit. If you want the strap to be a little longer, just chain as many stitches as would suit your body length and then slip stitch along the chain to make a firm I-cord.

SIZE

11cm/4.25in wide, 16cm/6.25in deep

YOU WILL NEED

Sirdar Cotton DK 100% Cotton

(212m/232yds per 100g ball)

1 x 504 Light Taupe (A)

A remnant of 507 Sundance (B)

1 button

3mm hook

Tapestry needle

Note: Yarn amounts given are based on average requirements and are approximate.

TENSION

3 htr fans and 4rows to 2.5cm (1 ins) in patt using 3mm hook

Use larger or smaller needles if necessary to obtain correct tension.

ABBREVIATIONS

Ch = Chain, st(s) = stitch(es), sp = space, htr = half treble crochet, rep = repeat, RS = Right side

BAG SIDES (MAKE 2)

Row 1: Using A and 3mm hook, ch 26 sts.

Row 2 (RS): [1htr, 1ch, 1htr] into 4th ch from hook, *skip 1ch, [1htr, 1ch, 1htr] into next ch; rep from * until 2ch remain, skip 1ch, 1htr into last ch, turn.

Row 3: Ch 2, * skip 2sts, [1htr, 1ch, 1htr] into next ch sp, rep from * to last htr, skip 1st, 1htr into turning ch, turn.

Rep row 3 twenty times.

Row 23: Change to B and rep row 3.

Rows 24-25: Change to A and rep row 3.

Row 26: Change to B and rep row 3.

Row 27: Now work in left to right using crab stitch. Fasten off and weave in ends.

STRAP

Using A and 3mm hook, ch 180 sts, work in sl st back along each ch st. Fasten off.

FINISHING

With RS together sew 3 sides of the bag together. Then attach the ends of the strap to each side of the bag and weave in ends.

Make a loop by using B and ch 35 sts. Sew securely to the inside of the bag. Then sew a button to the front of the bag so that it corresponds to the loop fastening.