



‘Lover’ shoulder bag (with pixel grids)

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This bag is made up of three parts: front piece (pixel grid designs spell out ‘lover’), back piece (plain), and a one-piece shoulder strap (with pixel grid hearts) that goes all around the bag. The pattern includes chart previews for the pixel grids and written instructions for all the pieces.

Pattern informations



Material



Yarn:

100% acrylic yarn, 2 skeins



Needles:

hook: US000/4.5mm



Glossary

dec

decrease

sc

single crochet

MC

main color

CC

contrasting color

ch

chain stitch

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stitch

WS

wrong side

sk

skip

rep

repeat

Techniques

Switching colors

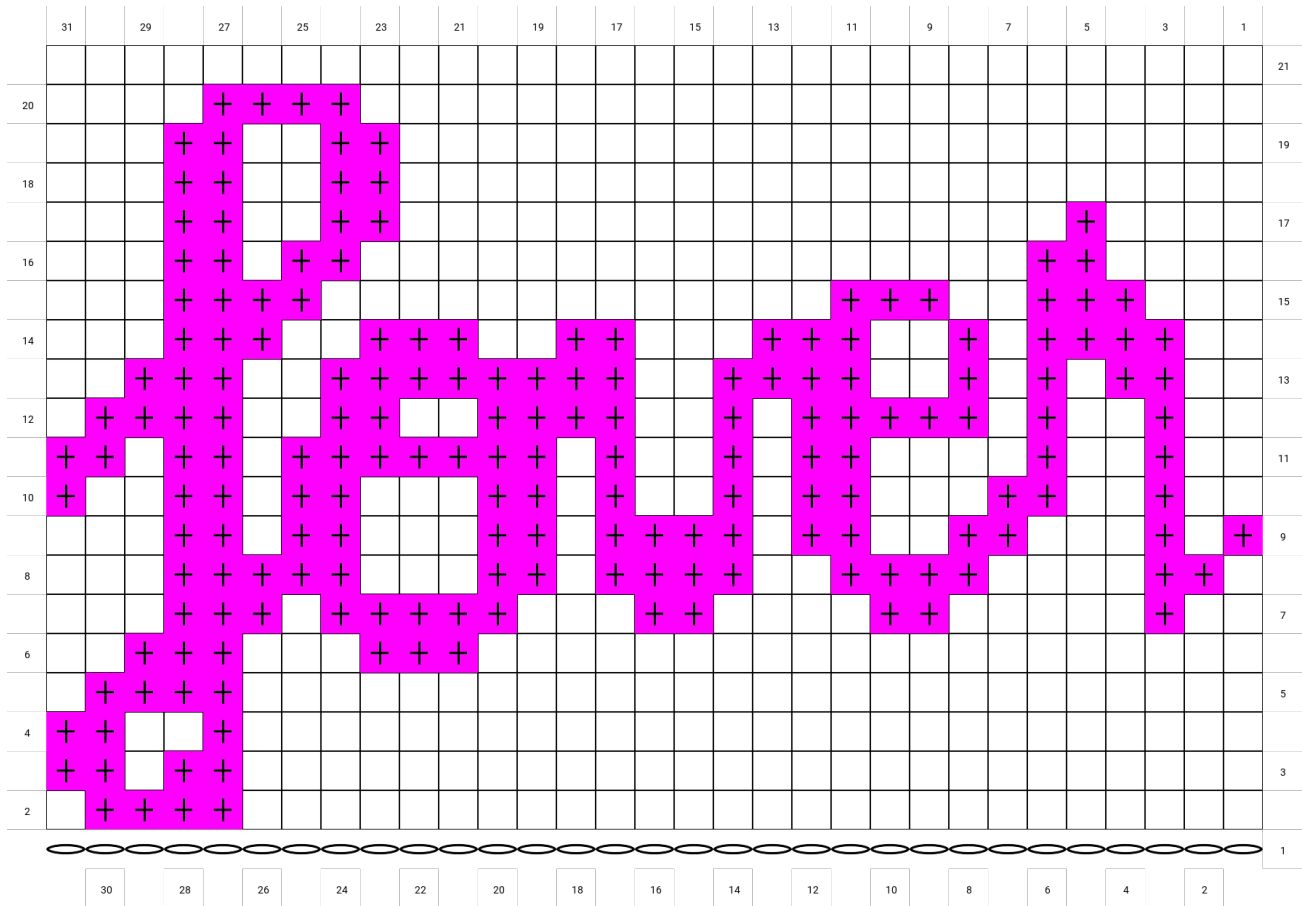
Switch colors on the last stitch of the previous color. For example, on the last stitch with C1 - insert hook into the stitch, pull up a loop but don't yarn over and pull through to complete the single crochet, instead, yarn over and pull through with C2. This will switch your working yarn to C2.



