Evolution of an Idea Bag

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There was once an idea and it evolved into this bag. The idea started life as the fabric of a hoodie I own. Then it became a piece of weaving I had done and finally this bag.

By weaving in chain lengths of different colours it transforms this mesh bag into something else, more detailed, and colourful.

If you lined this bag it would make a great everyday bag.

Who am I:

This pattern was designed by Charlie van de Graaf and work under the name RibhusLugh.

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Difficulty and Terminology:

This is an intermediate pattern and uses US terminology.

What You Will Need:

4.5 mm hook
2 balls Tootgarook Cotton 4 ply in light grey
1 ball each of five other colours in 4 ply cotton
I used orange (C1), purple (C2), light pink (C3), hot pink (C4), and bright green (C5) from my local dollar store
Tapestry needle for weaving in ends, and chain lengths

Tension:

17 sts/10 rows = = 10 cm/4 inches square in dc without turning at the end of each round
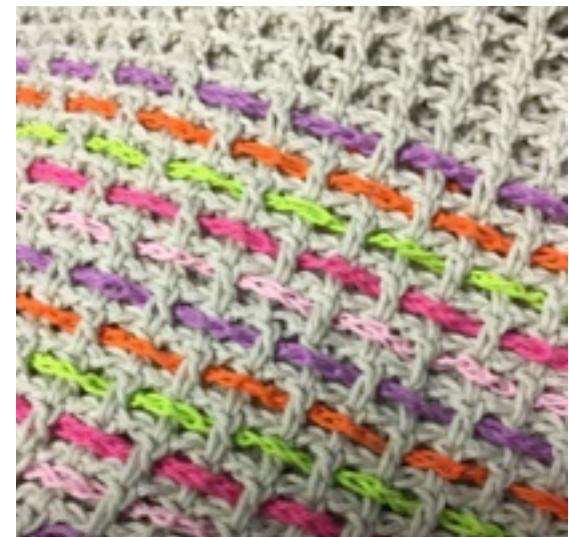
Sizing:

The finished bag is 35 cm wide and 36 cm long.

Abbreviations:

ch - chain
dc - double crochet
slst - slip stitch

Original Fabric that Created the Idea

The Bag:

ch 45 with orange,

Round 1: dc into 5th ch from hook, ch1, dc into the same space (twice), ch1, sk ch, dc into next ch, ch1, *sk ch, dc into next ch, ch1* repeat to last 2 ch's (18 times), sk ch, dc into next dc, ch 1, *dc, ch 1* into same stitch 6 times, now working on the other side of the foundation chain, *dc in next ch (opposite an existing dc), ch1* repeat till you are at the first ch worked on the opposite side of the foundation chain (19 times), *dc, ch1* three times, join with slip stitch in 3rd ch;

Round 2: ch4, dc into the same space as join, ch1, dc into next dc, ch1, dc into the same st, ch1, dc into next dc, ch1, dc into the same st, ch1, *dc into next dc, ch1,* 20 times, dc into next dc, ch1, **dc into same st, ch1, dc into next dc, ch1,** 6 times, ch1, *dc into next dc, ch1,* 21 times, dc, **dc into same st, ch1, dc into next dc, ch1,** 3 times, join with slip stitch in 3rd ch of turning ch;

Round 3: ch4, *dc into next dc, ch1* to end, join with slip stitch in 3rd ch of turning ch;

Round 4 - 28: repeat round three;

Round 29: ch4, *dc into next dc, ch1* seven times, dc, ch 31, skip 16 meshes, *dc into next dc, ch1* sixteen times, dc, ch 31 skip 16 meshes, *dc into next dc, ch1* eight times, join with slip stitch in 3rd ch of turning ch;

Round 30: ch4, *dc into next dc, ch1* eight times, *sk ch, dc, ch1* sixteen times, *dc into next dc, ch1* sixteen times, *sk ch, dc, ch1* sixteen times, *dc into next dc, ch1* eight times, join with slip stitch in 3rd ch of turning ch.

Finishing

Fasten off and weave in ends.

The Chain Lengths:

You will need to make 31 chain lengths to weave into the mesh of the bag. The lengths are listed below. Leave a tail of 5 cm at each end of the chain length.

You may need to adjust each chain length by a few stitches depending on your tension.

The Bag:

C1: 95 chains for round 1
     125 chains for round 6, 11, 16, 21, 26

C2: 109 chains four round 2
     125 chains for round 7, 12, 17, 22, 27

C3: 119 chains for round 3
     125 chains for round 8, 13, 18, 23, 28

C4: 125 chains for round 4, 9, 14, 19, 24
     32 chains for round 29 (make two)

C5: 125 chains for round 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30

Weave each chain length in the mesh of the round indicated. Ensure the the over and under alternate on each round as shown.

Finishing

Use the tails to secure the ends together and weave in ends.

The over and under are alternating

Weaving the idea

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