



## FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

**Width:** 14"

**Length:** 16"

## MATERIALS

**Premier® Yarns Cotton Fair** (48% acrylic/52% cotton; 100g/317 yds)

- 32-03 Circus (MC) – 2 balls
- 27-07 Bright Peach (CC) – 1 ball

**Hook:** US Size F-5 (3.75mm) crochet hook *or size needed to obtain gauge*, US Size H-8 (5mm) crochet hook

**Notions:** Tapestry needle, US Size 6 (4mm) double pointed needles (optional for i-cord handles)

## GAUGE

3 rep x 10 rows = 4" in Arches patt with smaller hook

**Save time, check your gauge.**

## Directions:

### STITCH GUIDE

#### Border

*(even number of sts)*

**Foundation Row:** Sc in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hk, \* ch 1, sk 1 ch, sc in next ch; rep from \*, turn.

**Row 1:** Ch 1, sk first sc, \* sc in ch-sp, ch 1, sk 1 sc; rep from \* across, sc in t-ch, turn.

Rep Row 1 for patt.

#### Arches

*(multiple of 8 sts)*

**Foundation Row:** Ch 6, sc in 4<sup>th</sup> st from hook, \* ch 4, sk 3 ch, 1 sc in next st; rep from \* to end, turn.

**Row 1:** Ch 3, sk first dc, \* 4 dc in ch-4 sp, ch 2, sk 1 sc, sc in next ch-4 sp, ch 2, sk 1 sc; rep from \*, end with 4 dc in ch-4 sp, ch 2, sk 1 sc, sc in next ch-4 sp, ch 2, dc in last ch, turn.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, sk first dc, \* sc in ch-2 sp, ch 4, sk 1 sc, sc in next ch-2 sp, ch 4, sk 4 dc; rep from \* with last sc in 3<sup>rd</sup> ch of tch, turn.

**Row 3:** Ch 5, sk first dc, \* sc in ch-4 sp, ch 2, sk 1 sc, 4 dc in next ch-4 sp, ch 2, sk 1 sc; rep from \*, end with 4 dc in last ch-4 sp, sk 1 sc, dc in tch, turn.

**Row 4:** Ch 5, sk 5 dc, sc in ch-2 sp, ch 4, sk 1 sc, sc in next ch-2 sp, \* ch 4, sk 4 dc, sc in ch-2 sp, ch 4, sk 1 sc, sc in next ch-2 sp; rep from \* with last sc in 3<sup>rd</sup> ch of tch, turn.

Rep Rows 1 – 4 for patt.

#### **PATTERN NOTES**

When working decreases, keep pattern as correct as possible, if you do not have enough stitches to complete a full repeat of Arches pattern, work these stitches in dc.

#### **BACK and FRONT** (*make 2*)

With larger hook and using CC, ch 73.

**Next row:** Beg Border st patt on Foundation Row, work in patt to end.

Work Border st patt Row 1, three times.

**Next row:** Change to smaller hook and MC, beg Arches st patt on Row 1, work in patt to end.

Cont to work in Arch patt until work meas 17" from cast on edge.

#### **Shaping** (*you will continue to work in Arches st patt throughout shaping*)

**Next row:** Sl st in each of the first 4 sts, dc2tog, work in Arches patt to last 6 sts, dc2tog, turn, leaving rem sts unworked.

**Dec row:** Cont in patts as established, dc2tog, work in patt to last 2 sts, dc2tog.

Rep last row, 12 more times. Fasten off.

#### **Hanging Tabs** (*make 8*)

With larger hook and using CC, ch 9.

**Next row:** Beg Border st patt on Foundation Row, work in patt to end.

Work Border st patt until Tab measures 3". Fasten off

#### **FINISHING**

Sew Front to Back along sides and shaped bottom. In 4 places along bottom (beginning and ending of shaping on both sides) push the corner formed by shaping into the bag and flatten to form a 2" wide tuck perpendicular to seam. Sew across this tuck about 1" from corner to create a wider more flat bottom to bag.

Sew 4 Hanging Tabs across the Front & 4 Hanging Tabs across the Back using photo as a guide.

#### **Handles**

##### **Option 1 – I-cord** (*shown*)

With MC and double point needles (dpn), make 2 - 60" Handles as follows: Cast on 3 sts, \* slide sts to opposite end of dpn. Bring the yarn across the WS to the beginning of the row. Knit 3 sts, place needle in left hand; rep from \* until i-cord is desired length. Bind off all sts.

##### **Option 2 – Crochet Chain**

With 3 strands of MC held together and larger hook, chain 2 - 60" Handles. Fasten off.

Thread handles through all 8 Hanging Tabs. Sew beg end of each Handle to opposite end (forming 2 long loops). Knot one Handle on each side of the bag.

Use holding both Handles on each side for short handles, or hold one Handle on each side for long handles.

#### Abbreviations

<b>beg</b>	begin(ning)
<b>ch</b>	chain
<b>cont</b>	continue
<b>dc</b>	double crochet
<b>dc2tog</b>	double crochet 2 sts together (1 st dec'd)
<b>dec('d)</b>	decrease(d)
<b>hk</b>	hook
<b>inc('d)</b>	increase(d)
<b>meas</b>	measures
<b>patt</b>	pattern
<b>rep</b>	repeat
<b>RS</b>	right side
<b>sc</b>	single crochet
<b>sc2tog</b>	single crochet 2 sts together (1 st dec'd)
<b>sk</b>	skip
<b>sl</b>	slip
<b>sp</b>	space
<b>st(s)</b>	stitch(es)
<b>t-ch</b>	turning chain