Pattern Instructions



Front piece ('lover'
grid)



Legend



RS: Knit

WS: Purl



RS: Single crochet

WS:



RS: Chain

WS:

Important notes to keep in mind when following the written pattern:

- To start a new row: chain 1 and turn your work, start inserting single crochet (sc) stitches from the first stitch of the row (not the chain 1!)
- Switch colors on the last stitch of the previous color: color 1 (C1) is the background color and color 2 (C2) is the text color

- Start with a slip knot and chain 32 with C1
- Row 1: sc into the 2nd chain from your hook, insert 1 sc in the next 26 stitches, attach C2 yarn and switch to C2 on the 26th stitch, sc 4 with C2, sc 1 with C1 (total: 31 stitches)
- Row 2: 2 sc with C2, 1 sc with C1, 2 sc with C2, 26 sc with C1
- Row 3: 26 sc with C1, 1 sc with C2, 2 sc with C1, 2 sc with C2
- Row 4: 1 sc with C1, 4 sc with C2, 26 sc with C1
- Row 5: 2 sc with C1, 3 sc with C2, 3 sc with C1, 3 sc with C2, 2 sc with C1
- Row 6: 3 sc with C1, 3 sc with C2, 1 sc with C1, 5 sc with C2, 3 sc with C1, 2 sc with C2, 4 sc with C1, 2 sc with C2, 5 sc with C1, 1 sc with C2, 2 sc with C1
- Row 7: 1 sc with C1, 2 sc with C2, 4 sc with C1, 4 sc with C2, 2 sc with C1, 4 sc with C2, 1 sc with C1, 2 sc with C2, 3 sc with C1, 5 sc with C2, 3 sc with C1
- Row 8: 1 sc with C2, 2 sc with C1, 2 sc with C2, 1 sc with C1, 2 sc with C2, 3 sc with C1, 2 sc with C2, 1 sc with C1, 2 sc with C2, 3 sc with C1, 2 sc with C1, 1 sc with C2, 2 sc with C1
- Row 9: 2 sc with C1, 1 sc with C2, 2 sc with C1, 1 sc with C2, 4 sc with C1, 2 sc with C2, 1 sc with C1, 1 sc with C2, 2 sc with C1, 1 sc with C2, 1 sc with C1, 7 sc with C2, 1 sc with C1, 2 sc with C2, 1 sc with C1, 2 sc with C2
- Row 10: 1 sc with C1, 4 sc with C2, 2 sc with C1, 2 sc with C2, 2 sc with C1, 4 sc with C2, 2 sc with C1, 1 sc with C1, 5 sc with C2, 1 sc with C1, 1 sc with C2, 1 sc with C2, 2 sc with C1, 1 sc with C2, 2 sc with C1
- Row 11 onwards: please refer to the chart and do the same number of stitches of each color as the boxes (as demonstrated in the pattern here)

To give the back that slight U shape at the top:

- Attach your yarn on one side of the bag (left or right)
- Sc 10
- Turn your work
- Decrease (skip 1 stitch and sc into the next stitch)
- Sc 9 - *Chain 1 and turn your work
- Sc until you have 2 stitches left
- Decrease*
- Repeat *...* until you have only 2 stitches left in the row
- Fasten off
- Repeat on the other side of the piece

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*Back piece
(plain)*

Row 1

- Start with a slipknot and chain 32
- Single crochet into the 2nd chain from your hook
- Insert 1 sc in every chain (total: 31 stitches)

From row 2 to 20:

- To start a new row: chain 1 and turn your work
- Insert 1 single crochet in each stitch (total: 31 stitches)

