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Surf's Up!

...a drawstring bag to crochet!

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MATERIALS

Crochet hook size F/5[3.75mm]

Patons Grace 100% Mercerized Cotton

1.75oz (136yds) Spearmint

1.74oz (136yds) Ginger

(2) Large-eyed .5" glass beads in coordinating color

DESCRIPTION

This little drawstring bag is simply a rectangle that is cinched tight at one end, and cinched loosely at the other end with a drawstring. A simple long handle makes it great for the beach.

INSTRUCTIONS

BAG

With Spearmint Ch 51:

Row 1: (RS) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across (50 sc)

Rows 2-3: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Row 4: Ch 2, turn, *skip one st, dc in next three sts, dc in skipped st working *behind* the previous sts*. Repeat from * to * across. Dc in last st.

Row 5: Ch 1, turn, *working in back loops only*, sc in each st across.

Row 6: Ch 1, turn, *working in front loops only*, sc in each st across.

Row 7: Ch 2, turn, *skip one st, dc in next three sts, dc in skipped st working in *front* of the previous sts*. Repeat from * to * across. Dc in last st.

Rows 8-10: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Fasten off.

With Ginger:

Row 1: With RS facing, attach yarn with a sc to first st of row. Sc in each st across.

Rows 2-3: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Row 4: Ch 2, turn, *skip one st, dc in next three sts, dc in skipped st working *behind* the previous sts*. Repeat from * to * across. Dc in last st.

Row 5: Ch 1, turn, *working in back loops only*, sc in each st across.

Row 6: Ch 1, turn, *working in front loops only*, sc in each st across.

Row 7: Ch 2, turn, *skip one st, dc in next three sts, dc in skipped st working in *front* of the previous sts*. Repeat from * to * across. Dc in last st.

Rows 8-10: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Fasten off.

Repeat pattern alternating between Spearmint and Ginger until you have a total of six stripes. Weave in all ends before continuing.

DRAWSTRING

With Spearmint ch 2, sc in 2nd ch from hook. *Ch 2, sc in back loop of previous st*. Repeat from * to * until drawstring is 20" long.

HANDLE

With Ginger ch 2, sc in 2nd ch from hook. *Ch 2, sc in back loop of previous st*. Repeat from * to * until handle is 30" long.

ASSEMBLY

Fold rectangle in half, matching up the first and last rows with RS facing, and whip stitch together to create tube. Turn RS out. Thread a long piece of yarn through the ends of one side of the tube and cinch completely closed and secure tightly. This is your basic bag.

Thread drawstring around top of bag about one inch down from the edge through the holes created by the pattern. Thread one bead on each end of drawstring and secure each with a simple knot.

Attach handle by whip stitching one inch of each end inside opposite sides of top of bag.