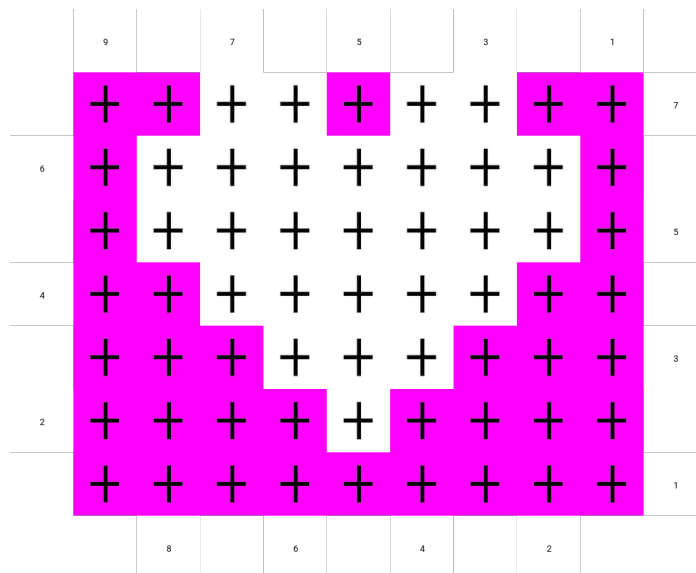
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- Sc 10
- Turn your work
- Decrease (skip 1 stitch and sc into the next stitch)
- Sc 9
- *Chain 1 and turn your work
- Sc until you have 2 stitches left
- Decrease*
- Repeat *...* until you have only 2 stitches left in the row
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Shoulder strap



Legend

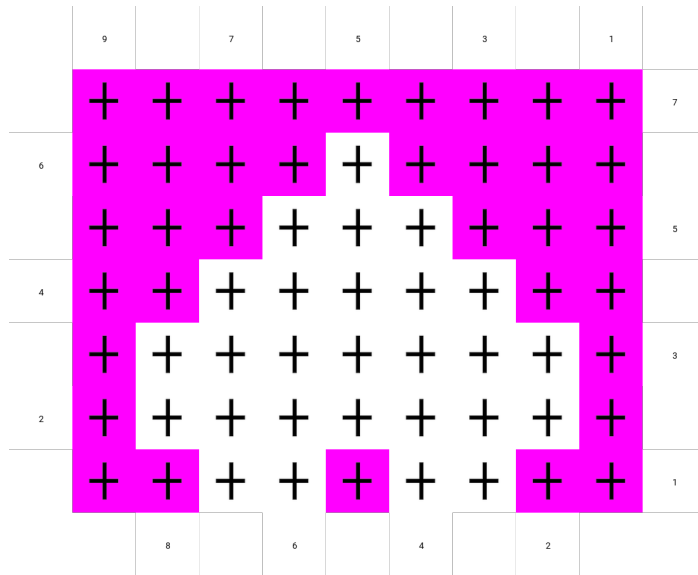


RS: Single crochet

WS:

- Start with a slipknot and chain 10, sc into the 2nd chain from your hook
- Row 1: sc 1 in each chain with C2 (total: 9 stitches in each row)
- Row 2: sc 4 with C2, sc 1 with C1, sc 4 with C2
- Row 3: sc 3 with C2, sc 3 with C1, sc 3 with C2
- Row 4: sc 2 with C2, sc 5 with C1, sc 2 with C2
- Row 5 & 6: sc 1 with C2, sc 7 with C1, sc 1 with C2
- Row 7: sc 2 with C2, sc 2 with C1, sc 1 with C2, sc 2 with C1, sc 2 with C2

Repeat rows 1-7 until strap reaches from the side of your bag till your shoulder.



Legend

⊕ RS: Single crochet

WS:

Follow the 'upside down' heart grid (by repeating rows 1-7) until your strap reaches the end of the side piece of your bag. When you wear the bag, this 'upside down' heart will show up as straight on the other side.

- Row 1: sc 2 with C2, sc 2 with C1, sc 1 with C2, sc 2 with C1, sc 2 with C2
- Row 2 & 3: sc 1 with C2, sc 7 with C1, sc 1 with C2
- Row 4: sc 2 with C2, sc 5 with C1, sc 2 with C2
- Row 5: sc 3 with C2, sc 3 with C1, sc 3 with C2
- Row 6: sc 4 with C2, sc 1 with C1, sc 4 with C2
- Row 7: sc 9 with C2

Crochet rows of single crochet with C2 until the strap is long enough to fit on the bottom side of your bag. To do the rows: chain 1 and turn your work, sc into every stitch, repeat



Joining the pieces together

Align the pieces with the wrong sides facing outwards towards you and the right sides facing inwards.

- Insert your hook through the sides of both the pieces that you're attaching together (front piece to strap / back piece to strap)
- chain 1
- slip stitch along the edge and join the pieces together by inserting your hook through the edge of both pieces

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